

Vian to hold Downtown in December event

Stipends and holiday bonuses also approved

AMIE REMER
EDITOR

The Vian Board of Trustees met last Monday evening for their monthly meeting where they unanimously approved to hold the Downtown in December event on Thursday, Dec. 10.

Justus Christie with Vian Youth Baseball Inc. presented an overview of

the summer youth league season and financials in accordance with the ground lease agreement, but the board voted to take no action on the item.

Stipends were reportedly approved for the town and public works authority, along with Christmas bonuses for

See VIAN, page 3

Gore Trustee charged with DUI

Stopped just after leaving monthly meeting

AMIE REMER
EDITOR

A Gore trustee has been charged in Sequoyah County District Court with criminal misdemeanor counts of driving under the influence of drugs and failure to obey traffic control device after he was allegedly found to be driving under the influence of an intoxicating substance after running a stop sign.

Ryan Callison, 46, of Gore, was formally charged on Oct. 13 and appeared for an Oct. 21 arraignment before Associate District Judge Kyle Waters. He received a \$3,000 bond and is now scheduled to appear at 9 a.m. on Dec. 4 before Special Judge Matt Orendorff.

According to Town of Gore meeting minutes,

See TRUSTEE, page 3

Town of Gore approves pay for extra duties

Agree to purchase new van for Senior Nutrition Center

AMIE REMER
EDITOR

The Gore Board of Trustees met on Oct. 13 for their monthly meeting where they approved a \$500 monthly pay increase for two current employees for extra duties and purchasing a new van for the nutrition center.

After executive ses-



Blu Cloud is shown with his training partner, the family's 4-year-old dog, Uli. CRYSTAL CLOUD | COURTESY

Run 100 Miles in his shoes

Cloud crushes the Pumpkin Holler Hunnerd in epic challenge

A Vian man pushed his limits in an epic challenge recently, running 100 miles in less than a 26-hour period.

Blu Cloud, who turned 40-years-old last month, has lived in Vian his entire life and said running is a big part of who he is. He said he signed up for the Pumpkin Holler Hunnerd at Eagle Bluff Resort in Tahlequah, which was held on Oct. 17 and 18, 'just because.'

A lineman for Cookson Hills Electric for the past 10 years, Cloud often runs at the Sequoyah National Wildlife Refuge, Vian City Lake and the Cookson Refuge with his family's 4-year-old dog, Uli.

Cloud's wife, Crystal Cloud, said Cloud's love of running is a family affair and she believes her husband runs for the love of what he gains from it.

"I think it's the physical and mental challenge of not giving up when things get tough," Crystal said. "Mental toughness is a phrase Blu often uses, and he uses it in everyday life with family, work and just living. I'd say running has taught him to dig in, hold on and keep moving forward."

Employed as a nurse, Crystal said she makes sure her husband is healthy, eats good meals and takes the supplements he needs. She also said she provides words of encouragement

See 100 MILES, page 3



AT RIGHT: Gray Cloud goes over the finish line with his dad, Blu Cloud.

Trick-or-Treat

Gore

The Town of Gore will hold traditional trick-or-treating on Oct. 31. The police and fire departments will be handing out candy from 5 to 9 p.m.

Vian

The Town of Vian will hold traditional trick-or-treating on Oct. 31 and local business owners downtown will be handing out candy from their businesses beginning at 5 p.m. Mayor Dennis Fletcher said the police and fire departments would be handing out candy as well. The Vian Peace Center will also have drive-thru trick-or-treating at the center.

We Asked Kids...

AMIE REMER



Gracie Hull
Age 10, Webbers Falls

Why do you like being a kid? *Because you can do some things that adults can't.*

What advice would you give your parents? *Always stay positive.*

What do you think you will be doing 10 years from now? *Going to college to be a doctor, vet or teacher.*

See TOWN, page 3

"We Asked Kids" Needs Kids!

We are needing kids for our "We Ask Kids" interviews, so we're asking our readers to submit their children and grandchildren to be featured! You can leave us a message on our Facebook page, visit viannews.com, or email us at news@bigbasinllc.com for questions. Then we ask that you send the answers back, along with a photo of the child. For more information, call 918-773-8000.

