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Masked students begin first day of school



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Getting temperature checked as he enters school.

JERRY FINK
MANAGING EDITOR

Welcome to the new norm in Eufaula Public Schools.

Face masks, routine temperature checks, classroom distancing, sack lunches and breakfasts and constant sanitizing of hands and surfaces hands have touched.

And traffic.

State Highway 9 West was jammed with traffic trying to get into the elementary/middle school complex early Monday, the first day of school.

"Traffic at the elementary school was the main issue," Superintendent Jeanette Smith said. "We will be working on a solution for that problem."

The traffic began backing up before 7:45 a.m., when school doors opened.

There may have been a few disgruntled parents, but most seemed to ac-

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Looking for his room on day 1 of the school year.



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Having breakfast before class begins.

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Traffic into the school is a problem that will be addressed.

Cases citing McGirt decision making their way to court

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MANAGING EDITOR

Defense attorneys have a new weapon in their arsenal for their clients, based upon the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision involving convicted child rapist Jimcy McGirt.

Many attorneys are now filing motions to dismiss cases against their clients claiming that the state courts lack jurisdiction if the alleged crimes were perpetrated by an Indian on Indian land.

Three recent cases making those claims are currently in McIntosh County District Court, awaiting hearings to determine if the defense claims are valid.

The three cases include defendants DeMarco Patterson, 24, of Checotah, who is alleged to have had sex with a 14-year-old girl in June, 2019 after he met her at a Checotah restaurant; Fredrick Lamont Burkhalter, 47, of Rentiesville, charged with 11 counts of animal cruelty and Fredrick Cody Burkhalter, 22, also of Rentiesville, charged with unauthorized use of a vehicle.

Attorneys for each sus-

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Sales tax figures setting records

JERRY FINK
MANAGING EDITOR

Eufaula continues to have record-setting sales tax collections, even as some communities around the state are suffering economic declines due to COVID-19.

City Manager Jacob Foos says tax collection numbers released in August by the Oklahoma Tax Commission show the steady increase.

"What we collected in July was the highest we had ever collected in a single month, at $215,336," Foos said. "Now our August collection has beaten that record with $257,911.

"This time last year we were down because of flooding, but if we compare this year's collections (Fiscal Year 2021) with FY2019, we have an increase of 20.7% year to date."

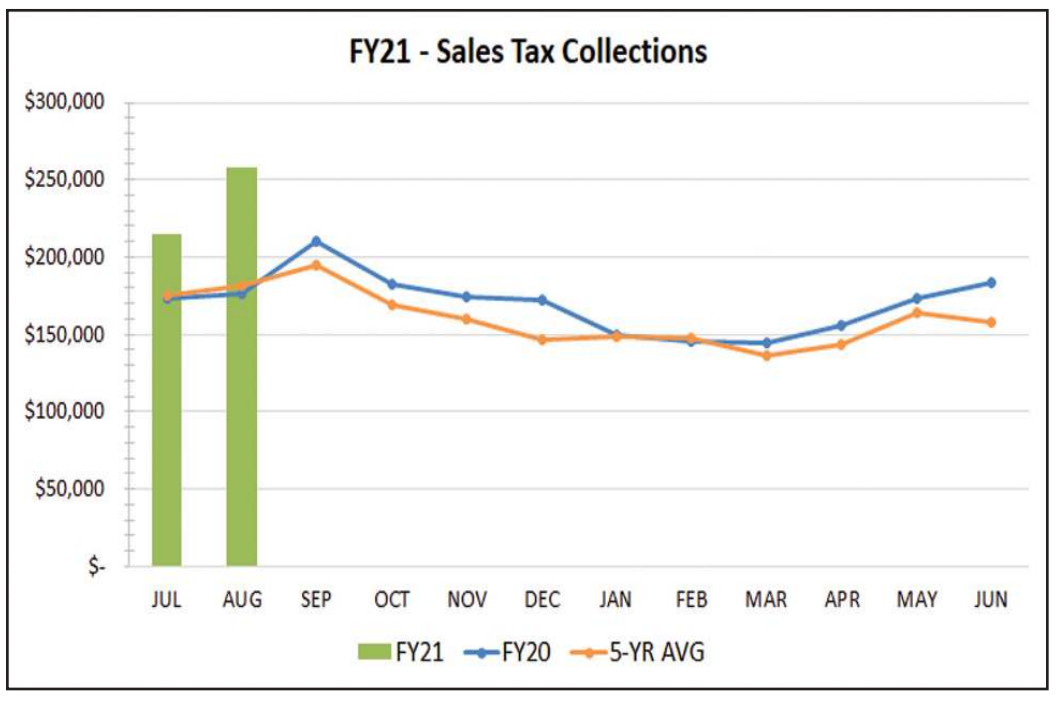
The City's goal is to hold on to this momentum as new businesses open up in town and visitors get to experience everything the community has to offer, Foos said.

"I don't know of any individual thing creating the increase, but I think it is a combination of many factors," he said. "People are doing more 'local' travel, coming to Eufaula instead of going on vacation out of state, or even out of country.

"With school being out for longer and many people being able to work remotely, I think that kept the 'summer home' crowd here for longer stretches of time.

"Also, new businesses like Xtreme RV Resort and E's Hideway Restaurant which attract more people into town are a major factor."

Month Deposited	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21
JUL	$ 186,995	$ 179,927	$ 157,223	$ 164,402	$ 186,022	$ 197,685	$ 173,591	$ 215,336
AUG	$ 173,648	$ 175,154	$ 162,025	$ 188,788	$ 186,169	$ 194,295	$ 176,764	$ 257,911
SEP	$ 195,093	$ 201,135	$ 206,691	$ 179,162	$ 181,159	$ 195,331	$ 210,501	
OCT	$ 168,004	$ 166,265	$ 162,307	$ 156,814	$ 165,236	$ 176,690	$ 182,679	
NOV	$ 149,890	$ 141,736	$ 166,286	$ 153,933	$ 154,642	$ 152,494	$ 174,179	
DEC	$ 135,106	$ 154,713	$ 144,392	$ 137,465	$ 131,044	$ 148,175	$ 171,914	
JAN	$ 139,016	$ 158,643	$ 140,871	$ 155,014	$ 153,209	$ 144,948	$ 149,742	
FEB	$ 147,068	$ 134,268	$ 150,424	$ 136,584	$ 150,883	$ 153,229	$ 145,285	
MAR	$ 132,215	$ 139,729	$ 138,437	$ 132,308	$ 132,795	$ 133,852	$ 144,801	
APR	$ 133,015	$ 140,890	$ 141,307	$ 134,810	$ 142,733	$ 145,341	$ 155,623	
MAY	$ 158,282	$ 157,549	$ 163,572	$ 158,653	$ 164,039	$ 158,533	$ 172,968	
JUN	$ 159,182	$ 163,943	$ 148,951	$ 141,925	$ 138,857	$ 174,216	$ 183,561	
Total	$1,877,514	$1,913,951	$1,882,486	$1,839,858	$1,886,789	$1,974,790	$2,041,608	$ 473,247



Runoff Primary Election Tuesday

Voters will go to the polls Tuesday, August 25, for the Runoff Primary Election.

The only local candidates on the ballot will be Deena Farrow and Jennifer Ballard, competing for the office of county clerk.

Incumbent Ronda Prince lost her bid for re-election in the primary election earlier this year. She received 30.96 percent of the votes cast. Farrow received 37.89 percent and Ballard received 31.15 percent.

The election presents unique challenges to election administrators because of the COVID-19 pandemic, County Election Board Secretary Janelle McKnight said.

"The health and safety of election workers and voters is of utmost concern for the McIntosh County Election Board and we are working very hard to make sure the election is conducted as safely and securely as possible. Voters can help," McKnight said.

"We request that in-person voters wear masks or cloth face coverings to help protect our precinct officials and other voters from the spread of the virus. We request that voters maintain social distancing requirements while waiting their turn.

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Annual Celebration of Life set for Josh & Cody

There will be a Celebration of Life in memory of Josh & Cody from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 22 at Mission Acres Country Store on State Highway 9 West.

The celebration is in memory of Joshua Laughlin and Cody Gray, both 20, who died in a tragic accident while riding a four-wheeler on Aug. 17, 2013 near Stidham.

Join us for a fun-filled day of events, including:

inflatable water slide, bounce house, horseshoes, volleyball, corn hole toss, balloon release, giveaways, door prizes, fireworks, food, drinks and much more.

Under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

Bring your own lawn chair.

Famed 3D artist to begin Sept. 12



COURTESY

3D rodeo roping, a sample of thousands of works by 3D illusion artist Tracy Lee Stum.

After months of delay, primarily due to the COVID-19 pandemic, world-renowned 3D illusion artist Tracy Lee Stum is scheduled to begin work Sept. 12 on a massive mural at 115 Selmon Road.

Work on the project was to have begun in October, 2019, but another project by Stum took longer than expected and caused a delay. And then, the new coronavirus hit the country shortly after the first of the year.

Stum is expected to be in Eufaula until about Sept. 28.

The public is invited to watch her create the art that will adorn the vacant lot where JM's restaurant once stood.

Eufaula businesswoman Karen Weldin spearheaded the campaign by Vision Eufaula to create the eye-catching 3D mural that will dominate the mini-park.

Cost of the project is about $50,000. Of that amount, $21,000 is for Stum's work and the rest for work on the site.

Weldin notes that contributions or commitments have been made by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Bank of Eufaula, Farmers State Bank, Vision Eufaula, Gary Moores and J.C. Watts.

Also, Weldin and Weldin-owned businesses have made contributions,businesses that include Eufaula Lakeshore Realty, Our Favorite Place and Legacy on Main Street.

All donations are tax deductible.

Vision Eufaula is dedicated to revitalizing downtown, making Eufaula a tourist destination and helping small business owners thrive.

The art project is a major step toward realizing those goals.

Donations of all amounts are still welcome.

Several donor levels have been created.

Level 1: For donations of $1 to $999, the donor will receive recognition publicly as a donor in all print materials.

Level 2: $1,000 to $2,999. In addition to Level 1, the donor will have his or her name posted publicly as a donor on a lasting plaque at the site.

Level 3: $3,000 to $4,999. In addition to Level 1 and 2, the donor will be given a signed print of the mural.

Level 4: $5,000 and more. Your name will be embedded in the mural by the artist – a lasting tribute to your generosity.

Donors should make checks out to Vision Eufaula and mail them to P.O. Box 711, Eufaula, Okla.,74432 or take the checks to Our Favorite Place, 127 N. Main St., Eufaula.

For questions, call 918-695-7405.

ABOUT STUM

Stum earned a Bachelor's degree at Tyler School of Art in Philadelphia. She continued her studies in naturalism at the Florence Academy of Art in Italy.

She began street painting in 1998 and is considered by many to be one of the finest street painters today.

Known for splashing color in festivals and events in all corners and crevices of the globe, her paintings have won numerous awards and accolades.



COURTESY

Tracy Lee Stum

In 2006 Tracy made the Guinness World Record for the largest street painting by an individual.

In 2013 she was honored to be a contributor on the Cannes Gold Lion award winning team for their work in the now iconic Honda CRV commercial.

Experienced in multi-city campaigns for such clients as Cadillac, SoBe, and Dos Equis, Stum is continually creating commissioned 3D and 4D works in chalk for advertising, public and private events, corporate PR and educational sectors.

In 2013 she was named curator of the first annual DO/AC 3D Chalk Festival in Atlantic City, New Jersey, showcasing 14 renowned international 3D street art and chalk artists.



CASA gets new volunteer



COURTESY

Associate District Judge Brendon Bridges, left, with new CASA volunteer Delaina Stevens following a CASA swearing in ceremony on Aug. 4.

Beginning this month, some children navigating the juvenile court system will have another advocate looking out for their best interests.

Associate District Judge Brendon Bridges signed an agreement on May 27 to implement a McIntosh County Court Appointed Special Advocates program, part of a nationwide program of trained volunteers.

The agreement helped to create a county satellite CASA program under the auspices of CASA for Children, which operates similar programs in Muskogee, Wagoner, and Sequoyah Counties.

"My wife was a volunteer and a former coordinator. I know it is emotionally hard work, but the reward of protecting our future, I think it's worth it for those able to help," said Bridges in a Facebook post announcing the Aug. 4 swearing-in of Delaina Stevens, the first official volunteer of the new program.

CASA volunteers are screened and trained through a thorough training program before being sworn in as officers of the court and assigned to advocate on behalf of an abused or neglected child or sibling group. Once assigned, the advocate becomes a voice for the child's best interests in court.

"CASA allows me to be a part of a kiddo's life when they need it most," Stevens said. "Training taught me to listen to the child, the facts, the history and to keep my common sense zoned in. I want to help the children who are too scared to have a voice but have not been heard because they are a child and the adults are not listening. Sometimes that happens - as adults, we forget to listen to the kiddos whose lives are actually being impacted because of our grown-up decisions."

CASA for Children trains and supports volunteers to serve children in foster care in Muskogee, Sequoyah, Wagoner and now McIntosh counties. CASA volunteers are everyday citizens, from all walks of life, who are dedicated to advocating for abused and neglected children.

CASA is committed to continuing to advocate for children and families through the current pandemic and is hopeful others will consider joining the CASA movement. CASA for Children hopes to recruit, train, and support enough volunteers so that every child can have an advocate.

The volunteer recruitment, screening and training process have all moved online during the COVID pandemic in order to continue to expand the CASA volunteer roster. Online classes are forming now for McIntosh, Muskogee, Wagoner, and Sequoyah counties.

For more information on CASA for Children or to RSVP to attend the virtual meeting contact Jenny Crosby via email at jenny@casaok.org or via phone at 918-685-1501.

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cept the inconveniences as the price to pay to fight the COVID-19.

Smith said she knew of only one student out of the hundreds tested who had a high temperature and had to be sent home.

"The parent was not angry. She did didn't realize there was a temperature problem," Smith said.

About 17 percent of the student enrollment opted for distance learning through the schools virtual classroom.

Of a total student population of 1,187, about 200 are in a virtual classroom, Smith said.

"We will continue to consult with the Oklahoma Health Department, other schools and our staff to decide if and what changes need to be made as we move forward," Smith said. "We'll also monitor the Oklahoma Health Department's Color-Coded risk level for McIntosh County, as well as our own internal numbers, as we move forward with school and activities."

Earlier this month the school board voted to require masks be worn at school.

"There were no mask issues," Smith said about the first day of school.

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pect assert that the district court lacks jurisdiction in their respective cases.

Patterson was to stand trial on a second degree rape charge during this month's term of court, but on Aug. 7 his attorney, Donn Baker, filed a motion to dismiss on the grounds that the court lacked jurisdiction.

Assistant District Attorney David Pierce's response to the motion was that that the motion is void on its face in that it does not allege any crime that would violate the Major Crimes Act.

He also stated "no mandate has been issued for the case defendant relies on to defeat state jursidiction."

Special Judge Brian McLaughlin set a hearing on the issue for 9 a.m., Sept. 23.

Defense attorney Ryan Ferguson filed his "McGirt" motion on behalf of his client, Fredrick Lamont Burkhalter, on Aug. 12. Associate District Judge Brendon Bridges set a hearing for 9 a.m., Sept. 16.

Wes Cherry, attorney for Fredrick Cody Burkhalter, filed a lack of jurisdiction motion on Aug. 7. District Judge Mike Hogan will here the arguments before Sept. 22

In court filings the three attorneys refer to the Supreme Court decision on June 9 in the matter of McGirt v. Oklahoma.

McGirt, serving 500 years each for rape and molestation and life without parole for forcible sodomy of a child, appealed his 1997 conviction in Wagoner County District Court and the appeal made its way to the Supreme Court.

The high court, in a 5-4 decision, ruled that the land in question in the McGirt case was part of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation's original reservation dating back to 1866 and that the area continued to be part of the reservation for purposes of criminal prosecution of major crimes.

The decision ruled that much of Oklahoma continues to be part of reservations and that major crimes committed on those reservations should be tired in federal court, not district courts.

Indians who were convicted of major crimes on Indian land conceivably could ask to have their cases dismissed or retried in federal court.

The court ordered the state charges against McGirt be dismissed. However, McGirt was taken into federal custody in Muskogee, where he has been re-charged – this time in federal court - with aggravated sexual abuse in Indian County.

McIntosh County Associate District Judge Brendon Bridges, who will be presiding over many of those cases in his district's court, pointed out that many of the defendants may not want to be tried in federal court.

"Sometimes the sentences are more severe," he noted.

A question facing judges will be the definition of major crimes.

In 1885 Congress passed the Major Crimes Act, which included:

- Murder
- Manslaughter
- Rape
- Assault with intent to kill
- Arson
- Burglary
- Larceny

That list has been updated to include:

- Maiming
- A felony under chapter 109A (i.e. sexual abuse)
- Incest
- A felony assault under section 113 (e.g. assault with intent to commit murder or assault with a dangerous weapon)
- An assault against an individual who has not attained the age of 16 years
- Felony child abuse or neglect

Former MCN Principal Chief Tiger sentenced

Gets one year for embezzlement



George Tiger

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MUSKOGEE - George Tiger, 70, former Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, was sentenced in federal court Thursday to 12 months and one day in prison for embezzling funds from the Wetumka-based Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town (AQTT).

Tiger, who was defeated in his bid for reelection in 2015, also was ordered to two years of supervised release and to pay a $10,000 fine for bribery concerning programs receiving federal funds.

Tiger, a Bristow resident, pled guilty to the crime in September, 2019.

A co-defendant in the case was Aaron Dewayne Terry, 64, of Wichita Falls, Texas, who held various management and control positions with AQTT-owned business entities. He pled guilty to one count of Theft By An Agent Of An Indian Tribal Government Receiving Federal Funds.