VOTE
BEAU BURLISON
SEQUOYAH COUNTY COMMISSIONER
DISTRICT 2

PAID FOR BY BEAU BURLISON FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

VOTE BEAU BURLISON ON NOV. 3rd

- Leadership
- Respect
- Fair Representation for ALL of District 2

Obituaries

Elizabeth 'Babydoll' Gutierrez

Dec. 19, 1946 - Oct. 22, 2020

Vian - Graveside service for Elizabeth "Babydoll" Gutierrez, 73, of Vian, will be held at 10 a.m., Thurs., Oct. 29, 2020, at McCoy Evening Shade Cemetery in Vian under the direction of Agent Mallory Martin Funeral Service, Inc.



Mrs. Gutierrez was born on Dec. 19, 1946, in Claremore to Jess Morris and Josie Dirtseller Morris and passed away on Thur., Oct. 22, 2020, in Sallisaw. She was a CNA for Vian Nursing Home.

Survivors include her companion, Herbert St. John of the home; two daughters, Angie Cheater and Jerry of Marble City, and Josie Gutierrez and Clyde Brown of Sallisaw; 11 grandchildren; one sister, Okla Cheater of Park Hill; one brother, Pat Morris and Mary of Vian; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; four brothers, Joe Morris, Riley Morris, Jess Morris and Martin Morris; one sister, Anna Johns; and two sons, Jenson Morris and Ruben Gutierrez.

Pallbearers will be Ryan Hooper, John Jumper, John Ritter, Marc Girdner, Jimmy Tabor and Clyde Brown.

Honorary pallbearers will be Brian Gutierrez, Jerry Cheater and Marc Girdner, Jr.

Leon Rosin

Nov. 27, 1947 - Oct. 22, 2020

Sallisaw - Services for Leon Rosin, 72, of Sallisaw, were held at 2 p.m., Tues., Oct. 27, 2020, at Agent Mallory Martin Chapel in Sallisaw. Burial followed at South Bunch Cemetery in Bunch under the direction of Agent Mallory Martin Funeral Service, Inc.



Mr. Rosin was born on Nov. 27, 1947, in Bunch to Carl Rosin and Sally Comingdeer Johnson and passed away on

Thur., Oct. 22, 2020, in Sallisaw. He married Wanda Faye Pritchett Rosin on Nov. 23, 1967, in Marble City and she preceded him in death on April 24, 2010. He was a concrete finisher and attended Pine Tree Baptist Church.

Survivors include three daughters, Merianda Harwell of Claremore, Adriana Rosin of Sallisaw, and Crystal Rosin of Muldrow; two sons, Rodney Pritchett of Van Buren, Ark. and Aaron Rosin of Sallisaw; 11 grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; one sister, Oleta Pritchett; six brothers, James Baldrige, Parker Johnson, Eddie Rosin, Carl Rosin, Johnny Rosin and Dewayne Rosin; and other relatives and friends.

He was also preceded in death by one daughter, Lawanda Rosin; one son, Brandon Rosin; his parents; one sister, Annie Johnson; and a brother-in-law, Larry Pritchett.

Pallbearers were Tristin Gomez, Ethan Lindsey, Trenton Gomez, Daron Rosin, Jastin Lindsey and Edgar Ramero.

Honorary pallbearers were Aaron Rosin, J.T. Pritchett, Ryan Harwell and Bradley Johnson.

Car Show, Burn Out and Cruise Night set for Nov. 7

Details, info released for Vian's 3rd annual Burnin' Down Main Street

AMIE REMER
EDITOR

B&B Auto and Vian Wheel and Tire, in conjunction with Vian's police and fire departments will host the town's 3rd annual Burnin' Down Main Street on Saturday, Nov. 7 in the downtown area of Anna Bell Farmer Park on Main Street.

Registration starts at 12 noon and registration is \$15 per vehicle for the Car Show. The awards will be given out at 2 p.m. for Best Truck, Best Modern and Best Classic vehicle with the Burnout starting at 4 p.m. and the Cruise following at dusk.