The AQTT is a federally recognized Indian tribe with an enrollment of 461 members. The AQTT-owned business entities focus primarily on federal contract procurement in Huntsville, Alabama.

Terry was sentenced to 48 months' imprisonment, three years supervised release, and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of $1,250,000 for the theft and embezzlement of funds from business entities wholly owned by the AQTT.

Terry was also sentenced to 36 months' imprisonment, one year supervised release, and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of $105,068.58 for federal tax charges. Terry's sentencings are to run concurrently.

According to a press release issued by the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Oklahoma, Tiger was an agent of the AQTT from Sept. 26, 2017 through Dec. 4, 2018.

His duties included serving as the Chairman of the Economic Development Authority (EDA) Board.

The AQTT formed the EDA to identify, plan, initiate and develop tribal economic and industrial activities on behalf of the AQTT. The Indictment to which Tiger entered his guilty plea alleged that "from on or about Sept. 26, 2017 through on or about Feb. 15, 2019, he corruptly solicited, demanded, accepted and agreed to accept a bribe from Mr. Aaron Terry, intending to be influenced and rewarded in connection with a transaction or series of transactions of the AQTT."

"Mr. Tiger took advantage of the position of trust he had been given by the people of the Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town. Instead of acting in the best interests of those he was appointed to serve Tiger sought out and received unlawful profit for himself. Terry likewise exploited his position as an agent of a tribal government for his own selfish and unlawful gain." said United States Attorney Brian J. Kuester. "This office and the agencies who have been involved in this investigation are committed to identifying, investigating, and prosecuting those who corrupt the positions of trust and authority they hold."

Melissa Godbold, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI's Oklahoma City Field Office, said,

"While serving as appointed officials within the Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town, George Tiger and Aaron Terry engaged in various bribery schemes with the sole intention of personal financial gain. The prosecution of these subjects should serve as a warning that law enforcement will not tolerate officials who abuse their positions of trust."

Michael Mentavlos, Special Agent-in-Charge of the DCIS Southwest Field Office, said, "The sentencings today illustrate the commitment of the Defense Criminal Investigative Service (DCIS), along with our law enforcement partners, to aggressively pursue those who exploit, for their own benefit, Tribal organizations and their business entities that support critical national security programs funded by the Department of Defense (DoD). DCIS will continue to investigate corruption and fraud that affects the DoD through the exploitation of Small Business Administration programs designed to help disadvantaged groups."

The Defense Criminal Investigative Service (DCIS) – Office of Inspector General, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Internal Revenue Service, the Small Business Administration – Office of Inspector General, the General Services Administration – Office of Inspector General, the Army Criminal Investigations Division, and the Naval Criminal Investigative Service participated in the investigation that lead to the Indictment of Tiger and Terry.

The Honorable Ronald A. White, U.S. District Judge in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma, in Muskogee, presided over the sentencing hearings for each of the defendants. Assistant United States Attorney Douglas Horn, Assistant United States Attorney Ryan Heatherman, and Special Assistant United States Attorney Courtney Jordan represented the United States at the sentencing hearing. Tiger and Terry will be supervised by the United States Probation Office for the Eastern District of Oklahoma.

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"We request that voters use their own blue or black ink pen to sign the registry and mark their ballots; or, select a pen provided by precinct officials and take it with you when you leave so it is not re-used by other voters. Precinct officials will be sanitizing door knobs, tables, etc. throughout the day, but please refrain from unnecessary contact such as shaking hands or touching the voting equipment."

Early voting will be available at the County Election Board on the 1st floor of the McIntosh County Courthouse, 110 North 1st, Eufaula, as follows:

- Thursday, Aug. 20, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Friday, Aug. 21, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday, August 25.

Anyone who needs to look up their polling place, verify their registration information, or view a sample ballot can do so online.

The Online Voter Tool can be accessed on the Oklahoma State Election Board's website: www.elections.ok.gov.

Those who vote by mail can also check the status of their ballot using the Online Voter Tool. Sample ballots are also available at the County Election Board office.

Voters in Precinct #460313 who previously voted at the Linda Been Residence on Tiger Mountain should now know their new polling place is at the Tiger Mountain Fire Department, 109276 South 4030 Road, Henryetta.

Oklahoma law requires every voter who votes in person at the precinct polling place or during early voting at the County Election Board to show proof of identity before receiving a ballot.

There are three ways for voters to prove their identity under the law (only one proof of identity is required): Show a valid photo ID issued by federal, state, or tribal government; or show the free voter identification card issued to every voter by the County Election Board; or sign an affidavit and vote a provisional ballot. (If the information on the affidavit matches official voter registration records, the ballot will be counted after Election Day.)

Physically disabled voters who cannot enter the polling place, need help marking their ballots, blind or visually disabled voters and illiterate voters may be assisted by a person the voter chooses.

In all cases, a person providing such assistance may not be the voter's employer or an agent of the employer or an officer or agent of the voter's union.

A person providing assistance also must swear or affirm that the voter's ballots will be marked in accordance with the voter's wishes.

Alternatively, all blind, visually impaired, and physically disabled voters in McIntosh County may use the audio-tactile interface (ATI), a feature offered on all Oklahoma voting devices, to vote privately and independently, either at McIntosh County Election Board during early voting or at their assigned polling place on election day.

Voters who have moved since the last election, but who have not transferred their voter registration to their new address, may do so on Election Day by going to vote at the polling place where their registration has been in the past.

While voting, they may fill out a form instructing the County Election Board to transfer their registration to the new address before the next election. Political affiliations cannot be changed April 1 through Aug. 31 of even numbered years.

Any violation of election law will be reported to the proper law enforcement authorities.

Electioneering is not allowed within 300 feet of a ballot box. It is also unlawful to remove a ballot from the polling location, possess intoxicating liquors within half a mile of a polling place or to disclose how you voted while within the election enclosure.

For additional election-related information, call the McIntosh County Election Board at (918) 689-2452 or visit: www.elections.ok.gov.

Sex offender charged with failing to comply with offender registration law

A 48-year-old Checotah area resident has been charged with failure to comply with the state's sex offender registration law after it was learned he allegedly allowed an 11-year-old girl to live at his residence.

The girl's mother, who also is alleged to have lived at the residence, has been charged with child neglect.

There are no allegations of sexual abuse.

The living arrangement was reported to the Sheriff's Department by a caller.

"I would encourage anyone who knows of a similar situation to call the Department. That's often how we find out about it," Detective Jared West said.

Michael Dean Thompson's bond was set at $15,000 and a pre-preliminary hearing was ordered for 9 a.m., Sept. 9.

A hearing for Tanna Jean Nelson, 55, also was set for 9 a.m., Sept. 9. Her bond was set at $3,000.

Associate District Judge Brendon Bridges entered not-guilty pleas on behalf of both defendants.

According to a probable cause affidavit filed in district court by West, the Sheriff's Department received a call at 9:10 p.m. on Aug. 7, reporting that a registered sex offender had an 11-year-old female in his home alone.

West went to Thompson's home west of Checotah were he found Thompson, Nelson and Nelson's daughter at the residence.

According to West, Nelson admitted leaving the child alone with Thompson while she left to buy a refrigerator. She said she and her daughter had moved in a few days earlier and were being allowed to live there in exchange for cleaning the residence.

The mother and child said they slept on a mattress in the living room and Thompson slept in a back room, West said.

West described the dirty condition of the home, where eight dogs were kept.

He said there was dog feces and trash on the floors and the heavy smell of urine.

"The conditions were poor, at best," West wrote.

Opinions

The benefits and blessings of COVID-19

LaDonna's LAST WORD by LaDonna Rhodes



While preparing to put out two newspapers last week, I randomly said how nice it was to actually have the front doors of our offices locked during this COVID-19 crisis because it actually made time for us to edit the papers without as much distraction. Then I laughed and said that will be my next column-the benefits of COVID-19.

We all laughed but I started making my list of all the benefits and blessings of the COVID-19 pandemic and here are a few things I came up with:

First of all, COVID-19 has made everyone reevaluate what is most important in their lives. Whether it is faith, family, work or all the above, people are learning to appreciate what they have rather than taking life for granted.

In matters of faith, I believe that true believers are rising up and taking their place of authority in the kingdom. I'm not talking about those individuals who want to cause strife and division, but those who are learning to trust God and follow Him even through the controversy in this world.

Past the politics and the pandemic, there is a Savior who still sees us in our plight and is ready to save us from all this turmoil. But sometimes it's really about the anxiety and the situations we put ourselves in. God doesn't want us stressed out and always in a dilemma. He says "come unto me all ye that labor for I will give you rest."

Learning to trust God even during a pandemic is powerful. We can't lose our faith or identity in Christ. Trust me, no pandemic surprised Him and He is still in control even when this world gets out of control and crazy. We can find peace in Him.

Secondly, COVID-19 has made a lot of people stay home with their family.

This has caused children to finally have some much-needed time that they have been missing with their parents. I've seen more dads outside throwing a ball with their kid, the whole family going on bike rides and more time for families to make meals together, eat together and just be together.

At the beginning of the pandemic, as I was driving to work due to being an essential worker, I couldn't help but notice all the cars that were now at home. Even those of us who had to work, also had to come straight home and go no where else. It made us make time for our family and home life, a blessing that we so often take for granted.

Lastly, COVID-19 made us appreciate our place of work and the coworkers we work with on a daily basis.

We learned that we should never take our jobs for granted. It made us realize that being cautious and careful to keep everyone well was important.

It also made us appreciate the teachers who teach our children. It made us appreciate the restaurants that fed us during the day and the businesses that we maybe took for granted, like the hair stylist who cut and colored our hair every six weeks, the nail tech who filled and painted our nails and the freedom to just shop at various stores for whatever you needed. All these things made us appreciate the blessings we have, the benefits we often forget when they are it all readily available to us.

Yes, COVID-19 has benefited us in ways that we might not have realized because it's made us stop in our tracks and realize what's really important.

Even nature benefitted by our break at home. As the emissions from our cars became less and smog and noise pollution went down, wildlife thrived and received the benefit of less people in their space.

Of course, maybe the biggest blessing was just slowing down this rat race called life. Taking it all one day at a time.

Heck, our pets even got more downtime with us, spoiling them even more to our constant companionship. I'm not sure my grand cats will ever be the same.

I laughed when I thought about how many people didn't have to come up with an excuse to not go over to the in-laws or make up an excuse to not go into work or not get out of their pajamas all day. They probably even saved a little on the water bill from not bathing as often and not having as much laundry. I even laughed because I've saved on lipstick from wearing a mask out.

So, I guess even though this pandemic has changed us in many ways maybe we need to see the benefits and the blessings that we have received because of it. I'm not talking about the sickness and death which is sad for so many, but the time that we have actually not lost but gained because we never would have taken the time off if it wasn't mandated.

We say we can't wait to get back to normal, but I am not sure that I really want to go back to the world's definition of normal, more work time than home time, more group time than personal time.

Maybe when it's all said and done, we need to stop and realize the benefits and the blessings that we take for granted each day. Maybe by going through a pandemic, we can learn the importance of life and we can benefit from it.



This Week at the Capitol

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The COVID-19 pandemic has brought new policy and government efficiency concerns to the forefront of the issues we face today. One policy issue that has received heavier focus in recent months is telehealth, which allows healthcare providers to consult with patients via a phone call or video chat.

More precisely, telehealth is defined as the use of audio, video or other electronic media for the purpose of diagnosing, consulting or prescribing treatment in real time. Telehealth services are used to quickly deliver quality health care access to patients.

These services help improve care in rural areas of the state where access to healthcare providers and resources may be limited. Being able to do telehealth visits can drastically reduce common barriers to care, such as transportation or limited time off work.

The very first bill I passed in the Legislature last year was regarding telemedicine. Senate Bill 575 addressed healthcare access and services by approving telemedicine in public schools. Telemedicine also diagnoses sick children faster than waiting for an in-person doctor's visit so that sick children spend less time in school. This reduces the risk of transference of illness to other kids, which will be especially important in the new school year.

The use of telehealth, including telemedicine and teletherapy, has seen a sharp increase across the state and country since the start of the pandemic in March. Previously, one school took advantage of the opportunities offered in this bill, but that number has since increased to 13 as a result of COVID-19.

Recently, I met with U.S. Sen. James Lankford and State Senators Larry Boggs and David Bullard to discuss the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and school boards' decisions regarding their best options for the upcoming school year.

In my career as a licensed psychologist, I traveled across the state to perform evaluations on kids in our school systems. When considering whether to stop these evaluations altogether or shift them to a telehealth option, I believe the latter is the best for the mental health of our state's children. However, the drawback to this approach is that it is less precise than a face-to-face meeting, and for this reason, telehealth is not intended for use in situations regarding child custody issues.

Telehealth is just one area that has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Please feel free to reach out to me about how the pandemic has impacted your life to see if we need to discuss legislative solutions to the issues that have been raised in recent months. You can contact me at randy.randleman@okhouse.gov or (405) 557-7375.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you!

Rep. Randy Randleman represents District 15 in the Oklahoma House of Representatives, which includes portions of Haskell, LeFlore, McIntosh, Muskogee, Pittsburg and Sequoyah Counties.



Staying healthy takes more than wearing a mask

Staying healthy during these times means doing more than just wearing a mask. It also means ensuring you are trying to live a healthy lifestyle, which can help prevent serious health complications and reduce the risk of health issues.

Here are a few things you can do to maintain healthy living. I'm not saying I'm necessarily the best at these myself, but I try every day.

Stay active. My morning workout is like my morning cup of coffee, I need it to get my day going. Physical activity is one of the best things you can do to improve your health. While the gym might be closed or have restrictions, there are many exercises you can do from the safety of your home like push-ups, sit-ups or the dreaded burpees. You can also take a walk around your neighborhood or go for a hike at a nearby park. Plus, the vitamin D, which we can get from the sun as well as other sources, is important to our overall health.

Get good sleep. Listen, this is one thing I am not good at and I average well below the recommendation. Getting enough sleep helps your body's immune system. When the days get busy, sleep is often the first thing we sacrifice. One third of American adults say they get less than the average recommended amount of seven to nine hours of sleep per night and that can affect our overall health. Try to allow yourself to get the amount of sleep you need each night.

Eat a balanced diet. I am about 50/50 on this one and sometimes people say my diet is more like a 12-year old boy's diet. Sometimes I substitute a strawberry milkshake for a protein shake. Food is fuel for our bodies and provides the nutrition we need to live. Spending more time at home these days can cause us to snack more than usual and make less healthy choices. Try to reach for fruits or vegetables to snack on instead of chips and sweets.

Don't neglect your mental health. I try to start every morning with a 30-minute devotional,

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Letters

To the citizens of Eufaula

I read in this week's Indian Journal that there is a group that wants to replace City Manager Jacob Foos. Why do they want this change? What do they want? No reason was listed.

Previous city governments had left us in poor health with no direction as to how to get out of the mess we were in. The citizens of Eufaula felt that professional assistance was needed to get us back to a properly functioning city. The city manager style of government was selected by a vote of the citizens of Eufaula.

We are on our third and best city manager. Mr. Foos has followed guidelines given to him by the City Council. He is attempting to correct previous inadequacies and see that the city is much more financially responsible than previous administrations have been. Under Mr. Foos' leadership the city is well on the way to accomplish these first tasks.

Maybe there are some decisions that have undoubtedly gone against the personal desires or priorities of a few citizens. Maybe it was some kind off personality clash. Mr. Foos is all business and the "good ole boys" system no longer works here in Eufaula. I do not get it! What is the deal?

The city is also moving forward with many other projects as requested by the Council.

I fully support his efforts and I encourage all citizens of Eufaula to stand behind Mr. Foos and support him to reach the goal of a better and more prosperous Eufaula.

Thank you!
Sam and Gwyn Sylvester

Thank You

I want to thank Able Roofing for their great work. I highly recommend them. The owner was kind and his workers were professional and respectful.

Kathy Magreevy
Eufaula

Walmart destroys local businesses, communities

If Walmart is allowed to remain in our community then the future of Eufaula is uncertain at best. Within two years of Walmart stores opening in the struggling west side of Chicago over 82 local stores went out of business according to a landmark study done by Loyola University. Likewise, here in our hometown instead of growing our retail economy, Walmart just simply overtook it. Shuttering multiple businesses.

Walmart doesn't bring new jobs it brings unemployment and poverty. In 2008 the Journal of Urban Economics published a study that examined about 3,000

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144 YEARS AGO
October 26, 1876

THE FARMER'S GRINDSTONE

There is no tool as essential on the farm as a good grindstone; it is therefore necessary that every farmer should have one and know how to take properly care of it.

Formerly the only grindstones used in the United States were imported from England. Then the Nova Scotia stones were introduced and found to be a great improvement on the English ones.

KANSAS GAME LAW

The Kansas game law prohibits the killing of quail in any way whatever, except from October to January on a man's own land. It also prohibits the killing of prairie chickens, except from the 15th of August to the 1st day of January, and then only on land owned by the person who kills. Squirrels, wild ducks and geese can be killed at any time.

FROM THE WICHITAS

Phillip Block, interpreter for the Wichitas, in camp on Sugar Creek, writes the Journal that a large fire occurred in the Wichita camp by which they lost all they had, only saving their lives.

The dry grass burned so rapidly as to destroy everything. Wah-loope, a famous chief and member of the General Council, is very sick and not expected to live.

The Wichitas are out of flour, sugar and coffee and have been for a month.

They have nothing but beef and pecans to eat, the supplies promised them by the government not having been received by their agent. They have reason to complain when their neighbors, the Cheyennes and Arapahos, under another agent have plenty of provisions and blankets.