Cash payouts will be awarded to Best in Show, Council's Choice, People's Choice, and the Top 4 Burnouts. First place will receive \$1,100; second, \$300; third, \$200; and fourth, \$100.

Organizers said the event is subject to change due to COVID-19.

This year's sponsors include: Armer Consulting, B&B Ranch, Browns Concrete & Construction, Bubba's Dairy Bar, Bumper to Bumper C&C Auto, Camille's Kidz, Casey Farm, Choctaw Stone Works, Cherokee Tribal Councilor E.O. Smith, Jr., Ford Land & Cattle, Green Med Dispensary, H&H Farms, Holt Construction, Hometown Oklahoma Development, Iron Post Smoke Shop, JJ's Construction, Mitchell's Busted Knuckle Body Shop, Simple Simon's Pizza, Simon's Home Center, Sweet Nana's, Tenkiller Family Chiropractic, Thad Moody Bail Bonds, The Nutrition Den, The Wine Shoppe, Tyler's Heating and Air, US Lime, VFW Post 4518, Vian Eye Clinic, Vian Pharmacy, Vian Tag Agency, Waylon's Body Shop, and Wolverine Den of Kids.

Susan Gail Trotter Hall

Dec. 25, 1967 - Oct. 15, 2020

Sallisaw - Graveside services for Susan Gail Trotter Hall, 52, of Sallisaw, were held at 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 26, 2020, at Belfonte Cemetery in Muldrow under the direction of Agent & Mallory-Martin Funeral Home.



Mrs. Hall was born on Dec. 25, 1967, in Fort Smith, Ark., to Earl Trotter and Mary (Wooten) Trotter. She died on Thursday, Oct. 15, 2020, in Sallisaw.

She was a homemaker.

She married Jerry Hall on Feb. 26, 2013, in Van Buren, Ark.

Survivors include her husband, Jerry of the home; two daughters, Shawna Williams of Greenwood, Ark., and Candace O'Neal of Roland; two sons, Dalton Young and Dylan Young both of Van Buren; three sisters, Kim Taulbee and Sandra Hartgraves both of Fort Smith, and Cathy Vaughn; one brother, Brian Johnston of Barling, Ark.; three grandchildren; and other family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Katherine Lorine Greenfield Lockhart

Nov. 20, 1927 - Oct. 20, 2020

Sallisaw - Graveside services for Katherine Lorine Greenfield Lockhart, 92, of Sallisaw were held at 10 a.m. on Sat., Oct. 24, 2020, at McCoy Ford Cemetery in Sallisaw under the direction of Agent Mallory Martin Funeral Service, Inc.



Mrs. Lockhart was born on Nov. 20, 1927, in Sallisaw to Henry Greenfield and Amelia (Jordan) Greenfield and passed away on Tues., Oct. 20,

2020, in Sallisaw. She married Dave Edward Lockhart on March 23, 1948, in Crawford County, Ark and he preceded her in death on March 4, 1999.

She was a homemaker. In her younger years she was a dump truck driver and was a certified home health provider.

Survivors include two sons, Bill Lockhart of Muldrow and David Lockhart of Sallisaw; three daughters, Kathleen Parker of the home, Donna McDannald of Reno, Nev. and Caro Wooten of Sallisaw; several grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; and numerous other nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Delbert, Edgar and Bill Greenfield; and two sisters, Geneva Sutton and Dolly Timmerman; and one son-in-law, George Sanders.

Pallbearers were her grandchildren, Billy Lockhart, Bruce Lockhart, Jennifer Sanders, Gena Caviness, Eddy Lockhart, Bryan Lawson, Joe Barnes, Charlie Barnes, Erik Lockhart and Mitchell Lockhart.

Matilda Juanita Rivera

June 21, 1955 - Oct. 19, 2020

Sallisaw - Memorial services for Matilda Juanita Rivera, 65, of Sallisaw, were held at 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23, 2020, at the Agent & Mallory-Martin Chapel in Sallisaw under the direction of Agent & Mallory-Martin Funeral Home.



Mrs. Rivera was born on June 21, 1955, in Tahlequah to Clyde Maynard and Maxine (Buzard) Maynard. She died on Monday, Oct. 19, 2020, in Sallisaw.

She worked as a general laborer.

Survivors include three daughters, Kim Cochran of Vian, Gina and Shawn Taylor of Van Buren, Ark., and Arianna Rosin of Tahlequah; three sisters, Sue Gladden and Margarita Coday both of Sallisaw and Christine Gibson of Marble City; two brothers, Rex Taylor of Alma, Ark., and Tommy Taylor of Muldrow; two grandchildren; her companion, David Sells of Marble City; and other family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Teri Lynn Urban; one sister, Lela Umerteske; and one brother, Samuel Taylor.

God's Blessings Clothes Closet now has coats

Ruby Pigeon with God's Blessings Clothes Closet in Vian said the clothes closet now has coats available for those in need.

"We have coats from kids size to adults," Pi-

geon said. "We just ask that you call and make an appointment first and wear a mask when you come in."

Pigeon or her husband Raymond can be reached by calling 918-705-1251.

Ruby Lee Steward Taylor

Sept. 22, 1925 - Oct. 11, 2020

Vian - Graveside services for Ruby Lee Steward Taylor, 95, of Vian were held at 11 a.m. on Sat., Oct. 17, 2020, at Beal Cemetery in Alma, Ark. with Pastors Jamie Jones, Mack Jackson and Fred Wright officiating.



Mrs. Taylor was born on Sept. 22, 1925, in Paris, Ark. to James and Ethel Steward and passed away on Sun., Oct. 11,

2020, in Vian. She married Lige Taylor, Sr. in 1943. She devoted her life to loving and caring for her children, and was gifted in making beautiful quilts and house shoes for her family.

Survivors include two daughters, Wanda Taylor of Vian, and Marilyn and Stephen Taylor of Fort Smith, Ark.; two sons, L.G. and Donna Taylor of Fort Smith, and Donald and LaTysha Taylor of Houston, Tex.; one brother, Troy Carson of Kansas City; one sister, Bonnie Carson of Kansas City; 24 grandchildren; 25 great grandchildren; five great-great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three siblings, Effie Upton, Curtis Steward and Matthew Steward; six children, Muzola Taylor, Effie Benton, Shirley Hinkle, Sandra Taylor, Matthew Taylor, and Lige Taylor, Jr; and a granddaughter, Letitia Roxann Blocker.

Pallbearers were Stanely Releford, Brad Releford, Galen Taylor, Ryan Taylor, Kevon Ingram and Donta Taylor.

Honorary pallbearers were Desmond Henry, L.G. Taylor, Jerrell Taylor, Brashawn Benton, Abby Glass, Trevon Alexander, Donjay Taylor, Ray Thompson and Donald Taylor.

Arrangements were under the direction of Forever Memories Funeral Services, Sallisaw.

Barney Girdner, Jr.

April 26, 1937 - Oct. 17, 2020

Sallisaw - Graveside service for Barney Girdner, Jr., 83, of Sallisaw were held at 11 a.m., Wed., Oct. 21, 2020, at Sallisaw Cemetery under the direction of Forever Memories Funeral Services, Sallisaw. Military Honors were presented by the Fort Sill Honor Team, Lawton.



Mr. Girdner was born on April 26, 1937, in Lyon Switch to Barney Girdner, Sr. and Dora Maloy Girdner and passed away on Sun., Oct. 17, 2020, in Sallisaw.

He joined the Army National Guard at age 17 and married Betty Jean Cook on Oct. 30, 1955. He served in the U.S. Army, was a retired Green Beret, State Trooper, rancher, self-made businessman, and a Freemason.

He was a Vietnam Veteran and received two Purple Hearts, a Bronze Star with Valor, Air Medal, Combat Infantry Medal, and a Thai Parachute Medal. After the military he was the Commander of the Oklahoma Disabled American Veterans.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Girdner; four children, John Girdner, Dana Stites and husband Greg, Barney Dale Girdner, III and wife Sandy, and Donna Girdner; five grandchildren; two sisters, Jesse Curtis and Iva Munes; 12 great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and two sisters, Joy Brian Neal and Ruthann Hembree.