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100 YEARS AGO
Thursday, August 12, 1920

PLEASURE JAUNT FOR RICH INDIAN
Jackson Barnett, Wife and Her Daughter to Spend Month In the Rockies

MUSKOGEE, August 11 – Jackson Barnett, millionaire Creek Indian, needs a change of climate. Appearing at the office of Gabe E. Parker, superintendent of the Five Civilized Tribes, Jackson, in company with his newly-acquired bride, her daughter and Harold McGuigan, attorney for Mrs. Barnett, insisted that he was sick and needed the refreshing air of Colorado to put him back in shape.

Carrying with her a statement from a reputable physician in Jackson's home town, Henryetta, the woman who kidnapped the rich Indian asked that an allowance be made so that they could leave the latter part of this week for Colorado Springs, Denver and other points in Colorado, where they will spend a month in hopes Jackson will recuperate.

ROOSEVELT FIRES FIRST BIG GUN IN DEMOCRATIC FIGHT
Makes Strong Speech for Support of Independent Voters of Both Sexes

CHICAGO, Aug. 11 – Franklin Roosevelt, democratic nominee for vice president, fired the opening gun of the 1920 campaign here tonight in a strong appeal for the independent vote.

The high spot of his speech was reference to the split in 1912 and the mention of the progressive leadership of Theodore Roosevelt, his cousin. The reference was greeted with a storm of applause that lasted several minutes.

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spending time with the Lord, reading and praying. It seems to center me and gets me focused. The last thing I say is "love the people, love the call" because being angry and frustrated throughout the day doesn't help anybody. Your mental health is just as important as your physical health. At a time when our world is changing rapidly, we sometimes need to take a deep breath and find our center again. My center is focusing on the Lord. Find what works for you. Stay connected to loved ones through phone calls or video chats. If you are feeling overwhelmed, reach out for help.

It's never too late to invest in your health. At a time when society is focused on ways to stay healthy, there is no better time to make a positive change in your lifestyle that will benefit you and your family long after this is over.

Want to stay up-to-date on what I'm doing in Oklahoma and Washington on your behalf? Sign up for my newsletter by visiting Mullin.house.gov/newslettersignup.

Senior Center menu

Aug. 24 – Aug. 28

Please call for reservation by 9 a.m.: 918-689-3342

Monday, Aug. 24: BBQ chicken; whipped sweet potatoes; seasoned cabbage; cornbread; fruit; milk

Tuesday, Aug. 25: Beef tips with gravy; seasoned mashed potatoes; mixed vegetables; wheat roll; fresh fruit; milk

Wednesday, Aug. 26: Baked chicken; whole kernel corn; buttered spinach; wheat bread; pudding; milk

Thursday, Aug. 27: Chopped steak w/peppers; brown gravy; steamed rice; green beans; wheat roll; chilled fruit cup; milk

Friday, Aug. 28: Baked pork loin; seasoned potatoes; broccoli; cornbread; applesauce; milk



HEARS COX SPEAK IN DAYTON, OHIO
Local Man Says Democratic Nominee for President Sure to Carry Ohio

Attorney Clark Nichols, who has been in Washington, D.C. for the past week, looking after legal matters, returned home the first of the week. While in Washington Mr. Nichols dropped over to Dayton, Ohio, where he heard Governor Cox, the democratic nominee for the presidency, make his acceptance speech.

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75 YEARS AGO
Thursday, August 9, 1945

JAPANESE SURRENDER IS EXPECTED MOMENTARILY BY U.S. AUTHORITIES
World Looks For Early End to Hostilities

The world hoped for an early end of hostilities Thursday when Radio Tokyo ordered all Japanese stations to "stand by" for an important announcement. Meantime American airmen dropped another atomic bomb, this time on Nagasaki, a Jap city of 253,000 population, only 145 miles from Hiroshima, which was destroyed by an atomic bomb on Monday.

Capt. R.G. McIntosh Buried In City Sunday

Capt. Roley Guy McIntosh, 48, veteran of World War I and a lifelong resident of Eufaula, died at his home here Friday after a long illness.

The son of the late Bunnie McIntosh, well-known Creek Indian, Capt. McIntosh was born in Eufaula, July 22, 1897. He was a graduate of the Kemper Military academy at Boonville, Mo., and was one of the youngest full-blood Creek Indians in the War.

City "On The Air" From Tulsa Radio Station KVOO
Ken Miller Stages Interesting Program From This Town

Sunday morning at 11:30, Eufaula will be the subject of a 30 minute broadcast from radio station KVOO in Tulsa. Ken Miller, news editor of the Tulsa station, was in this city Thursday to make the transcription for the broadcast Sunday morning.

Miller interviewed a panel of leading Eufaulans, who told of the advantages of being residents of this City. In this group were R.L. Simpson Sr., Mayor Elbert Turley, Dr. C.E. Dickey, J. R. Doss, County Agent Sam Crisswell, E.G. Mouser, R.B. Olive and Hubert M. Riddle.

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50 YEARS AGO
Thursday, August 27, 1970

Payne-Brightman and Campbell Win

In the Commissioner's race in District 2, Poogie Brightman outlasted three opponents to win re-election without a runoff.

In District 3, Odell Campbell won by a margin of over 6-1 over two opponents.

In the Senate race, Tom Payne, incumbent, carried McIntosh County by a vote of 2,850 to 1,204.

Eufaula Fair Opens Tonight

The Eufaula Fair Board has announced that the 9th annual fair will open at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday evening, August 27th.

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Mrs. Louise Cates Retires July 15

A retirement dinner was held August 3rd in the Terrace Room of Fountainhead Lodge for Mrs. Louise Cates.

Mrs. Cates retired July 15th as a caseworker from the Department of Institutions, Social and Rehabilitation Services in McIntosh County. She began working for the Department July 8, 1957. The past few years she has worked with Children's Services.

Those attending the dinner were Idelle Bear, Earl Cook, Charlotte Curtis, Kay Foley, Billie Freeman, Ruth Hunter, Mamie Kirchner, Joe Bryce McKinney, Patti Pipkins, Helen Shroyer, Lennie Wade, Bess White, Oren Turner and Marty Nelson.

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25 YEARS AGO
Thursday, August 17, 1995

New Business, Expansion Seen Throughout Eufaula
Eufaula is growing and expanding – just take a look around.

Workmen are putting down the floor for a Dollar General Store at the site of the old OK Cafe on Hwy 9 East, Marine Development Inc. at the city's industrial site has a new, larger building, plans are developing for a Taco Mayo near the high school, and in the Cove Don Walt Investment, Inc., is adding 12 new docks.

But, wait … that's not all. Checotah businessman Mike Earlywine has broken ground for a movie theater adjacent to American Contract Sewing Co.

"With all this going on, how can we possibly be discouraged about the future of Eufaula?" This is the way Eufaula Mayor Joe Johnson sees the developments.

Perhaps the most "visible" sign of progress in Eufaula is the site of a Taco Mayo restaurant near Eufaula High School. It is expected to be operational by November.

The owners, Karen Weldin and Susanne Bain, have moved from Oklahoma city to the Eufaula area to take charge of construction and the operation of the business.

Special City Election For Hotel/Motel Tax

"Friday, August 18, is the last day to apply for voter registration in order to be eligible to vote in the September 12, Eufaula Special Election," Mcintosh County Election Board Secretary Polly Williams said.

Voters will be asked to approve a five percent hotel/motel excise tax for the City of Eufaula.

Country Singer's Sister Will Be Kidney Donor

If country singing artist Anthony Armstrong Jones could re-record his famous "Proud Mary" he might rename it today, "Proud Beverly" after his only sister (Beverly Eagle, a McIntosh County resident).

Later this month the Oklahoma native will undergo a kidney transplant in Shreveport, La. His sister will be the donor.

"I hope we can do it as soon as possible," Beverly said, explaining she will be resting for about three weeks and it is coming right at the beginning of fa;; classes at Northeastern, where she is seeking a teaching degree.

Armstrong, who recored "Bad, Bad LeRory Brown" and "Take a Letter to Maria" on the country charts in the '70s, was in Eufaula this past April. He sang at Mayor Joe Johnson's election celebration at Gator's Restaurant.

Armstrong was the backup singer for Conway Twitty for many years after being introduced into the country music business by Twitty, Beverly said.

"He was the opening act for Conway Twitty. They met in Oklahoma City, where we are from."



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Emilee Johnson of Elgin, OK would like to thank her sponsors who supported her in her run (and win) for the 2020 Eufaula Round Up Club Queen.

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Devotional

Trinity Episcopal Church

In-person services Aug. 23

Remember Jesus' encounter with the Canaanite woman who begs him to heal her daughter? He initially rebuffs her, saying he's only been sent to the lost sheep of Israel and it isn't right to throw the children's food to the dogs (ouch!). But the woman is persistent, telling him that even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from the master's table. Jesus praises her persistence and her faith, and heals her daughter immediately (Matthew 15:21-28).

Where would this woman have been without her faith and her stubborn determination?! She challenges Jesus to go beyond the status quo, to see things as they hadn't been seen before. In their culture, Jesus should have indeed ignored her – a Canaanite, a woman, begging for his help. Even Jesus' disciples are in her way, urging Jesus to send her away. She's not "one of us," she doesn't fit in; they want her to just go away. But these difficulties only strengthen her faith and her resolve, and make her more actively stand up against the cultural norms of her time to find healing for her daughter.

This Canaanite woman's faith pays off, and enables Jesus to demonstrate what he has been teaching all along: that there is a seat at the table for everyone, including her. God loves all of his children equally, and invites and welcomes them all home.

The fact that we are all beloved children of God is more important than ever for us to remember right now as we are constantly bombarded by the realities of daily life that sink our spirits and knock us off our feet. Covid-19 and the ongoing struggles for racial equality and justice are just two of the critical challenges we face that point out our need for healing, and the fact that far too many people in our own culture are considered to be "not like us," are marginalized and we just want their problems to go away.

The lesson Jesus is trying to impress upon his disciples in this Gospel story is huge. What makes you "right" with God is not simply following the long standing rules and customs of your culture or even of your church. God calls us to something much greater. What makes us right with God is what actually proceeds from our hearts.

Jesus calls us to live with hearts filled with grace, peace, joy and love, and to act with selflessness and compassion towards all of our brothers and sisters. He reminds us that we can always be sure of his abundant love for us – a love that doesn't need to be guarded or rationed out, a love that can be infinitely shared with all people. There is a place for everyone at God's table. As Jesus' disciples, our job is to lovingly gather people in, not selfishly or fearfully keep anyone away.

So think about that today: What comes out of your heart as you deal with people every day? Where does it come from? What do you want to fill your heart, and to proceed from it? Pray for that, and remember that where your heart is, there your treasure will be also.

We are happy to announce that we are resuming in-person worship at Trinity beginning this Sunday, Aug. 23, with our 10 a.mm Holy Eucharist. Strict safety guidelines will be followed to help minimize the risk of Covid-19 infection; masks will be required at all times (and are available at the church) and strict social distancing will be observed. We are mindful that not everyone is ready to return to in-person worship and that is completely understandable. Links to online Episcopal worship can be found on our Facebook page, @TrinityEpiscopalChurchEufaulaOklahoma, or our Diocesan website, epiok.org. We encourage everyone to choose the option that best fits their worship needs and health situation. Above all, we continue to pray for one another and our whole community, that we may all be filled with God's abiding presence, his wisdom, his courage and his love. 918-689-2369.

Lake Eufaula Christian Church

Pastor Jeremy Little invites and welcomes you to Lake Eufaula Christian Church.

Our services are currently online on Sunday at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. on LECC Facebook group, and Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. on LECC Facebook group, and Awaken Student Ministry Instagram on 7 p.m.

Our current series is Serving in the Shadows.

Sunday's message was "Simeon and Anna: Senior Citizen Prophets" from Luke 2:21-40. Simeon and Anna lived with great expectations as they waited patiently in the shadows while serving the Lord.

Setting the Stage: Luke 2: 21-24 .According to the Law, Mary and Joseph took baby Jesus and two birds to the Temple for the purification process. In this event, two older people step out of the shadows.

In Luke 25-40, we meet Simeon and Anna, two elderly Jewish saints. They provided an example of being fruitful and faithful servants. They waited on God, worked for God, and worshipped God.

1. Simeon and Anna Waited: (25-26; 38) Simeon is waiting "for the consolation of Israel", and Anna is waiting "on the redemption of Israel." Simeon was waiting on God's promise that he would see the Messiah before he passed from this life. So, he waited patiently and expectantly on this promise. Anna (36-37) Was left as a young widow after just seven years of marriage. Sorrow can make you hard, bitter, and resentful, or it can make you kinder, gentler, and more sympathetic. Anna chose to reveal the grace of God in her life. Anna chose to stay single and worship God every day. Application: What are we waiting on. Are we seeking our own pleasures, or are we serving God while waiting on God's promises for a beautiful life in His timing? Simeon and Anna served while waiting on God's timing.

2. Simeon and Anna Worked: Simeon was "just and devout" (25) Anna devoted herself daily to "fasting and prayer in the temple." Simeon's life was characterized by virtue and devotion to God. He now was an old man. Simeon was a prophet filled with the Holy Spirit. His life was working for God. Anna was a prophetess who worked all day at the Temple praying and fasting (37). She spoke of her Redeemer to others. Application: How is our service to God? Are we righteous, devout servants of God? Do we fast and pray? Point: We should want to work for the Lord daily and give Him our best.

3. Simeon and Anna Worshipped: Simeon: (Luke 2: 28-35) Simeon responds to the fulfillment of God's promise by taking the baby Jesus in his arms and blessing God for His faithfulness. Simeon's life is now complete. Anna (2:38) Anna knew that her Redeemer was at the Temple, and she also praised and worshipped God that Jesus was there. Anna and Simeon waited, worked, and worshipped God for many years waiting to see Jesus appear. Point: Every day, we are given opportunities to worship God and share the Good News. Simeon and Anna teach us to trust in God's timing, to be expectant of His promises, to share the Good News, and to bridge the generation gap of God's love. God lovingly fulfills His promises to those who wait for Him, work for Him, and worship Him.

Are you seeking salvation? 1. Hear the Word. (Romans 10:17) 2. Believe the Word (Mark16:16) 3. Repent of Sins (Luke 13:3) 4. Confess Christ (Matt. 10:32) 5. Be immersed in baptism for remission of sins (Acts 2:38).

If you are searching for a church where the Bible is preached and taught as God's divine word then join us at Lake Eufaula Christian Church.

Join us for coffee, donuts, and Sunday School at 10 a.m.

The adult class is currently studying the Book of Matthew.

Our worship service starts at 11 a.m. Our Wednesday Night Bible Study starts at 6:30 p.m.

Our youth group divides into elementary and secondary classes for Bible Study.

Our current Wednesday adult series is a study of Ephesians.

Awaken student Ministry offers a faith-filled youth group study.

If you are looking for a respite from the trials and tribulations of today's world and a place to worship and study in spirit and in truth, then join us! Take Your 2020 journey with us!

Connors awarded $1.4 million to help low income, first generation and students with disabilities

WARNER – The U.S. Department of Education announced that Connors State College will receive a federal Student Support Services (SSS) grant of $1,423,780 to help more students succeed in and graduate from college.

The five-year renewal grant supports 180 students, and the amount represents a 3.5% increase from the previous grant funding cycle for the college.

Connors State College's SSS program helps college students who are low income, first generation (those whose parents do not have a four-year college degree) or students with disabilities.

The array of services the SSS program provides are comprehensive and includes academic tutoring, financial aid advice, career and college mentoring, academic advising, and academic transfer assistance. Such services enhance academic success and make it more likely that students will graduate or transfer with the lowest possible debt.

SSS began in 1968 and is one of the eight federal "TRIO" programs authorized by the Higher Education Act to help college students succeed in higher education. It recognizes that students whose parents do not have a college degree have more difficulties navigating the complexity of decisions that college requires for success; it bolsters students from low income families who have not had the academic opportunities that their college peers have had, and helps students with disabilities remove obstacles preventing them from thriving academically.

"Connors State College is dedicated to surrounding our students with people and resources they need to be successful. This grant is another tool in our tool chest of support for our students. We are extremely proud of our students and SSS staff who work with them to achieve their goal of a college degree," said Dr. Ron Ramming, CSC President.

Christina Conner, Connors SSS Program Director, expressed how excited she is to have received the grant renewal.

"Ninety-six percent of our students who participate in the SSS program have good academic standing with an 82% persistence rate. I am extremely proud of our students and am looking forward to working with our students for the next five years."

"The COVID-19 pandemic has worsened the systemic inequality and financial hardship which keep promising students from succeeding in college. Student Support Services is needed now more than ever," said Maureen Hoyler, president of the nonprofit Council for Opportunity in Education in Washington, D.C., dedicated to furthering the expansion of college opportunities for low-income, first-generation students, and students with disabilities.

In Loving Memory of

JOSH LAUGHLIN

8/27/1992 - 8/17/2013

Although we cannot see you,
you are with us everyday,
For all the love we have for you
will never go away.
When you were taken from us
our world just fell apart,
But the memories we have of you
we carry in our hearts.
No matter where we are,
no matter what we do,
Our days will always start and end
with loving thoughts of you.
Lots of love to Heaven we send,
from broken hearts that will never mend.

MISSED BEYOND WORDS.
MOM & JUSTIN

Obituary

Cheryl Annette Rackley

Oct. 16, 1946 – Aug. 11, 2020



Cheryl Annette Rackley, 73, of Eufaula, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2020, at the McAlester Regional Medical Center. Cheryl was born on Oct. 16, 1946, in McAlester, Oklahoma the daughter of Arnold Albert and Sarah Francis (Emanuel) Russell.

She lived most of her youth on various Air Force bases in the United States and Japan and graduated from McAlester High School in 1964. She attended OSU Tech and Rose State College.

Cheryl worked in Oklahoma City in the medical field for over 25 years. She also worked in the insurance business.

She was a loving mother and wife and loved animals of every kind.

She was a resident of Oklahoma City for many years where she met the love of her life, Tony Rackley. They married on June 7, 1983, in Gainesville, Texas. They moved to Eufaula in 2007. She was a member of the Lady Texanna Crafters.

Survivors include: her husband, Tony, of the home; her daughters, Tracie Keplinger and Kim Curtis both of Oklahoma City; her sister, Marcia R. Russell; and three grandchildren, Tyler Curtis, Sarah Maldonado and Madison Maldonado.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Arnold Albert and Sarah Russell.

Cremation arrangements were made with Hunn, Black & Merritt Funeral Home & Crematory.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.hbmfuneralhome.com.

Death Notice:

Lenora "Christine" Layman, 90, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2020, in California. Funeral services will be held 10 a.m., Friday, Aug. 21, 2020 at Kelley Memorial Chapel. Burial will follow at the Hanna Cemetery.

LETTERS

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Walmart store openings nationally and found that each store caused a net decline of about 150 jobs. Another study done by Puget Sound Sage stated that each new Walmart store decreases the local community's economic output over 20 years by an estimated $13 million. The research discovered also that each Walmart store costs the community an additional $14 million in lost wages over the 20 years.

We must start shopping local. For our prescriptions we need to start shopping at our local pharmacies. For our plants we must start shopping at our local nurseries. For our gasoline we need to start shopping from local gas stations. And for our tools, auto parts, and everything else we must start shopping at our locally owned businesses to save our communities. Walmart destroys towns, and if we allow Walmart to remain in our town it will completely destroy our city and every business in it.

Somehow during the "shutdown" every other business was required to close except of course Walmart which was allowed to remain open. Leaving hundreds of thousands of "privately owned" American businesses in debt with no way to make ends meet. If we allow Walmart to continue unimpeded they will not stop until all businesses are closed, and they are all that remains. We all must take an extra effort to stop shopping at Walmart and start shopping at our local businesses. We need to start rebuilding our communities before Walmart completely destroys them.

Jace Bryant
Eufaula

An open letter to Sen. Jim Inhofe

CC:

The Honorable James Lankford The Honorable Kevin Hern

The Honorable Markwayne Mullin The Honorable Frank Lucas

The Honorable Tom Cole

The Honorable Kendra Horn

Re: Concerns about the establishment of a congressional working group undermining Tribal sovereignty and jurisdiction

Dear Senator Inhofe:

It has come to our attention that staff members of the Oklahoma congressional delegation have formed a working group with the ostensible purpose of establishing, in a matter of weeks, proposed legislation to abrogate the tribal sovereignty upheld by the Supreme Court in its July 9, 2020 decision in McGirt v. Oklahoma. We fear that any such bill could irreparably undermine the sovereignty of tribal nations across the country.

Many in Indian Country have characterized the Supreme Court's recent decision affirming the reservation boundary and sovereignty of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation as the most significant of our lifetime, calling it the "Unity Decision."

The Court's decision brought jurisdictional clarity to questions that have persisted since Oklahoma statehood. This clarity creates renewed and expanded opportunities to improve the public safety and economic prosperity for Native citizens and their non-native neighbors alike.

We recognize there are many implications of the Supreme Court's recent decision. We believe the best way to address these implications is through conversations among governmental partners and other stakeholders to explore areas of need, understand the new opportunities that exist, and work toward new intergovernmental agreements that will realize the promise of those opportunities. We applaud the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, as well as other tribal nations in Oklahoma, for aggressively leading such efforts, as intergovernmental agreements are the hallmark of respect among sovereigns.

This process must be given time to work. So, we believe that any effort that begins with the preconceived goal of crafting federal legislation restricting tribal jurisdiction would be, by definition, dismissive of sovereignty and would replace respectful government to government negotiations with a harmful one-size-fits-all federal dictate.

Rushed legislation, even if narrowly crafted, would create a dangerous blueprint and expectation that Congress should be engaging in diminishing tribal authority—instead of restoring or preserving it. Such a blueprint, predi- cated on the Court's historic decision in McGirt, would threaten the sovereignty of all of our tribal nations, and ultimately would undermine the safety and prosperity of all of those who live within or near a reservation.

In addition to questioning the goals of this working group, we believe that its limited geographic focus and the narrow list of participants misses the mark and will have unintended consequences.

The Court's affirmation of sovereignty was a win for every tribal nation in the United States, as well as communities that neighbor tribal nations. As such, an Oklahoma delegation-led effort to receive input primarily from corporations with Oklahoma interests is narrowly focused and fails to consider the impact that will occur from coast to coast.

The exclusion of tribal leaders from this dialogue is likewise problematic. The individuals invited to participate in the working group discussions should also reflect that any policies contemplated will affect all of Indian Country and those who do business with them.

From coast to coast, tribal governments routinely govern reservations within urban areas with high non-Indian populations. They have done so in a manner that promotes economic development to bring about prosperity for all. Just like all sovereign governments, tribal governments work to promote business and economic growth, while ensuring economic growth does not significantly undermine the health, safety, or welfare of those living within the sovereign's borders.

Any working group tasked with discussing the realities of McGirt must and should include voices from both urban and rural reservations across the United States, where tribal leaders have succeeded in collaborating with local state governments to ensure the safety and welfare of all.

The forum for these discussions is equally as crucial as its scope and participants. It is our current understanding that the staff intends to receive input from individuals on a one-on-one basis. The lack of transparency afforded by this methodology would further limit this working group's effectiveness and seemingly leave the staff as the ultimate arbiters of the truth.

Last, three weeks is hardly sufficient time to fully consider an issue of such breadth and magnitude. An arbitrary timeline without justification for such urgency would seem to indicate a predetermined plan rather than an hon- est exploration of the matters and opportunities presented.

Any conversation aimed at determining the future of all Indian Country should be open, transparent, and allow ample time for a robust public discussion between all those affected, not just those within the boundaries of one state.

The simple truth is that there is a better way. Tribes and the American people now have a possibility for a better future. The jurisdictional clarity provided by the "Unity Decision" paves the way for a new era of flexible, mutual- ly beneficial intergovernmental agreements that will ensure more excellent public safety and economic prosperity for tribal nations and everyone in the regions surrounding the reservations.

We stand united in our pledge to work as partners and engage in conversations with any parties who wish to work together to ensure that the greater possibilities presented by the Court's historic decision become realities. But we stand equally united in opposition to any rushed process that limits discussion, limits participants, and drives towards a calculated goal of passing destructive federal legislation.

Sincerely and Respectfully,
President Fawn Sharp,
National Congress of American Indians

Chris James, President & CEO,
The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development

Chairman Harold C. Frazier, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe

Chairman, Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Association, Inc.

President Leonard Forsman,
Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians

Frank Ettawageshik,
President of the Board for the Association on American Indian Affairs

President Shan Lewis,
Inter Tribal Association of Arizona

President Kirk Francis,
United South and Eastern Tribes Sovereignty Protection Fund

Chairman Aaron Payment,
Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes

Checotah man sentenced to prison on rape charges

A 21-year-old Checotah man has pled guilty to charges of first degree rape and rape by instrumentation.

Jordan Acie Goodwin is alleged to have sexually assaulted two teenage girls, one of them 15, in 2019.

Goodwin also pled guilty to failure to register as a sex offender.

District Judge Mike Hogan sentenced Goodwin to 20 years in prison on the two sex assault charges, with 10 years to serve and 10 out.

On the failure to register charge, Goodwin was sentenced to five years in prison with the sentence to run concurrently with the other sentences.

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To the Honorable James Duty, Mayor for the City of Eufaula:

We, the undersigned legal voters of the City of Eufaula, respectfully order that the following proposed Resolution shall be submitted to the legal voters of City of Eufaula for their approval or rejection at the regular general election (or regular or special city election). The question we herewith submit to our fellow Voters: Shall the following Resolution be approved?

The current City Manager for the City of Eufaula, Jacob R. Foos, shall be immediately removed from office and the City Council shall appoint a new City Manager.

Any Citizens in the City limits of Eufaula that are registered voters and have missed signing the petition our Volunteers are passing around, Text number 918-618-8053 or 918-284-1648 and we will have someone contact you.

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Eufaula Citizens for Change

Paid for by Vernon Hysell.



Hanna Schools is in full swing. Veteran Grade School teacher Johnna Skinner is taking a break from English to show her students how to learn to disinfect classroom and work on social responsibility to help out Hanna's maintenance staff. We are working classroom skills and students are enjoying being back in school. We have made a few changes like bottled water for students, practicing social distancing, taking advantage of beautiful days to do some outdoor classwork. Next week we will open the gym at night to let our students come shoot and work on dribbling skills on their own, Superintendent Hull told us.

COURTESY



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Left to right are Susie Campbell, Jagubie Holden, Kayleann Holden, Russellyn Ervin and William Burleson. Hanna School bus driver Susie Campbell got creative on the first day of school. Hanna is taking preventative measures to keep students and staff safe and to prevent spread of coronavirus. She decorated her bus to be anti-Covid with mask and eyeballs. It was a big day for Kindergartener Jagubie Holiden, his first time to ride a school bus. Hanna School Board member William Burleson is sharing in first day activities.

County, state sees sales tax increase from June business

The Oklahoma Tax Commission recently released city sales tax collection figures that primarily represents local tax receipts from June business. The monies they reported this period represent sales from June 16 to 30 and estimated sales from July 1 to 15.

Statewide, the disbursement of $168,124,169 in sales tax collections returned to the cities and towns reflected an increase of $9,172,781 from the $158,951,388 distributed to the cities and towns in August last year. The use tax disbursement to cities and towns was $25,322,999 according to the Oklahoma Tax Commission.

In county returns, the counties shared in a $27,598,606 sales tax disbursement and a $4,490,375 use tax disbursement.

The chart below compares city sales taxes and taxable sales in area cities, towns and counties as well as a comparison for the same period in 2019. Taxable Sales are calculated by dividing the tax collected by the tax rate and it shows a rough estimate of retail sales activity.

	2020			2019			
City	June/ July 2020 tax rate	Tax collection through July 15	Taxable sales through July 15	June/ July 2019 tax rate	Tax collection through July 15	Taxable sales through July 15	Change from 2019 to 2020
Checotah	4%	$455,034.49	$11,375,862.25	4%	$349,752.49	$8,743,812.25	30%
Eufaula	3.5%	$257,911.07	$7,368,887.71	3.5%	$176,764.74	$5,050,421.14	46%
Hanna	4%	$971.92	$24,298.00	4%	$2,245.58	$56,139.50	-57%
Rentiesville	4%	$111.11	$2,777.75	4%	$244.97	$6,124.25	-55%
Vernon	4%	$76.14	$1,903.50	4%	$304.03	$7,600.75	-75%
Council Hill	2%	$1,084.00	$54,200.00	2%	$911.33	$45,566.50	19%
Henryetta	4%	$264,737.05	$6,618,426.25	4%	$238,653.71	$5,966,342.75	11%
McAlester	3.75%	$1,340,796.18	$35,754,564.80	3.75%	$1,299,328.35	$34,648,756.00	3%
Muskogee	4%	$2,364,024.94	$59,100,623.50	4%	$2,151,865.67	$53,796,641.75	10%
Stigler	3.5%	$218,554.10	$6,244,402.86	3.5%	$180,645.91	$5,161,311.71	21%
Warner	4%	$78,993.64	$1,974,841.00	4%	$78,247.13	$1,956,178.25	1%
County							
McIntosh	2%	$459,833.72	$22,991,686.00	2%	$410,323.88	$20,516,194.00	12%
Muskogee	0.650%	$492,693.86	$75,799,055.38	0.650%	$457,794.35	$70,429,900.00	8%
Okfuskee	2%	$132,757.54	$6,637,877.00	2%	$125,084.24	$6,254,212.00	6%
Sequoyah	1.417%	$413,383.34	$29,173,136.20	1.417%	$337,291.19	$23,803,189.13	23%
Tulsa	0.367%	$3,515,099.10	##########	0.367%	$3,602,089.89	$981,495,882.83	-2%

SOURCE: Oklahoma Tax Commission

Frix, Transportation Committee comment on Top Ten Bridge Status

OKLAHOMA CITY – State Rep. Avery Frix, R-Muskogee, chair of the House Transportation Committee, and other Republican members of the committee on Friday issued a joint statement on the announcement by Gov. Kevin Stitt that the state is now ranked ninth in the nation for the status of highway bridge conditions, according to the latest data from the Federal Highway Administration. This includes interstates, U.S. highways and state highways that are ODOT's responsibility.

"Since Republicans took the majority in the Legislature more than a decade ago, we have made transportation a priority," Frix said. "We've worked diligently each year to fully fund our Oklahoma Department of Transportation's eight-year plan and our County Infrastructure for Roads and Bridges plan to maintain state and rural roadways and to repair or replace hundreds of structurally deficient or obsolete bridges throughout the state. Today's news that we have achieved top ten status for the condition of our ODOT-maintained highway bridges is a fantastic endorsement of our commitment.

"Safe and well-maintained infrastructure is the economic lifeline of our state, as it helps us move our families and our products safely and efficiently. It's another reason to claim Oklahoma as a hub for families and major businesses. Again, this year we made transportation a priority in our state budget, and we will continue that effort so that someday we will be No. 1 in both roads and bridges in America."

Ryal participating in free lunch program

Ryal School, in western McIntosh County near Henryetta, is participating in a free breakfast and/or lunch program for the current school year (2020-21).

All students enrolled in the district may participate in the breakfast and/or lunch program at no charge.

Household applications for free and reduced meals will not be collected at CEP schools or Provision 2 and 3 schools in a non-base year. Household applications will be collecting at Non-Pricing schools and Provision 2 and 3 schools in a base year.

By providing breakfast and/or lunch to all children at no charge, we can create a better learning environment for our students.

The school breakfast and lunch we serve follows U.S. Department of Agriculture guidelines for healthy school meals. The program cannot succeed without your support. Please encourage your children to participate in the school meal programs.

All meals are served to all students at no charge.

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The guarantee I will make you is when this Pandemic or election is over, I will meet with individuals and various groups, as well as hold monthly town hall meetings, to answer questions and investigate issues. Until then, please contact me with any questions or concerns by email or telephone.

Keep in mind, we are all in this together.

Paid for and approved by Monty Grider for McIntosh County Commissioner District 2, 2020



Name: Deena Farrow
Husband: Marty Farrow
Married: 22 years
Education: Stigler High School and Connors State College
Church: Northfork Baptist Church
Parents: Steve & Dee McDonald of Enterprise, Ok and Jerry & Tena Mittasch of Carney, Ok. My Father & Mother-in-law are Byrd & Kay Farrow.
Children: Nick Farrow (33) and his wife Melissa; Sydney Parker (25) and her husband Christopher; Cody Faries (25) and his wife Adrianna; Nicole Scheidt (21) and her husband Christian; and Kaden Farrow (20) and 10 beautiful grandchildren.
Experience: 23 years combined public service in McIntosh County at City, County and State levels. I have already worked in the County Clerk's office and have performed a majority of the duties such as processing payroll from start to finish, maintained inventory records, recording meeting minutes and filing documents, and have reviewed purchase orders to ensure they meet statute requirements ensuring accurate spending of your tax dollars.
Training: I have already received my County Clerk Basic Accreditation Certificate through OSU Training program.
Vision: Serve the citizens of McIntosh County with respect, provide a good working and friendly helpful atmosphere, stay within budget by planning for future, provide stability in employment and reduce the turnover rate in the County Clerk office, pay bills on time, and work together to get a job done. I will work for and answer to YOU, the citizens of McIntosh County.

I am asking you for your support and your vote on AUGUST 25, 2020!

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for McIntosh County Clerk

If you have any questions, please contact me at 918-617-1289. Thank you!

Authorized and Paid for by Deena Farrow for County Clerk 2020.

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2020 Checotah Lady Wildcats fast-pitch softball preview



RODNEY HALTOM | STAFF

The 2020 Checotah Lady Wildcats' fast-pitch softball team and coaches.

RODNEY HALTOM
SPORTS EDITOR

The Checotah Lady Wildcats could be the sleeper team that earns a way into postseason play. Checotah fans and players have a lot to be excited about this season. New head coach Erin Bridges brings a much-needed dose of positive energy and experience to the program. The Texas high school sensation and Northeastern State softball standout brings a wealth of enthusiasm and knowledge to the team. Assisting Bridges this year are assistant coaches Caleb Knight (Chicago Cubs draftee) and Malcolm Warrior.

Bridges inherited a well-oiled machine of athletes that have great talent at every position and has a lot of time playing together. Five terrific seniors will lead the Lady Wildcats.

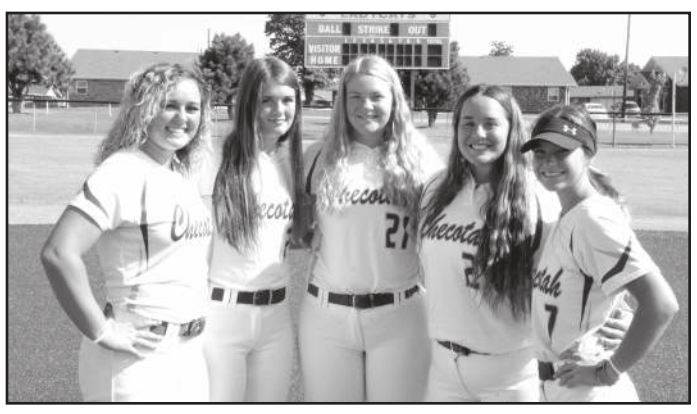
Alexis Hamilton (pitcher) has great control, speed and power at the pitching position. She has the ability to send any pitch over the wall from the plate. Vanessa Hen-

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2020 Checotah Lady Wildcats Fast-Pitch Roster

No.21 Vanessa Henson	12	1B,3B
No.2 Amanda Brown	12	CF,SS
No.5 Natalie Knight	10	Catcher
No.13 Jessie Roachell	10	2B
No.7 Ciara Moore	12	3B,SS
No.24 Jordyn Madewell-Combs	12	1B,3B
No.25 Halle Britt	11	CF,RF
No.3 Kohie Atkins	11	LF, CF
No.1 Briana Fields	11	P,SS
No.14 Kaitlyn SEarles	11	1B, LF
No.4 Maci Britt	9	Util
No.12 Kloee Vahmeter	11	OF
No.9 Alexis Hamilton	12	P
No.11 Chloe Floyd	11	OF

Head Coach-Erin Bridges
Assistant Coach-Caleb Knight
Assistant Coach-Malcolm Warrior



RODNEY HALTOM | STAFF

The Checotah Lady Wildcats' 2020 senior class pictured left to right; Alexis Hamilton, Amanda Brown, Vanessa Henson, Jordyn Madewell-Combs and Ciara Moore.