Pallbearers were Greg Stites, James McInerney, Chris Orendorff, William Carter Orendorff, Sheldon Girdner, Hayden Girdner, John Paul Girdner and Ethan Girdner.

check out viannews.com or visit us on facebook



(USPS No. 0003508)

ESTABLISHED AUGUST 20, 1987
Published weekly at

603 West Schley - Hwy 64 West - Vian, OK 74962
Office Hours: 9am to 4pm, Monday through Friday
PH: 918.773.8000 Fax: 918.773.8745
e-mail: news@bigbasinllc.com

THE VIAN TENKILLER NEWS

an independent weekly community newspaper published by
Cookson Hills Publishers, Inc.

Copyright 2020 Cookson Hills Publishers Inc. - All rights reserved

Amie Remer
Editor

Jeff Mayo
Publisher

Gina Cato
Graphic Design

Lea Lessley
Sports Editor

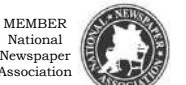
Beth Mayo
Business Manager

Jessica Davis
Office Manager

Annual Subscription Rate
\$22 in Sequoyah County • \$33 outside Sequoyah County



Periodical Postage Paid
at Vian, OK 74962
Periodicals Permit Issued
Under USPS 0003508



POSTMASTER: Send Address Changes to...
VIAN Tenkiller NEWS, 111 N. Oak, Sallisaw, OK 74955

Area News

Cherokee Nation becomes host for COVID response program

Cherokee Nation Health Services has been selected as a host site for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Public Health Association Program to assist with the COVID-19 response.

The Public Health Associate Program is a competitive, two-year, paid training program that allows associates to gain hands-on experience to serve as their foundation for a successful public health career.

This Cherokee Nation Health Service partnership with the CDC also benefits the health system by funding well-rounded assignees who bring valuable skills and insight to the organization.

Cherokee Nation Health Services welcomed Alfred Koroma as the CDC's associate on Oct. 13.

"Early into the pan-

demic, we engaged with the CDC to help develop our response. Cherokee Nation Public Health has a history of working with the CDC and our senior director of Public Health, Lisa Pivec, serves on the CDC's Tribal Advisory Committee, as an alternate to Deputy Chief Bryan Warner," said Brian Hail, CNHS deputy executive director of external operations.

"When we learned of the Public Health Associate Program via the National Indian Health Board's Tribal Resource newsletter, we submitted an application to serve as a host site. Having Mr. Koroma join our team brings an additional public health resource to Cherokee Nation while helping to develop professional ties between the CDC and our tribe."

Prior to his assign-

ment, Koroma served as lead support professional at the Jewish Foundation for Group Homes in Maryland.

He also interned with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services while completing his Master of Public Health degree.

Throughout his career, Koroma has gained experience in emergency management, health care service and public health.

"I am looking forward to working with Cherokee Nation Health Services professionals on the COVID-19 response," said Koroma. "I am excited to join the team in achieving their vision, while also gaining hands-on experience in the field of public health."

Koroma will initially work specifically with the tribe's COVID-19 contact tracing efforts.

Health Department offering flu vaccinations on Fridays

The Sequoyah County Health Department is offering free drive-thru flu vaccinations throughout the month of October, county health officials announced.

Jennifer Wiley, administrative official for the department, said flu vaccinations will be administered from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each Friday in October.

"Although the vaccinations are free, anyone who has insurance will be billed for the service to their insurance company but the vaccine is free even if a person has no insurance," Wiley said.

"We're pushing for everyone who is qualified to get the vaccine. Some may not be able to take it due to health reasons but everyone who can needs to get it," she said.

Local county health departments and other health care providers in Oklahoma began offering seasonal flu vaccinations on Oct. 1. Almost everyone 6 months of age and older should get a flu vaccine every year. It is an effective way to prevent flu illness and another great tool for mitigating the impacts of COVID-19, a health official said.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends a flu vaccine by the end of October, before flu begins spreading in the community. The flu vaccine can keep a person from getting the flu and make the illness less severe if a person gets it.

CDC has worked with vaccine manufacturers to have extra flu vaccine available this flu season, and Oklahoma will distribute 400,000 flu vaccine doses to ensure availability of an affordable or free flu shot this year.