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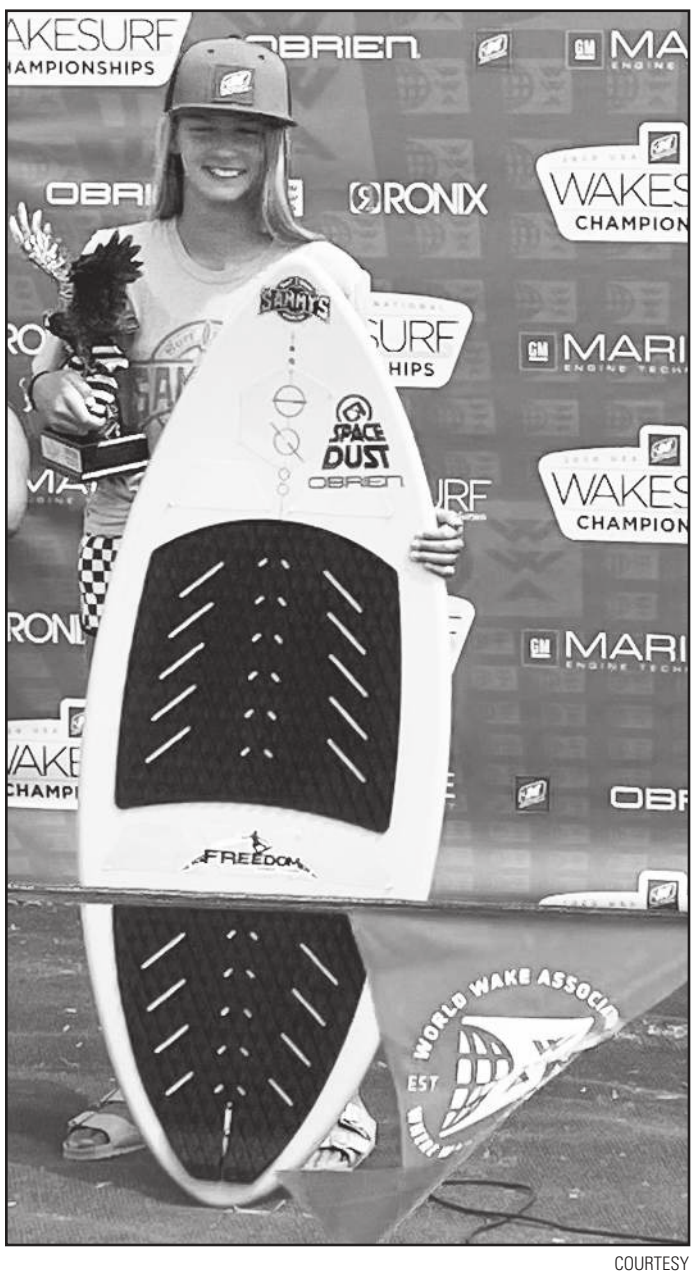
The 2020 Checotah fast-pitch coaching staff pictured left to right; assistant coach Caleb Knight, head coach Erin Bridges and assistant coach Malcolm Warrior.

Stella Tracy wins Wakesurf National Championship

Stella Tracy, 11, captured the 2020 National Championship title in Girls Wakesurf at the World Wake Association National Championship held in Waco, Texas, on Aug. 5 – 9.

Sponsored by Nautique Boats and presented by GM Marine Technology, the championship event took place at BSR Cable Park and Surf Resort in Waco with more than 150 contestants in amateur and pro divisions in wakeboard, wakeskate, and wakesurf. Contestants were required to qualify for entry to the national championship within their respective regional championships.

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COURTESY

Stella Tracy is all smiles after winning the 2020 National Championship title in Girls Wakesurf at the World Wake Association National Championship held in Waco, Texas, on Aug. 5 – 9.



RODNEY HALTOM | STAFF

World Champion bull rider J.B. Mauney hangs onto the bull known as Ridin Solo for a score of 871/4 points in the championship round of the PBR Unleash the Beast event in Guthrie.

Kaique Pacheco ices the competition in Guthrie to Win PBR's Bullnanza and Rise to No. 5 in the World

Porum's Cannon Cravens competes with worlds best

RODNEY HALTOM
SPORTS EDITOR

GUTHRIE – The world's No.1 bull rider who looked invincible finally faltered in Guthrie, Oklahoma, and a World Champion stepped up to win significa faltered in Guthrie, tle race.

As the revival of the iconic PBR (Professional Bull Riders) Bullnanza, part of the elite Unleash The Beast, wound to a close today, perennial contender Kaique (Ie elite Unleash The Beast, came) iced the competition to win his first elite tour event in 2020, gaining significant ground in the world standings and on No. 1 Jose Vitor Leme (Ribas do Rio Pardo, Brazil).

After 2018 PBR World Champion Pacheco bucked off @PBR on TikTok (Paradigm Bull Company) in Round 1 Friday evening, he needed to cover on Champi-

onship Saturday to keep his chances alive for ascending to the top of the Can-Am cage at event's end.

"The Ice Man" converted under pressure wiop of the Can-Am cage at event's end.

"The Ice Man" convert-

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Lady Ironheads top Canadian 6-1

RODNEY HALTOM
SPORTS EDITOR

The Eufaula Lady Ironheads improved to 2-0 as they defeated Canadian with a quick start 6-1. Eufaula scored three runs in the first, two in the second and one run in the third inning to get the win.

Gabrielle Noriega drew a walk, scoring the game's first run. Freshman pitching sensation Avery Williams was the winning pitcher. She allowed three hits and one run over four innings, striking out nine and walking one.

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RODNEY HALTOM | STAFF

Eufaula's Kambry Williams connects on this pitch for a base hit in the Lady Ironheads' win over Canadian.



RODNEY HALTOM | STAFF

Caleigh Rippy looks down the pitcher as she prepares to hit. Rippy made a base hit on the pitch.

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son (1st base) is a seasoned athlete with great length and arm strength and very productive at the plate. Amanda Brown (CF/SS) is an all-around athlete with great vision of the field. Ciara Moore (3rd base) is a power hitter at the plate and is dangerous on defense. Her athleticism allows her to make big-time catches and she has the arm talent to throw anyone out at first base. Jordan Madewell-Combs is versatile at both (1st/ 3rd Base) positions and she packs the power at the plate to send runs in.

The juniors on the team are Hallie Britt, Kohie Atkins, Briana Fields, Kaitlyn Searless, Kloee Vahmeter and Chloe Floyd. Britt (CF/RF) is a terrific athlete and effective at the plate and has the speed to run down hits to make plays in the outfield.

Kohlie Atkins (LF/CF) is well-rounded athlete that can play several positions for Bridges. Fields (Pitcher/SS) has great hand-to-eye coordination, speed on defense and the arm talent as a pitcher to be very productive at either position and is effective at the plate. Searless is an incredible player at 1st base or left field. She may be the most powerful hitter on the team and is very cerebral of the game. Floyd (OF) is quick, fast and has the athleticism to be productive on defense or productive at the plate.

Jessie Roachell and Natalie Knight are the sophomores on the team. Knight (catcher) has a terrific work ethic and the capability to be a star at the plate on offense for the Lady Wildcats. Roachell (2nd Base) is a well-rounded athlete with a strong mentality, tough and has great quickness at second base. She is also talented with a bat. Look for Roachell to make big plays when needed.

Maci Britt is the lone freshman for Checotah. Britt has talent, is effective at the plate and could play a big role in relief of any out fielder.

"I'm very excited about the team and the program. I couldn't ask for better assistant coaches in coaches Knight and Warrior. We have a great group of seniors and a bunch of underclassman that want to win now. That is our mentality, win now," Checotah head coach Erin Bridges said.

This season has the makings of being one of the most productive and exciting seasons for the Lady Wildcats' program since Ed Clover was head coach.

Checotah Wildcats
2020 Varsity Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
8/21	Poteau	Home	TBA
8/28	Football Preview	Home	TBA
9/4	Hugo	Away	7:00
9/11	Hilldale	Away	7:30
9/18	Eufaula	Home	7:30
District Games			
9/25	*Tulsa Webster	Home	7:00
10/2	Stigler	Home	7:00
10/9	Seminole	Away	7:30
10/15	Westville	Away	7:00
10/23	Lincoln Christian	Home	7:00
10/30	Tahlequah Seq	Away	7:00
11/5	**Locust Grove	Home	7:00

*Homecoming
**Senior Night

Checotah Wildcats
2020 Junior Varsity Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place
9/7	Beggs	Home
9/14	Hilldale	Home
9/21	McAlester	Away
9/28	Poteau	Home
10/6	Stigler	Away
10/19	Eufaula	Away
10/26	OPEN	

Games start at 6:00
*6:30 Start Time

Checotah Wildcats
2020 Jr. High Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
8/23	Poteau (Scrimmage)(A)		TBA
9/1	Poteau	Away	TBA (7-8-9)
9/7	Beggs	Home	5:30 (7-8)
9/17	Hilldale	Home	5:30 (7-8-9)
9/22	Wagoner	Home	5:30 (7-8-9)
9/29	Sallisaw	Away	5:30 (7-8-9)
10/6	Stigler	Away	5:30 (7-8)
10/12	McAlester	Home	5:00 (7-8-9)
10/19	Eufaula	Away	5:30 (7-8)

HALTOM'S HUDDLE

National Anthem celebrated at PBR

This past week I covered the Professional Bull Riders' event Unleash the Beast in Guthrie. With the nation in duress from the pandemic and individuals arguing over mandates and other procedures to limit the coronavirus, groups should take notes from the PBR. Everyone that participated in the event including riders, media, production and others wore a mask. What really caught my attention was the honor that bull riders from other countries and the USA gave the American Flag as the national anthem was sung.

The PBR is made up of athletes from across the world and to see the respect they gave made me emotional.

PBR practiced safe, social distancing as they used the POD plan in placing fans, such as a family together, then placing the next fans six feet apart and most fans wore their face coverings. This is the perfect example of what we will have to do if we want sports.

Facial coverings will most likely eventually be mandatory. 1-2-3 break.



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TRACY

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The event kicked off on Wednesday, Aug. 5, with semifinal rounds where Stella competed in Women's Wakeskate and Girls (Age 10-13) Wakeboard. Stella sailed through the competition qualifying for finals in both divisions. In the final rounds on Thursday, Aug.6, Stella was up against competitors from North Carolina, Texas, Florida, Alabama and Missouri. Stella secured 3rd place in Women's Wakeskate with a variety of spins and airs, and 4th place in Girls Wakeboard with a huge heelside backroll.

On Friday, Stella competed in semifinals for Girls (Under 12) Wakesurf. Landing a 360 and a variety of airs and technical tricks in the semifinals put her in the top qualifying spot over her competitors. In the finals on Saturday, Stella capped her performance with a switch body varial to take home the 2020 National Championship title.

During the competition, the judges critique the riders based on difficulty, risk, intensity, variety and execution. All competitors ride behind the same boat in whatever weather conditions are present. "There were a lot of great riders in the competition," Stella said. "My main goal was just to go out and do my best."

To finish out this year's competitive season, Stella will compete in the 2020 World

Championships in all three of her divisions at Callaway Gardens in Pine Mountain, Georgia on Aug. 28 – 30.

Stella is a seventh grader at Eufaula Middle School where she is an honor student, plays

basketball and is a cheerleader. She is sponsored by Sammy's Surf Shop in Eufaula Cove and is out practicing and enjoying Lake Eufaula with her parents, Natalie and Aaron, nearly every day of the week.

About the WWA: Developed for riders by riders, the World Wake Association stands as a

global network of passionate representatives dedicated to the growth of wakesports. Since 1989, the WWA has sanctioned and produced more than 12,500 worldwide events. For more information on the World Wake Association, visit www.thewwwa.com .

Checotah Lady Wildcat Softball 2020

Date	Location	Opponent	Team	Time
Aug 11th	@Pocola		V/JV	5:00
Aug 14th	@Wilburton (Festival)		TBA	TBA
Aug 17th	Home	Sallisaw	V/JV	4:30
Aug 18th	Home	Muldrow	V/JV	5:30
Aug 20-21st	@Oktaha(Tourney)		TBA	TBA
Aug 22nd	@Oktaha(JH Tourney)		TBA	TBA
Aug 25th	Home	Broken Bow	V/JV	5:30
Aug 27th	@Muldrow		V/JV	4:30
Aug 28th	@Fort Gibson		JH/V/JV	4:00
Aug 31st	Home	Eufaula	2/JH V/JV	4:00
Sept 1st	@Broken Bow		V/JV	5:30
Sept 3rd	@Poteau		2/V	4:30
Sept 8th	Home	Fort Gibson	2/JH V/JV	5:00
Sept 10th	Checotah JH Tourney		TBA	TBA
Sept 11-12th	@Bixby(Tourney)		TBA	TBA
Sept 14th	@Sallisaw		V/JV	4:30
Sept 15th	@Vian/Sequoyah(3 way)		2/V	5:00
Sept 17th	@Eufaula		JH/V/JV	4:00
Sept 21st	@Stigler		JH/V/JV	4:00
Sept 24-26th	@NSU(Tourney)		TBA	TBA
Sept 28th	@Hilldale		JH/V/JV	4:00
Oct 1-2nd	@BI DISTRICT			
Oct 8-9th	@ REGIONAL			
Oct 15-17th	@STATE			

Eufaula
2020 HS Fastpitch Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
7-14	Gore	Gore	10:00 (Scrimmage)
7-16	Heavener	Eufaula	6:00 (Scrimmage)
7-21	Warner	Eufaula	11:00 (Scrimmage)
7-23	TBA	Oktaha	TBA (Scrimmage)
7-28	McAlester	Eufaula	11:00 (Scrimmage)
7-30	TBA	Oktaha	TBA (Scrimmage)
8-4	Hartshorne	Eufaula	11:00 (Scrimmage)
8-10	Webbers Falls	Eufaula	5:00 (V/JV)
8-13 thru 8-15	Preston Tournament	Preston	TBA
8-17	*Beggs	Eufaula	5:00 (V/JV)
8-18	*Okmulgee	Okmulgee	5:00 (V/JV)
8-20	Quinton	Quinton	4:30 (V/JV)
8-21	Antlers	Eufaula	5:00 (V/JV)
8-24	*Beggs	Beggs	5:00 (V/JV)
8-25	*Okmulgee	Eufaula	5:00 (V/JV)
8-27	*Henryetta	Eufaula	5:30 (V/JV)
8-28	Gore	Gore	4:30 (V/JV)
8-31	Checotah	Checotah	4:00 (V/JV)
9-1	*Henryetta	Henryetta	5:30 (V/JV)
9-3 thru 9-5	Eufaula Tournament	Eufaula	TBA
9-8	*Spiro	Eufaula	5:00 (V/JV)
9-10 thru 9-12	Kiowa Tournament	Kiowa	TBA
9-14	*Kiefer	Eufaula	5:00 (V/JV)
9-15	*Morris	Morris	4:30 (V/JV)
9-17	Checotah	Eufaula	5:00 (V)
9-19	*Spiro	Spiro	12:00 (V/JV)
9-21	*Kiefer	Kiefer	5:00 (V/JV)
9-22	*Morris	Eufaula (Senior)	4:30 (V/JV)
9-25 or 9-26	Bi-District Tourney	TBA	TBA
10-1 thru 10-3	Regional Tourney	TBA	TBA
10-8 thru 10-10	State Tourney	TBA	TBA

***Denotes District 3A-6 Opponent**

Schedule is subject to change due to changing circumstances, weather, or other factors

2020 Eufaula Varsity

Date	Opponent	TIME	LOCATION
Aug. 21	MORRIS (Practice/Scrimm)	5:30pm	HOME
Aug. 27 Thur.	SPIRO (Scrimmage)	6:00pm	AWAY
Sept. 4	VIAN	7:00pm	AWAY
Sept 11	STIGLER	7:00pm	HOME
Sept 18	CHECOTAH	**7:30pm**	AWAY
Sept 25	HARTSHORNE***	7:00pm	Home
Oct. 2	HUGO*	7:00pm	HOME
Oct 9	ATOKA*	7:00pm	AWAY
Oct 15 Thur.	WILBURTON*	7:00pm	HOME
Oct 23	IDABEL*	7:00pm	AWAY
Oct. 30	VALLIANT*	7:00pm	HOME
Nov. 6	ANTLERS*	7:00pm	Away

*** Denotes District Game**
*****Denotes Homecoming**

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PBR

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ed under pressure with the second best score of Round 2, dominating Midnight Ride (Cord McCoy/Pioneer Bulls) for 88 points.

Earning the fifth pick in the championship round bull draft, Pacheco selected 2018 ABBI (American Bucking Bull Inc.) Classic Champion Hocus Pocus (D&H Cattle/Almand/Lone Star/Outlaw).

A powerful bovine athlete known for swift buckoffs, Hocus Pocus entered the showdown having been ridden just twice in his 26 career outs across s premier series.

However, despite the bull's prowess of downing the world's best cowboys, Pacheco proved to have the solution to Hocus Pocus' magical ways.

Matching the D&H Cattle Co. bull jump for jump, Pacheco reached the 8 second whistle, leading the crowd inside Lazy E Arena to erupt in raucous cheers as the speakers boomed to announce his 89.25-point score.

While four cowboys still remained in the round, Pacheco's 2-for-3 showing was enough to outlast their gritty efforts, propelling him to his first Unleash The Beast event win of the 2020 season, and first on the premier series since October 2018.

Cannon Cravens of Porum drew a world-class bull to ride in the championship round in Audacious. The tough cowboy nearly held on for a full ride but just missed getting points.

The 25-year-old left Lazy E Arena $30,779.69 richer, having also earned a critical 100 world points.

Pacheco is now ranked No. 5 in the world, rising two positions in the standings, and gained significant ground on world No. 1 Leme, who was shutout at the PBR Bullnanza.

Pacheco now trails Leme by 383 points, after beginning the tour stop 483 points behind.

Cody Teel (College Station, Texas) renewed his rivalry with Milk Man (TNT Bucking Bulls/Hart Cattle Co.) en route to a runner-up finish, garnering $14,521.31 and 68 world points.

Much like Pacheco, Teel entered Round 2 having yet to record a qualified ride.

Turning the tides, the Texan covered Hell on The Red (Jane Clark/Gene Owen) for 87.75 points to punch his ticket to his sixth champd (Jane Clark/Gene Owen) for 87.75 points to punch his ticket to his sixth championship round of the season.

In a match-up that has been seen five times in the past 16 months, Teel selected Canadian born Milk Man.

First meeting in April 2019 on the elite tour in Columbus, Ohio, the two teamed for an 89.25-point score.

While their next meeting resulted in a re-ride, the subsequent three showdowns all concluded in similar fashion – Teel celebrating as massive scores flashed on the scoreboards. Most recently, the two accomplished athletes squared off in the championship round of the final closed event held inside Lazy E Arena in mid-May. The result: a 90-point score, Teel's first of the season.

Teel was poised in the chutes, and would once again remain in step with Milk Man, reaching the requisite 8 for 88.75 points.

Teel is now ranked No. 16 in the world, gaining eight positions after entering the event No. 24. He is now within 616.75 of No. 1 Leme.

Third was young gun Ezekiel Mitchell (Rockdale, Texas) who, for the second consecutive week, recorded a 90-point ride in the championship round.

Delivering a perfect 2-for-2 performance on Saturday afternoon, Mitchell began the final day of PBR Bullnanza action with an 85.75-point ride aboard Cinnamon Kat (Payson Parker/D&H Cattle Co.).

Mitchell then initially selected Marquis Metal Works Bill The Butcher (Paradigm Bull Co./Marquis Metal Works) in the championship round, however, earned a re-ride keeping his hopes of victory alive.

As his new opponent Zorro (Jane Clark/Gene Owen) was loaded into the chutes, the charismatic 22-year old appeared as focused as ever, eager to log his second qualified ride.

Mitchell converted in monstrous fashion, dominating the Gene Owen bovine athlete for 90.25 points, the high-marked ride of the event, and his second consecutive 90-point effort in an elite tour event's final round.

Last weekend in Bismarck, North Dakota, Mitchell reached an important career milestone when he recorded the first 90-point ride of his Unleash The Beast career, a 90-point score aboard Goodnight Robicheaux (Dakota Rodeo/Chad Berger/Clay Struve/Diamond Willow).

Mitchell's seventh Top-10 finish of the 2020 season netted him $11,376.62 and 59.5 world points, propelling him from No. 19 to No. 14 in the world. The Texan now trails the No. 1 spot by 605 points.

Fourth was Paulo Lima (Bezerros, Brazil).

As one of only two riders to cover his first two draws, Lima entered the championship round atop the leaderboard having covered Shaken (Owens/Wyatt/Smith) for 87.25 points and XO (D&H Cattle Co./KB Bulls) for 86.5 points.

Lima's hopes of victory, however, were dashed when he bucked off three-time PBR World Champion Bull Sweet-Pro's Bruiser (D&H Cattle Co./Buck Cattle Co.) in 5.32 seconds in the final round.

He concluded the event earning a $7,124.09 payday, in addition to 36 world points.

After beginning the event No. 52 in the world, Lima's Top-5 finish allowed him to nearly crack the Top 35 and earn a more permanent position on the premier series.

The 32-year-old is now No. 38 in the world, within a slim 2.16 points of the threshold.

Joao Ricardo Vieira (Itatinga, Brazil) and Mason Taylor (Maypearl, Texas) rounded out the Top 5, tying for fifth.

Each going 1-for-3 to collect 29 world points, Vieira won Round 1 with an 88.75-point score aboard Marquis Metal Works Draggin Up (Paradigm Bull Co./Marquis Metal Works), while Taylor topped Round 2 with a matching score on Black Cadillac (Gene Owen/David Perry).

Vieira earned $6,128.84, while Taylor collected $6,015.77.

With his finish, Vieira surpassed two-time World Champion Jess Lockwood (Volborg, Montana) in the world rankings, now No. 2 and within 203.25 points of No. 1 Leme.

Taylor rose two positions, climbing from No. 17 to No. 15, within 613.75 points of Leme.

In the bullpen, Chiseled (FLinn/D&H Cattle Co.) delivered a massive 46.25-point score courtesy of his 7.27-second buckoff of Taylor in the championship round, en route to his third YETI "Built for the Wild" Bull of the Event honors of 2020.

Entering the event No. 3 in the world, Chiseled is now tied with reigning World Champion Bull Smooth Operator (Dakota Rodeo/Julie Rosen/Clay Struve/Chad Berger) for the No. 1 spot in the world. Each bull currently holds a 45.75-point season average.



RODNEY HALTOM | STAFF

Kaique (Ice Man) Pacheco rides Midnight Rock for a score of 88 points to win the Unleash the Beast event in Guthrie.



RODNEY HALTOM | STAFF

Cannon Cravens of Porum rides the bull known as Audacious in the Championship round of the PBR event in Guthrie.

OSSAA rules fall sports can continue

RODNEY HALTOM
SPORTS EDITOR

The Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association's board of directors took no action following a 30-minute discussion on the continuing threat of the coronavirus in Oklahoma and its impact on high school athletics.

It means the fall regular seasons in cross-country, fast-pitch softball, volleyball and cheer may continue as scheduled, along with preseason football practice.

Football scrimmages will be Aug. 20-21 and the regular season starts Aug. 27-29.

Games this week in softball and volleyball are the first in any sport to count toward statewide rankings and championships since COVID-19 descended in March, cancelling the Class 6A-2A basketball state tournaments and all remaining spring sports activity.

Speaking to a large audience for the board's August Zoom teleconference, executive director David Jackson said a survey of member schools showed significant support for going ahead with activities as planned, even though he noted "the number of (COVID-19) cases and the number of deaths (in Oklahoma) has not improved."

Jackson cautioned that the situation could change and competition may have to be altered if conditions worsen.

"If we thought there was a big majority of schools that had to close, we're certainly gonna pounce on that right away and make adjustments," Jackson said. "If a large number of schools backed away from in-person learning and don't feel it's safe for their students to participate, we think that would be our trigger."

OU to open Big 12 play against K-State in Dallas

The Sooners will now open the 2020 Big 12 Conference season against Kansas State on Sept. 26, according to a report by Brett McMurphy of Stadium. OU-Texas is also still scheduled for Oct. 10 in Dallas, per McMurphy.

The start of the season can be delayed to as late as Oct. 10, with the slate concluding on Dec. 12 and the Big 12 Championship set for Dec. 19, McMurphy reports. The full schedule is expected to be released at 11 a.m. CT, as Big 12 Commissioner Bob Bowlsby is meeting with the media.

OU was previously set to open up league play against Baylor on Oct. 3. Under the old schedule, it wouldn't have hosted Kansas State until Nov. 14.

On this day in U.S. military history

RODNEY HALTOM
STAFF

On August 20,1494 – Columbus returned to Hispaniola. He had confirmed that Jamaica was an island and failed to find a mainland.

1619 – The 1st African slaves arrived to North America aboard a Dutch privateer. It docked in Jamestown, Virginia, with twenty human captives among its cargo.

1707 – The first siege of Pensacola in Spanish Florida by English supported Creek Indians resulted in the destruction of the town, but Fort San Carlos de Austria successfully resisted the onslaught.

1781 – George Washington began to move his troops south to fight Cornwallis.

1794 – American General "Mad Anthony" Wayne defeated the Ohio Indians at the Battle of Fallen Timbers in the Northwest territory, ending Indian resistance in the area. The Battle of Fallen Timbers was the final battle of the Northwest Indian War, a struggle between American Indian tribes affiliated with the Western Confederacy, including minor support from the British, against the United States for control of the Northwest Territory (an area bounded on the south by the Ohio River, on the west by the Mississippi River, and on the northeast by the Great Lakes). The battle, which was a decisive victory for the United States, ended major hostilities in the region until Tecumseh's War and the Battle of Tippecanoe in 1811.

1804 – Sergeant Charles Floyd dies three months into the voyage of Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, becoming the only member of the Corps of Discovery to die during the journey.

1833 – Future 23rd President of the United States, Benjamin Harrison, is born on this day. He was the grandson of former 9th President (and Guard general) William H. Harrison, who died one month into his term in 1841.

1940 – Radar was used for the first time, by the British during the Battle of Britain.

1941 – Adolf Hitler authorized the development of the V-2 missile.

1950 – General MacArthur repeated his July 4th warning to North Korean leader Kim Il Sung concerning the treatment of prisoners of war as a result of the Hill 303 (Waegwan) murder of 36 American soldiers.

1952 – In interservice air operation at Chang Pyong-ni, Korea, U.S. Navy, Marine and Air Force aircraft destroy 80 percent of assigned area.

1998 – Pres. Clinton ordered cruise missile attacks on Sudan and Afghanistan 13 days after the deadly embassy bombings in East Africa.

LADY IRONHEADS

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Eufaula head coach Ryan Green wanted more production at the plate after Eufaula's season opening win and got today. Kambry Williams went 2-for-3. Noriega led Eufaula with a pair of RBIs and Jordas McClish had one RBI.

Avery Williams had 13 first pitch strikes in the victory.

The Lady Ironheads dropped their first loss as Heavener defeated Eufaula (2-1) 1-0 on Thursday.

Lake Eufaula Fishing Report

Elevation normal, water 81 and murky. For current elevation conditions go to the US Army Corps of Engineers website at https://www.swt-wc.usace.army.mil/EUFA.lakepage.html.Alligator gar good on shad and bow fishing below the dam, along the dam and shallows. Striped bass excellent on cut bait, jigs, plastic baits, shad and topwater lures below the dam and along the dam. Spotted and largemouth bass good on bill baits, nymphs, small lures and topwater lures around brush structure, shallows, shorelines and weed beds.

Report submitted by Cannon Harrison, game warden stationed in McIntosh County.

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LEGAL NOTICES

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Notice of Pre-Bid Meeting

The City of Checotah is hosting a pre-bid construction meeting on September 3, 2020, at 10:00 A.M., at 200 N. Broadway, Checotah, Oklahoma. Bidding is for the renovation of the building located at 200 North Broadway, Checotah, Oklahoma, and the building located at 136 S. Broadway, Checotah, Oklahoma. The City of Checotah is looking to accept bids for contractors for the following areas:
Interior finisher
Drywall
Stone Mason
Flooring
Glass
Distributors

Persons wishing to place bid for said project must attend the pre-bid construction meeting and provide proof of insurance and W9.

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Checotah Public Schools does not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs or activities. Career and technical education is offered to all students at the high school in Agricultural Education, Business and Information Technology and Family and Consumer Science. Students in 11th and 12th grade may participate tuition-free in technical training programs at Indian Capital Technology Center. Inquiries concerning this policy may be directed to the Superintendent, 320 W Jefferson, Checotah, Okla 74426. Phone: 918-473-5610

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ANYONE HAVING AN INTEREST IN:
1. 1987 SKEETER VIN# STEU3794I687
2. 1987 MERCURY 115hp VIN#0B125244

CONTACT CYNTHIA PELTON 918-689-0882.

SALE DATE SEPTEMBER 4, 2020.

Legal Notice

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NOTICE OF SALE

2006 Ford Pickup
Tag 702XMG STATE OF KY
VIN 1FTSX21566EC55080
OWNER Randy D Guston
Checotah Auto Repair LLC
710 E Gentry Ave, Checotah, OK 74426
(918) 473-6933

Legal Notice

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR MCINTOSH COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

In the matter of the estate of CHARLES B. HICKOK, deceased.
Case No. PB-2018-57

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that Chelsea Scott, the duly appointed and qualified Administrator of the Estate of Charles B. Hickok, deceased, has returned and presented for confirmation, and filed in said Court her Return of the sale of the following described real property of said Estate, located in McIntosh, County, State of Oklahoma, to-wit:

Unit 144 in the Bridgeport "Dunes," being a part of the W/2 of Section 11, Township 10 North, range 16 East of the I.B.M., McIntosh County, Oklahoma, according to the amended re-plat thereof

SUBJECT to easement, rights of way, protective covenants and mineral reservations of record.

to Campbell 2013 Revocable Trust u/a dated 21st day of February, 2013 for the sum of $137,725.00, and that on the 25th day of August, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. of said day, at the court room of the District Court in the McIntosh County Courthouse in the City of Eufaula, McIntosh County, Oklahoma aforesaid has been duly appointed by said Court for hearing said Return, at which time any person interested in said Estate may appear and file his or her exceptions in writing to said Return and contest the same, are hereby referred to said Return for further particulars.

DATED this 6th day of Aug., 2020.

/s/ ORIGINAL SIGNED BY BRENDON BRIDGES
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT
For Judge McLaughlin
COURTNEY L. EAGAN, OBA#22553
Eagan Law Office, PLLC
150 Foley Ave.
Eufaula, OK 74432
918-689-2528 - telephone
918-471-4002 - facsimile

Legal Notice

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MCINTOSH COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OF THE ESTATE OF,
ROBERT E. CARON
DOB: 04/16/55
an Alleged Incapacitated Person.
Case No. PG-19-9

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that Patricia Caron, the duly appointed and qualified Guardian of the Estate of Robert E. Caron, an alleged incapacitated person, has returned and presented for confirmation, and filed in said Court her Return of the sale of the following described real property of said Estate, located in McIntosh, County, State of Oklahoma, to-wit:

SW NE AND a tract in the NW SE described as follows: Beginning at the NW corner of the NW SE, thence East 209 feet, thence South 627 feet, thence West 209 feet, thence North 627 feet, to the point of beginning of Section 6, Township 10N, Range 16 E and containing 43 acres, more or less.

To Blond Lee for the sum of $68,000.00, and that on the 25th day of August, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. of said day, at the court room of the District Court in the McIntosh County Courthouse in the City of Eufaula, McIntosh County, Oklahoma aforesaid has been duly appointed by said Court for hearing said Return, at which time any person interested in said Estate may appear and file his or her exceptions in writing to said Return and contest the same, are hereby referred to said Return for further particulars.

DATED this 6th day of Aug, 2020.

/s/ ORIGINAL SIGNED BY BRENDON BRIDGES
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT
for Judge McLaughlin
COURNTEY L. EAGAN, OBA#22553
Eagan Law Office
150 Foley Ave.
Eufaula, OK 74432
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NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

Case No. CJ-20-17

WILLIAM D. MAGREEVY; UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF WILLIAM D. MAGREEVY; UNKNOWN HEIRS, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS OF WILLIAM D. MAGREEVY; UNKNOWN TENANT, IF ANY, OF 416721 E. 1210 ROAD, EUFAULA, OK 74432-5433

The above stated Defendants will take notice that the Plaintiff, Arvest Bank, filed its Amended Petition in the District Court in and for McIntosh County, State of Oklahoma, against the above stated Defendants, and said Defendants must answer said Amended Petition on or before the 24th day of September, 2020, or said Amended Petition will be taken as true, and a judgment will be rendered in said action against the above named Defendants, foreclosing their interest in the following described real estate, to wit:

LOTS 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344 IN EAGLE BLUFF ESTATES ADDITION #3, A SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 16 EAST OF THE I.B. & M., IN MCINTOSH COUNTY, OKLAHOMA ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF.

Property Address:
416721 E 1210 Road
Eufaula, OK 74432-5433

and a judgment will be rendered on the promissory note against the Defendant, William D. Magreevy, adjudging that default has been made in said note and mortgage; and that Plaintiff has a valid, prior and superior mortgage lien on said real estate in the amount of $35,591.40, with applicable interest, attorney's fees and costs, for all of which judgment will be taken.

Dated this 04 day of August, 2020.

Court Clerk of
McIntosh County /s/ Lisa Rodebush
By:/s/ Carlye Thompson
Deputy (SEAL)
W. Brent Kelley, OBA 11380
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Legal Notice

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IN AND FOR THE DISTRICT COURT OF McINTOSH STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RICHARD LEE INGRAM,
DECEASED.
Probate No. PB-2016-35

NOTICE TO CREDITORS TO PRESENT CLAIMS

All creditors having claims against Richard Lee Ingram, deceased, are required to present the same with a description of all security interests and other collateral (if any) held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to Gary Ingram, the named Personal Representative, c/o 300 West Broadway, P.O. Box 707, Muskogee, Oklahoma 74402-0707, on or before the following presentment date: October 31, 2020, or the same will be forever barred.

Dated at Muskogee, Oklahoma, this 12th day of August, 2020.