During the last flu season, 3,580 Oklahoma residents were hospitalized because of flu-related illnesses including 383 children under age four and 85 Oklahomans died, including three children un-

der age 17, health officials reported.

"While flu vaccines will not prevent COVID-19, they will reduce the burden of flu illnesses, hospitalizations and deaths on the health care system and conserve scarce medical resources for the care of people with COVID-19.

"It is critically important this year that every Oklahoman who can get the flu shot does so right away," said Health Commissioner Lance Frye, MD. "This is a great method of preventing the spread of influenza in our communities, and I urge Oklahomans to take this proactive step."

Children through age 18 years are eligible to receive vaccines at no charge through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program if any of the following apply: they are Medicaid eligible, uninsured, Native American Indian, Native Alaskan, or their insurance policy does not cover vaccines. Free flu shots are available at health care providers enrolled in the VFC program, including all local county health departments and community health centers (CHC).

Uninsured adults may be able to get a flu shot at no out-of-pocket cost at most local county health departments and CHC across Oklahoma.

Insured adults and children are able to get a flu shot for free at their health care provider or at a local pharmacy. Coverage can vary among different insurance plans.

There are many places to get a flu shot, including from county health departments, doctor's office, clinics, pharmacies, retail and grocery stores, community health centers, and workplace.

Where people get their flu shot this year may need to change due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Many places follow strict guidelines to create a safe environment for the community. It is easy to find

a flu vaccine available at different providers at VaccineFinder.org.

The best way to prevent flu is to get vaccinated this fall. In addition to getting a flu shot, the Oklahoma State Department of Health reminds the community to follow these prevention tips:

-Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

-Outside your home, put 6 feet of distance between yourself and people who don't live in your household.

-Everyone should wear a mask in public settings and when around people who don't live in your household, especially when other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain.

-Stay home from work, school, and other public places if you are ill. Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

-Make "respiratory hygiene" a habit, including use of tissues to cover coughs and sneezes, then disposing of them and washing hands at once. When tissues are not readily available, use your sleeve, never your hands.

-Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily.

-Be alert for symptoms. Watch for fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of respiratory illness and take your temperature if symptoms develop. Call your health care provider for advice if you are experiencing symptoms.

For more information about flu vaccinations, call the Sequoyah County Health Department at 918-775-6201 or call the state health department at 405-271-7200 or visit fightflu.health.ok.gov.

VIAN

from page 1

eligible members of the Vian Volunteer Fire Department.

During the public

works authority meeting, the trustees went into about a 30-minute executive session where they voted to take no action regarding Town of Vian vs. Sequoyah County Water Association, Case No.

CV-2017-00153.

The Vian Board of Trustees meets the third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers, which are located inside the Vian Police Department.

TRUSTEE

from page 1

their monthly meeting, which was held on Oct. 13 and began at 6 p.m. was reportedly attended by Callison but he arrived late at 6:21 p.m.

The meeting reportedly adjourned at 8:24 p.m., according to the meeting minutes.

Gore Police Officer Clint Powell reported on Oct. 13 at 8:51 p.m. he was observing traffic on Main Street when he saw a black Ford F-450 truck fail to stop at a stop sign on 8th Street, leading onto Main Street.

After doing so, the driver of the truck then reportedly pulled in front of an oncoming vehicle, which caused the driver of the vehicle to brake abruptly to keep from hitting the Ford.

"I then pulled onto Main Street and began

following the Ford as it traveled northbound," Powell reported. "While I was behind the vehicle it was weaving in its lane and crossed the center line three times, and the fog line once."

Powell activated his emergency lights and made contact with the driver, Callison, and requested his drivers license, insurance and registration.

The officer noted in the affidavit that while retrieving his drivers license, Callison had a difficult time getting his license out of his wallet. When he handed the officer his other information, he reportedly dropped a piece of paper and Powell told him he could get out of the truck to pick it up.

"When Callison stepped out of the truck he seemed unsteady on his feet and was using the truck for balance," Powell

reported.

The officer said Callison was then asked to stand in front of his patrol unit where he reportedly used the bumper for support to stand.