/s/ Gary Ingram
Gary Ingram, Personal Representative of the Estate of Richard Lee Ingram, Deceased
WRIGHT, STOUT & WILBURN, PLLC
ATTORNEYS FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Legal Notice

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCINTOSH COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES HUGH BISHOP, III,
Deceased.
Case No. PB-2018-31

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that, in pursuance of an Order of the District Court of the County of McIntosh, State of Oklahoma made on August 12, 2020, in the matter of the Estate of Charles Hugh Bishop, III, Deceased, the personal representatives of the Estate having been granted authority under said order will sell, at PUBLIC SALE and auction, to the highest and best bidder for cash, subject to confirmation of this court, on Tuesday the September 15, 2020 at 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the front steps of the Pittsburgh County Courthouse, located at 115 E. Carl Albert Parkway, McAllister OK 74501, all the right, title, interest in said estate of the Estate of Charles Hugh Bishop, III, Deceased, at the time of his death and all the right, title and interest that the said estate has, by operation of law, or otherwise, acquired in and to all the certain real property situate, lying and being in the County of Pittsburgh, State of

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500-550	$153.00-$166.00	$140.00-$148.00
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600-650	$148.00-$159.00	$132.00-$145.00

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described as follows to wit:
Tract 1 [SURFACE ONLY]
A tract of land containing 161.575 acres, more or less, in Section 22, Township 8 North, Range 15 East, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest corner of the NW 1/4 of Section 22; thence North 0°00'46" West along the West line of Section 22 a distance of 560.65 feet; thence South 89°39'41" East a distance of 3651.50 feet to the point on the West side of the existing county road; thence South 51°15'15" East a distance of 377.04 feet; thence South 0°00'53" East along the West line of the SE 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 22 a distance of 327.73 feet; thence South 89°38'32" East along the South line of said SE 1/4 NE 1/4 a distance of 411.53 feet to a point on the West line of the existing county road; thence South 51°15'15" East along said existing county road a distance of 486.37 feet; thence North 89°38'32" West a distance of 1758.16 feet to a point; thence South 0°01'41" East a distance of 2333.31 feet; thence North 89°33'51" West a distance of 347.10 feet; thence North 0°06'54" West a distance of 1317.41 feet; thence North 89°42'24" West a distance of 2630.53 feet to a point on the West line of said Section 22; thence North along the West line of said Section 22 a distance of 1320.38 feet to the Point of Beginning;
And
All that part of SW 1/4 SE 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 22, Township 8 North, Range 15 East, lying South and West of the Southwest line of the existing county road, more particularly described as follows, to-wit:
A tract of land containing 1.55 acres, more or less, in Section 22, Township 8 North, Range 15 East, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest corner of NW 1/4 of Section 22; thence North 0°00'46" West along the West line of Section 22 a distance of 560.65 feet; thence South 89°39'41" East a distance of 3651.50 feet to a point on the West side of the existing county road; thence South 51°15'15" East a distance of 377.04 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence South 0°00'53" East along the West line of the SW 1/4 SE 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 22 a distance of 327.73; thence South 89°38'32" East along the South line of said SW 1/4 SE 1/4 NE 1/4 a distance of 411.53 feet to a point on the West line of the existing county road; thence Northwesterly along said existing county road to the True Point of Beginning.
-AND-
Tract 2 [SURFACE ONLY]
The NE 1/4 of Section 27, Township 8 North, Range 15 East, more particularly described as follows, to-wit:
A tract of land containing 159.748 acres, more or less, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of Section 27; thence South 0°21'59" East along the East line of Section 27 a distance of 2641.58 feet; thence North 89°38'58" West along the South line of said NE 1/4 a distance of 2637.12 feet; thence North along the West line of said NE 1/4 a distance of 2645.70 feet; thence East along the North line of NE 1/4 a distance of 2627.86 feet to the Point of Beginning;
including:
A permanent easement for roadway and utility purposes along the Easterly 30 feet of that part of the NE 1/4 SE 1/4 lying South of the county road, and along the Southerly 30 feet of the NE 1/4 SE 1/4, and along the Easterly 30 feet of the SW 1/4 SE 1/4, and across the Southerly 30 feet of the Easterly 966.83 feet of the S ½ SW 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section 22, and along the Southerly 30 feet and the Westerly 30 feet of the S ½ SW 1/4 of Section 22, all in Township 8 North, Range 15 East.
under the terms of a cash sale only.
Copies of this notice will be given to all heirs, legatees and devisees, by mailing a copy of this notice to them not less than Ten (10) days prior to the day set for sale.
Dated this 12 day of August, 2020.
/s/ David M. Dryer
DAVID M. DRYER, OBA #15221
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Legal Notice

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCINTOSH COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES HUGH BISHOP, III,
Deceased.
Case No. PB-2018-31
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
To the Creditors of Charles Hugh Bishop, III, Deceased:
All creditors having claims against Charles Hugh Bishop, III, Deceased, are required to present the same with a description of all security interests and other collateral (if any) held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to Shayla Gayle Bishop-Brown and Shawna Bishop-George, Personal Representatives, at the law offices of Dryer and Associates, PC, 5110 S. Yale Ave., Suite 430, Tulsa, OK 74135 addressed to David M. Dryer, attorney for the Personal Representative, on or before the following presentment date: September 28, 2020, or the same will be forever barred.
DATED this 27 day July, 2020.
/s/ David M. Dryer
David M. Dryer, Attorney for the
Personal Representatives
David M. Dryer (OBA# 015221)
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Legal Notice

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BEFORE THE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA
APPLICANT: BLUE WATER RESOURCES, LLC
RELIEF SOUGHT: LOCATION EXCEPTION
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: SW/4 OF SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 11 NORTH, RANGE 17 EAST, AND ALL OF SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 11 NORTH, RANGE 17 EAST, MCINTOSH COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
CAUSE CD NO. 202001423
NOTICE OF HEARING
THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: all persons, owners, producers, operators, purchasers and takers of oil and gas, and all interested parties, particularly in McIntosh County, Oklahoma.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Applicant requests the Corporation Commission enter an Order, to be effective as of the date of the execution thereof or as of a date prior thereto, authorizing Applicant or some other party recommended by Applicant to drill, complete and produce a well at the off-pattern location described as 200 feet from the north line and 450 feet from the west line of the SW/4 of Section 18, Township 11 North, Range 17 East, McIntosh County, Oklahoma for the Middle Atoka (Gilcrease) common source of supply; and 2,440 feet from the south line and 450 feet from the west line of Section 18, Township 11 North, Range 17 East, McIntosh County, Oklahoma for the Cromwell common source of supply so as to produce hydrocarbons from the Middle Atoka (Gilcrease) common source of supply in the SW/4 of Section 18, so as to produce hydrocarbons from the Cromwell common source of supply in Section 18 without any downward allowable adjustment.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Applicant in this Cause is requesting the following special relief: Applicant may request the Order be effective as of the date of the execution thereof or as of a date prior thereto and designate Applicant or some other party recommended by Applicant to drill, complete and produce the well(s).
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this Cause be set before an Administrative Law Judge for hearing, taking of evidence and reporting to the Commission.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this Cause will be heard before an Administrative Law Judge on the Initial Hearing Docket at the Corporation Commission, 1st Floor, Jim Thorpe Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, at 8:30 a.m., on the 8th day of September, 2020, and that this Notice be published as required by law and by the rules of the Commission.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Applicant and interested parties may present testimony by telephone. The cost of telephonic communication shall be paid by the person or persons requesting its use. Interested parties who wish to participate by telephone shall contact Applicant or Applicant's attorney, prior to the hearing date, and provide their name and phone number.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all interested persons may appear and be heard. For information concerning this action, contact Cassie S. Walker, Arkoma Alliance Natural Gas, LLC, 841 S. Kelly Avenue, Suite 130, Edmond, Oklahoma 73003 (405) 906-2353, or Karl F. Hirsch of the law firm Hirsch, Heath & White, PLLC, Attorney for Applicant, 901 Cedar Lake Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73114, (405) 235-1768.
CORPORATION COMMISSION OF OKLAHOMA
J. TODD HIETT, CHAIRMAN
BOB ANTHONY, VICE CHAIRMAN
DANA L. MURPHY, COMMISSIONER
DONE AND PERFORMED THIS 14TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2019.
BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION
Peggy Mitchell, Commission Secretary

Legal Notice

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BEFORE THE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA
APPLICANT: BLUE WATER RESOURCES, LLC
RELIEF SOUGHT: INCREASED WELL DENSITY
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: SW/4 OF SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 11 NORTH, RANGE 17 EAST, MCINTOSH COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
CAUSE CD NO. 202001422
NOTICE OF HEARING
THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: Carl G. Morrison; Leticia L. Cronin; Cynthia Denise Grogan; Dewey E. Rinehart Jr., possibly one in the same as Dewey Ray Rinehart, Jr.; Estate of Bettie Sue Hays c/o Melvin L. Hayes, Jr.; Estate of Clara B. Davis c/o Charles A. Davis; Estate of Everett C. Arnold c/o Chanthasone Chatt Arnold; Estate of Lindy Arnold c/o Betty Reynolds; Estate of Uldine White c/o Jean Patricia White; GS&T Energy and Exploration LLC; Jimmy Rinehart, possibly one in the same as James Towner Rinehart; Johnny Rinehart; Missouri Kansas & Texas Railway c/o Farmers National Company; Rocky Lee Hopper; Sid Risner; William E. Rinehart; their heirs, devisees, executors, administrators, trustees, successors and assigns and all persons, owners, producers, operators, purchasers and takers of oil and gas, and all interested parties, particularly in McIntosh County, Oklahoma.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Applicant requests the Corporation Commission enter an Order, to be effective as of the date of the execution thereof or as of a date prior thereto, authorizing Applicant or some other party recommended by Applicant to drill, complete and produce one additional well in the SW/4 of Section 18, Township 11 North, Range 17 East, McIntosh County, Oklahoma, so as to produce hydrocarbons from the Middle Atoka (Gilcrease) common source of supply in the 160-acre drilling and spacing unit established therefore and establishing a proper allowable for such wells and unit.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Applicant in this Cause is requesting the following special relief: Applicant may request the Order be effective as of the date of the execution thereof or as of a date prior thereto and designate Applicant or some other party recommended by Applicant to drill, complete and produce the well(s).
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CORPORATION COMMISSION OF OKLAHOMA
J. TODD HIETT, CHAIRMAN
BOB ANTHONY, VICE CHAIRMAN
DANA L. MURPHY, COMMISSIONER
DONE AND PERFORMED THIS 14TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2020.
BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION
Peggy Mitchell, Secretary

Legal Notice

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OKLAHOMA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATES OF LOIS YON and CHARLES C. YON,
Deceased.
Case No. PB-2017-745
NOTICE OF HEARING RETURN OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Gerald E. Kelley, the duly appointed and qualified Personal Representative of the Estates of Lois Yon and Charles C. Yon, Deceased, has returned and presented for confirmation and filed in said Court his Return of Sale of the following described real property, to wit:
Lots Twenty-Nine (29) and Thirty (30, Quail Ridge Acres, being a part of the West half (W/2) of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section 20, Township 10 North, Range 16 East, of the Indian Meridian, McIntosh County, Oklahoma
Setting out the sale price of $12,000.00 cash and the buyer, Kelly Yon and said Return of Sale will be heard on the 9th day of September, 2020, at 9:00 o'clock a.m. in the Courtroom of the undersigned Judge of the District Court, Oklahoma County Courthouse, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, at which time any person interested in said estate may appear and file exceptions in writing to the Return of Sale and contest the same, and is hereby referred to the Return of Sale for further particulars.
S/ Allen Welch
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT
s/ Gerald E. Kelley
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Legal Notice

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF McINTOSH COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES R. WILKINS, SR. s/p/a JAMES R. WILKINS, deceased.
NO. PB-2020-30
AMENDED NOTICE TO CREDITORS
TO THE CREDITORS OF: JAMES R. WILKINS, SR. s/p/a JAMES R. WILKINS
All Creditors having claims against JAMES R. WILKINS, SR. s/p/a JAMES R. WILKINS, Deceased are required to present the same, with a description of all security interests and other collateral (if any) held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to the undersigned named Personal Representative at the law office of Charles M. Laster, 102 East Highland, Shawnee, Oklahoma, 74801, attorney for the Personal Representative on or before the 24th day of August, 2020, or the same will be forever barred.
Dated this 20th day of July, 2020.
/s/ James R. Wilkins, Jr.
JAMES R. WILKINS, JR.,
Personal Representative
CHARLES M. LASTER, OBA #5256
LAWYERS BUILDING
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SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA 74801
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FAX: (405) 273-2398
Attorney for Personal Representative

Legal Notice

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NOTICE OF DEFAULT
Little Turtle RV & Storage
Storage Unit G-2, rented by Heather Pritchard
Delinquent from March 14, 2020
Little Turtle RV and Storage located at 114161 Highway 69, Eufaula, OK 74432 will dispose and/or dispense said property in Storage Unit G-2 to satisfy Lessee's default in payment 15 (fifteen) days from date of this publication. Lessee must pay in full no more than 15 (fifteen) days from the date of this public notice to avoid this action.
Signed
Little Turtle RV & Storage

Legal Notice

Published in the Indian Journal, Thursday, August 20, 27 and September 3, 2020
NOTICE TO SELL COUNTY PROPERTY
(Acquired at Resale)
NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to the receipt of bid, that I, Betty Whisenhunt, County Treasurer of McIntosh County, Oklahoma, will on the 8th day of September, 2020 beginning at 9:00 A.M. at my office in the Courthouse at Eufaula, Oklahoma, sell separately the hereinafter described tracts, parcels, or lots, of land, all situated in McIntosh County, Oklahoma, and heretofore acquired by said County at the resale authorized by 68 O.S. § 3125. Following the description of each property separately offered for sale is the name of the bidder and the amount of the bid, as follows:
Description:
LOT 16 BLK 4 TWIN MTN EST #3 Amount: 550.00
Bidder: JAY WRIGHT
The said properties will be separately sold to the highest competitive bidder, for cash in hand, or to the original bidder at the amount bid if there be no higher price offered, subject to the approval of the Board of County Commissioners.

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
McINTOSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
August 3rd, 2020

The McIntosh County Board of Commissioners met on Monday, August 3rd, 2020, in a regularly scheduled Meeting, at 8:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' meeting room on the first floor. Chairman, Michael Burns; Vice Chairman, Bill Phillips; Member, Tim Pendley; and Susan Whittle, Matt Hackler, Ronda Prince; County Clerk, Betty Whisenhunt, Janelle McKnight, Brendon Bridges, Trina Williams, Star Caudle, Kayla Ridley, and Sherry Burke were all present. Advance notice of the Meeting was posted on the bulletin board next to the Commissioners' room, and also at both the south and east entrances of the Courthouse, on the 30th day of July, 2020.

I. The Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Michael Burns, at 8:00 am.
II. Roll was called with the following responses: Burns, present; Phillips, present; and Pendley, present.
III. Sherry Burke gave update on COVID-19 and there are about 31 new cases from last week in the County.
IV. Reports
a. Emergency Manager, Susan Whittle, nothing to report.
b. 911 Coordinator, Matt Hackler absent Susan Whittle gave report on consoles being installed.
V. Action Items
A. A Motion was made by Pendley and seconded by Phillips to approve deposits. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
B. Donations were stricken
C. A Motion was made by Phillips and seconded by Pendley to approve Minutes of Commissioners' Meeting held on July 27th, 2020. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
D. A Motion was made by Pendley and seconded by Phillips to approve David Turner Resignation to the Fairboard and the appointment of Mandy Blocker to take his place. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
E. A Motion was made by Pendley and seconded by Phillips to approve Cash Fund Estimate of Needs. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
F. A Motion was made by Phillips and seconded by Pendley to approve Monthly Official Reports. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
G. A Motion was made by Phillips and seconded by Pendley to approve Transfer of Appropriations from Shady Grove FD M&O to Shady Grove GD Capitol Outlay in the amount of $10,000.00 to purchase a fire truck. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
H. A Motion was made by Pendley and seconded by Phillips to approve Election Board Reimbursement in the amount of $3,067.76. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
I. A Motion was made by Phillips and seconded by Pendley to approve District Attorney Reimbursement in the amount of $921.59. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
J. A Motion was made by Pendley and seconded by Phillips to approve Request for approval of Allocation of Alcoholic Beverage Tax. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
K. A Motion was made by Pendley and seconded by Phillips to approve Blanket for August for Jail. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
L. Purchase Orders: A Motion was made by Pendley and seconded by Phillips to approve signing of purchase orders to be processed for payment on August 3rd, 2020. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye: 911 Phone 43, COOKS WIRED UP ELECTRIC, 1500.00, building improvements; CBRI 4, VICTOR WATER DEPARTMENT, 222.55, WATER USEAGE; General 328, STANDLEY SYSTEMS, 59.74, COPIER/OVERAGES329, STANDLEY SYSTEMS, 68.31, COPIER/OVERAGES330, US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE, 454.36, COPIER LEASE331, COOKSON HILLS PUBLISHERS INC, 128.16, PUBLICATION332, COOKSON HILLS PUBLISHERS INC, 128.16, PUBLICATION333, BANK OF EUFAULA, 5.00, PROCESS ACH PAYROLL334, CHECOTAH AUTO REPAIR, 309.85, REPAIRS335, EASTERN OK LIBRARY SYSTEM, 9412.72, SALARY336, ACCO-SIG, 153830.00, INSURANCE337, CARROT TOP INDUSTRIES, 357.58, FLAGS338, COUNTY RECORDS INC, 348.00, MAPS339, McINTOSH CO. ELECTION BOARD, 209.00, ELECTION EXPENSE340, GRAND TETON BOTTLING, 10.50, WATER/ GALLON 341, GRAND TETON BOTTLING, 10.00, WATER/ GALLON 342, EUFAULA TRUE VALUE, 44.54, SUPPLIES343, BODY IN MOTION CHIROPRACTIC & REHAB, LLC, 36.75, DRUG TESTING344, CANADIAN VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, CVEC, 151.41, UTILITIES345, COMPSOURCE OKLAHOMA, 1787.33, INSURANCE346, EAST CENTRAL OKLAHOMA APPRAISAL, LLC, 5000.00, BOAT DOCKS347, CVEC, 217.83, UTILITIES348, AT&T (SBC), 186.52, UTILITIES349, LAYMAN'S LAWNCARE & TREE SERVICE, 400.00, LAWN CARE350, LAYMAN'S LAWNCARE & TREE SERVICE, 400.00, LAWN CARE351, EUFAULA TRUE VALUE, 23.96, REPAIR/ BUILDING352, TOTAL ASSESSMENT SOLUTIONS CORP, 6250.00, PAYMENT353, AT&T, 54.05, UTILITIES354, AT&T, 162.75, UTILITIES; Health 18, GRAND TETON BOTTLING, 14.50, WATER/ GALLON 19, PENDLEYS PEST PATROL AND LAWN CARE, 375.00, LAWN CARE20, RED RIVER ROOFING & CONSTRUCTION INC, 5498.00, ROOFING21, STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE, 297.89, TV22, SANOFI PASTEUR INC., 331.61, MEDICAL SUPPLIES23, CITY OF EUFAULA, 86.72, UTILITIES24, AT&T (SBC), 287.25, UTILITIES25, AT&T MOBILITY, 42.11, UTILITIES26, AT&T MOBILITY, 168.81, UTILITIES; Highway 177, B&J OIL CO., INC., 662.10, TRAVEL178, CINTAS, 130.02, UNIFORM CLEANING179, B&J OIL CO., INC., 3412.50, DIESEL180, SOUTER LIMESTONE & MINERALS, LLC, 391.00, Road Material181, SUES RECYCLING & SANITATION, 75.00, TRASH SERVICE182, PETERBILT OF FORT SMITH, LLC, 863.15, PARTS183, EASTERN OK CD2 SIGN SHOP, 135.08, SIGN184, YELLOWHOUSE MACHINERY CO., 161.87, SUPPLIES185, G.W. VAN KEPPEL CO., 36.93, PARTS186, CINTAS, 64.18, UNIFORMS187, SOUTHEASTERN ICE, INC, 61.25, ICE188, CROWL OIL CO., 2310.30, DIESEL189, CANADIAN VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, CVEC, 114.90, UTILITIES190, AT&T (SBC), 264.77, UTILITIES191, VIVIAN WATER DISTRICT #6, 22.27, UTILITIES192, AT&T, 54.06, UTILITIES193, RINKER AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS, 93.40, SUPPLIES194, DEERE CREDIT INC, 955.41, Equipment Payment195, DUB ROSS CO INC, 1376.37, TIN HORNS196, HOPKINS FUEL & PROPANE, 2794.22, FUEL197, WELDON PARTS INC, 174.85, MATERIAL198, PUBLIC SERVICE CO. OF OK., 35.57, UTILITIES199, CVEC, 201.50, UTILITIES200, EAST CENTRAL ELECTRIC, ECE, 21.47, UTILITIES201, MISSION ACRES COUNTRY STORE, 51.80, ICE202, AT&T (SBC), 208.66, UTILITIES; Jail-ST 117, SEQUOYAH ENTERPRISES INC., 156.00, JUVENILE HOUSING; ML Fee 2, GRAND TETON BOTTLING, 10.25, WATER/ GALLON 3, BODY IN MOTION CHIROPRACTIC & REHAB, LLC, 36.75, DRUG TESTING; Mtg Cert 4, GRAND TETON BOTTLING, 5.50, WATER/ GALLON 5, AT&T, 54.07, MONTHLY SERVICE; SH Commissary 2, MILLER OFFICE EQUIPMENT, 60.00, OFFICE SUPPLIES3, GRIMSLEYS INC., 2498.36, JAIL SUPPLIES4, SMITH, MONICA S., 154.10, TRAVEL5, OLIVER, DONNA S., 1590.00, MEDICAL SUPPLIES; SH Svc Fee 26, US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE, 446.08, COPIER LEASE27, DOUGS AUTO REPAIR, 249.14, REPAIRS28, TIRE ONE, 336.00, REPAIR AUTO/SHERIFF29, COMPUTER PROJECTS OF ILLINOIS, INC, 180.00, LICENSE RENEWAL30, KEN'S GARAGE, 375.91, REPAIRS31, BODY IN MOTION CHIROPRACTIC & REHAB, LLC, 36.75, DRUG TESTING32, O REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC., 115.44, PARTS/SHERIFF; Use-ST 4, BANK OF AMERICA, 260.55, WATER HOSES
M. A Motion was made by Phillips and seconded by Pendley to approve Expense Report(s) for FY 2020/2021 dated August 3rd, 2020. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
VI. BOCC Comments or Concerns: None.
VII. A Motion was made by Phillips and seconded by Pendley to adjourn Meeting. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.

Signed this 10th day of August, 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Michael Burns, Chairman
Bill Phillips, Vice Chairman
Tim Pendley, Member
ATTEST: Ronda Prince by BR
Ronda Prince, County Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICES

The apportioned cost of advertisement and other expense incident to said sale shall be paid by the purchaser, in addition to the amount bid upon said properties.

Witness my hand this 10TH day of AUGUST, 2020.

Betty Whisenhunt
County Treasurer

Legal Notice

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

CJ-2019-96

Notice is given that on the 15th day of September, 2020, at 10:00 am., at the first floor of the County Courthouse, in the City of Eufaula, McIntosh County, Oklahoma, the Sheriff of said County will offer for sale and sell, with appraisement, for cash, at public auction, to the highest and best bidder, all that certain real estate in McIntosh County, Oklahoma, to-wit:

Lots Two (2) and Three (3), Block Forty-five (45), Oakwood Harbor #5, according to the recorded plat thereof, McIntosh County, State of Oklahoma, Including any residential dwelling located thereon, which dwelling is or may be a manufactured home described as 1999 Clayton ID #CW2005121TXAB;

subject to unpaid taxes, advancements by Plaintiff for taxes, insurance premiums, and expenses necessary for the preservation of the subject property, if any, said property having been duly appraised at $25,000.00. Sale will be made pursuant to a Special Execution And Order Of Sale issued in accordance with judgment entered in the District Court of McIntosh County, Oklahoma, in Case No. CJ-2019-96, entitled Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB d/b/a Christiana Trust, not in its individual capacity but solely in its capacity as Certificate Trustee for NNPL Trust Series 2012-1, Plaintiff, vs. Rebecca Platt, AKA Jane Platt, AKA Rebecca Jane Platt and Spouse of Rebecca Platt, if married, being all of the Defendants and persons holding or claiming any interest or lien in the subject property.

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The Modoc Nation



They called it the "Indian problem." The white settlers wanted more land, and the tribes held rich acreages. Removing tribes from the Southeast was more than just an idea by the time Andrew Jackson was elected president in 1828.

The Indian Removal Act was among his defining pieces of legislation. Jackson argued that moving tribes west of the Mississippi River would guarantee their survival. Instead it launched an era of genocide.

Thousands died during the forced marches to land designated as Indian Territory. For members of the 39 tribes in Oklahoma, the removal stories have not been forgotten. Neither has the Dawes Severalty Act of 1887, intended to assimilate Native Americans into white society by stripping them of their cultural and social traditions. The ramifications persist today.

Thie University of Oklahoma's Gaylord News project has written a series of stories about this issue entitled Exiled to Indian Country. The series details the stories of how each of the state's 39 tribes wound up in Oklahoma.



MODOC NATION | COURTESY

Captain Jack, leader of the Modoc tribe, was born in 1837 near Tule Lake, Calif. His name in the Modoc language means "Strike the Water Brashly."

JIM NORTH
GAYLORD NEWS

The Modoc are few in numbers but not in might.

Well into the 19th century, home for the Modoc meant 5,000 square miles of northern California and southern Oregon in the vicinity of Tule Lake, between the Cascade and Sierra Mountain ranges.

Patricia Scruggs Trolinger was the Modoc tribal historian from 1978-2003. She described the first California governor, Peter Burnett, calling for a "War of Extermination" in 1850 against the Modoc. He earmarked $500,000 from the legislature as reward money for each member killed.

Jack Shadwick, ambassador of the Modoc Nation, said scalps paid a commission of $25 to $50 each.

"The U.S. Congress… gave money to California to assist in the settlement and resolving these issues, which included killing Indians and a bounty on each one of their scalps they brought back."

In 1852, Benjamin Wright, a gold-mining settler from Indiana, capitalized by rounding up volunteers from Yreka, Calif., and meeting with the Modocs under a presumed white flag of peace. Rather, this became known as the Ben Wright Massacre. Thirty members of the tribe were slain. In fact, Wright killed 170 Modoc people in one year alone, Trolinger said. Consequently, a white flag to Modocs didn't necessarily equal peace.

"Ben and his group went out and didn't care if they were men, women, Indian children, or what Indian tribe," Shadwick said.

The Oregon Trail passed through Modoc lands. The push west with the 1849 Gold Rush and construction of the transcontinental railroad produced immediate conflicts, resulting in the eventual Treaty of Council Grove in 1864. This called for government removal of the Modoc people to the Klamath reservation in Oregon.

The 1864 removal act was not ratified or signed by President Ulysses S. Grant until 1870. Shadwick explains the complication of moving in advance.

"So, you move the people, but the treaty isn't ratified. So, you don't really have any rights anymore. You've given up these rights and you've moved, but you don't have the resources that follow that commitment. They were stuck there in Oregon, I guess you might say, and took the bullying [by the larger Klamath tribe] and the lack of the food supplies and the other necessities that were promised. When you lacked these for two years, it was time to move on to try something else, and so they did."

Kintpuash, also known as Captain Jack, led about one-third of the tribe, 53 warriors and 150 people, back to northern California where they reestablished a new village at Lost River.

"They left [the reservation] believing the treaty had been broken or at least the U.S. government hadn't lived up to the treaty commitments. About two-thirds or more stayed at Klamath," Shadwick said.

Upon ratification, the government pressed for a Modoc return to the Klamath reservation, "to bring them back and if necessary, by force," Shadwick said. The Battle of Lost River ensued in November 1872, launching the Modoc War, also known as the Lava Beds War.

By April of 1873, led by Gen. Edward Canby, the U.S. army met with Captain Jack and his warriors under another "white flag of peace." During the peace negotiation with Canby, "The [Modoc] party had actually put up a flag upside down, which was one of distress," Shadwick said. Captain Jack reiterated his request for a reservation on Modoc lands, which was rejected.

A journalist in November of 1873 described more taking place behind the scenes:

"At the very time Canby was negotiating a flag of truce, he was actually bringing his men into position, violating one of the best-known rules of honorable warfare, that pushing military options under a flag of truce should not happen."

Captain Jack fired a shot, killing Canby, the only American general killed in an Indian war. The Lava Beds War continued, costing the U.S. more than $1 million by its conclusion. Fifty-three Modoc warriors withstood more than 1,000 of the U.S. Army for seven months, losing only six men. The caverns, natural trenches and high grounds of the Lava Beds proved a strategic stronghold for the Modoc.

In response to the outbreak, Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman called for the murder of "every Modoc man, woman, boy and girl, until they ceased to exist," Trolinger said.

"Everything we have [historical records] says, yes, he made that statement," Shadwick said.

Eventually, the U.S. Army cut off the water supply and flushed out the warriors from their hiding places. Captain Jack and his men surrendered due to lack of ammunition and food by June of 1873. He and five leaders were tried by military tribunal. Gallows and scaffolding were constructed in advance for the six, foreshadowing the inevitable—guilty of war crimes. Captain Jack, Schonchin John, Black Jim and Boston Charley were hanged. The Bancho and Sioux sentences were commuted to imprisonment on Alcatraz Island. Shadwick said the heads of the hanged were shipped to the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C.

One hundred sixty-three prisoners-of-war began the Modoc Nation in Oklahoma. They were loaded onto the "Iron Horse" in Redding, California. Shadwick describes them as being shipped like freight, many shackled to the floor, in box cars of the train. They weren't told their ultimate destination for fear of revolt. They stopped in Wyoming, then northern Kansas, then Baxter Springs in southeast Kansas. The prisoners arrived cold, hungry and destitute in northeastern Oklahoma by wagon in November of 1873 to live under the governmental Quapaw Agency.

"The Quapaw reservation had been proposed for funding to provide shelter and food, but it didn't exist. It wasn't there," Shadwick said. After two forced removals, even poorer conditions were the result.

The same journalist concluded the following in his November 1873 piece:

"An Indian knows how to die. He fights for his freedom and his home while there is the slightest hope, then he gives up and awaits the action of his executioner. There are those who regard the Indian as being all bad, without redeeming qualities. We judge them differently and believe that proper or fair treatment would secure the same from them. At any rate, the Indian is human. God made him and he once had rights in this country. How happens that he has lost them? Will our boasted civilization please answer this?"

The Modoc people survived against incredible odds, Shadwick said.

"I think in some ways they were probably a very gentle tribe but once they were pushed, like many of us, past the breaking point, then they did whatever they felt like they should do in order to survive at all."

Today, the Modoc Nation has 300 members, with more than 100 in Oklahoma. Their sense of connection spans the miles to Oregon and 20 other states. The offices of Chief Bill Follis are located in Miami, where he oversees strategic revitalization efforts of language, culture and economic growth..

Jim North is a reporter with Gaylord News, a reporting project at the University of Oklahoma Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication.



JIM NORTH, GAYLORD NEWS | COURTESY

Rosie Jack, daughter of Captain Jack, was the first prisoner-of-war buried at the Modoc tribal cemetery in northeastern Oklahoma—age 7.

Court Report

McIntosh County District Court Report

Felony Cases

Gillian Lowe: actual physical control of vehicle under the influence; transporting open container of alcohol; driving without a valid drivers license

Joshua Ryan Martin: bail jumping

Bradley Joseph Mattioda: second degree burglary

Drew L. McKeefer: second degree burglary

Tanna Jean Nelson: child neglect

Michael Dean Thompson: failure to comply with sex offender registration

Misdemeanor Cases

Yvette Applegarth: driving MV under influence of alcohol

Christopher James Bullard: domestic abuse - assault and battery

Mindy Jean Butzbach: domestic abuse – assault and battery

Cody Joe Carey: public intoxication

Curtis Allen Cody: driving without a valid drivers license; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; transporting open container of alcohol; failure to carry insurance/security verification; public intoxication

Breanna Jane Gardner: driving with license cancelled/suspended/revoked

Melvin Leon Hays Jr.: trespassing after being forbidden

Jimmy O'Brian Mitchell: obstructing officer

Rickey Earl Pearson Jr.: driving with license cancelled/suspended/revoked

Kevon Daniel Woodall: possession of CDS; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia

Jacob Patrick Wylie: domestic violence – assault and battery

Civil Cases in excess of $10,000

Corey Hart vs. Sheri Lynn Wiggins, et al

Leira Bowerman vs. State of Oklahoma, ex rel., et al

Kyle Wood vs. Cody Honel, et al

Elizabeth Williams vs. Robert Madden, et al

Civil Cases less than $10,000

Cavalry SPV I LLC vs. Garard Davis, et al

Onemain Financial Group vs. Michael Conner, et al

Small Claims

Bryce McKinney vs. Terra Francis, et al

Randy Wayne Lillegaard vs. James Bruner

Eufaula Village Apts. vs. Danny G. Catlett, et al

Charles Rea vs. Checotah Quick Lube and Tire

Peoples National Bank vs. Clark Davis, et al

Peoples National Bank vs. Clark Nolan Davis II, et al

Oakwood Harbor vs. Amy Ellington

Oakwood Harbor vs. Roland Evans, et al

Oakwood Harbor vs. Shadi Seyed Fallah, et al

Oakwood Harbor vs. Wayne Fischer, et al

Oakwood Harbor vs. J.B. Hardgraves, et al

Herndon Joseph vs. Mike Howard, et al

Oakwood Harbor vs. W.M. Smith, et al

Peoples National Bank vs. Dustin Logan, et al

Oakwood Harbor vs. John Michael Loper, et al

Autumn Melody Sinor vs. Anita Jean Neilson, et al

Oakwood Harbor vs. Dean L. Shawn, et al

Traffic Cases

Lindsey Rae Brashear: speeding

Michelle Renee Carter: driver not wearing seatbelt

Brandy Lyne Crall: speeding

Reagan Cotter Dickens: passing in no passing zone

Tyler Flud: speeding

Dustin Wayne Gatwood: driving under suspension, first offense; speeding

Troy A. Hamilton: driver not wearing seatbelt

Damon Ray Hargrove: speeding

Wayne L. Phillipi: following too closely

Charles Robert Puckett: speeding

Jirous Radko: left of center

Protective Orders

Sheri Ballard vs. Jennifer Hamilton

Brenda Kay Rowell vs. Trena Lorraine Dunn

Jennifer Dawn Wylie vs. Jacob Patrick Wylie

Marriage licenses filed

Cody Donald Smith and Morgan Alayne Bateman

Divorces filed

Shannon Lynn Kinsey vs. Terry Lyn Kinsey

Angela Marie Lees vs. Brian Duwayne Lees

Colton Bailey Martin vs. Brittany Martin

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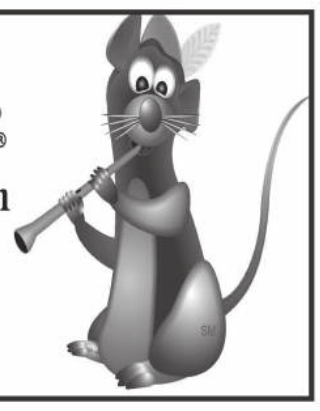
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