During the officer's battery of tests, he reported Callison was unsteady on his feet, indecisive and couldn't follow instructions.

During that test Powell observed four clues, six on the walk and turn and three on the one-leg stand, according to the probable cause affidavit.

If found guilty of driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of drugs, District Attorney Jack Thorp said the crime is punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 and imprisonment for 10 days to 1 year.

The NEWS reached out for a statement from the Town of Gore but they did not respond as of press time.

100 MILES

from page 1

and daily support.

Their two sons, Rayne Cloud, 21, and Gray Cloud, 19, both support their dad and are big fans.

"He (Blu) takes care of others all the time, and me and the boys obviously," Crystal said. "He tends to not want to take from us to make his running even more successful. He's humble and selfless and as a family, we are at the start, the in-between and the finish with him!"

Last year, Cloud completed a 100K (62-mile) run but didn't stop there. He wanted to see how much farther he could push himself so the 100-miler was the next step.

Cloud then chose the Pumpkin Holler Hunder as his next challenge, training for months beforehand with Uli.

The Pumpkin Holler course, founded by Ken 'Trail Zombie' Childress in 2011 is a 30-mile loop so 100-mile runners have to run the loop three times. It circles the 17,000

acre J.T. Nickel Family Nature and Wildlife Preserve in Tahlequah, is adjacent to the Illinois River and includes 26 miles of gravel road and approximately five miles of paved road, along with rolling hills.

There are aid stations located every 4 to 6 miles that are stocked with water, Gatorade, and a variety of foods to keep runners going.

"He could stop at any of those if needed and there were three crew checkpoints," Crystal said. "This is where I would have everything ready to go so he could switch out water bottles, grab some carbs and protein, and head out quickly. We had three loops so that was nine times I seen him in nearly 26 hours of running."

The couple's boys paced their dad toward the end of the race.

"The boys paced him on the last loop," Crystal said. "When Rayne got with him he had run 70 miles and he paced him for the next 11 miles. Blu ran another nine miles through to where he met up with Gray, who paced

him the last 10 miles and he crossed the finish line."

Both boys said they never doubted their dad, even at 3 a.m. on Sunday morning when he was in pain and hurting.

"He just kept putting one front in front of the other," Rayne said. "It was downright grit and determination."

"The whole family showed up to cheer him on at the finish line, everyone was so proud," Crystal said. "It's not every day you know someone who runs a 100 miles 'just because!'" Crystal said. "I also can't leave out the family dog, Uli, she is his daily running partner; no matter the miles, the weather, she's ready to go every day. She keeps him disciplined. He was crushed she couldn't run some this race but it wasn't allowed."

Cloud finished 19th out of 59 runners, ninth in his age group, and 15th in gender. His final time was 25 hours and 55 minutes.

"Blu is continuously showing our boys how to overcome adversity," Crystal said.

TOWN

from page 1

The town also agreed to hold Halloween/trick-or-treating on Oct. 31 as in past years. It was noted the police and fire departments would be handing out candy from 5 to 9 p.m.

Other agenda items approved included, an American Tower lease agreement; declaring October 2020 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month; Ordinance 2020-06-09-1, Municipal Court Bond Schedule; fence installment at the police department; and police holiday pay, which will pay double.

The trustees meet the second Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Gore Municipal Complex.

Gore Board of Education filing begins

The Board of Education of Gore Public School District announces that statutorily qualified individuals interested in running as a candidate for the No. 1 seat on the Gore Board of Education may file to run as a candidate for this seat at the Sequoyah County Election Board between the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7 through Wednesday, Dec. 9.

To check **CURRENT ROAD CONDITIONS** in Oklahoma, call the Department of Public Safety's **ROAD CONDITIONS HOTLINE** at 888-425-2385. OklahomaHighways.com 888-425-2385 dps.state.ok.us OklahomaTurnpikes.com 877-403-7623 pikepass.com

In Need of Clothing?

Anyone in need of clothing can now call God's Blessings Clothes Closet in Vian for an appointment to come to the

clothes closet. "We'll make you an appointment but you can only come in if you are wearing a mask," Ruby

Pigeon with God's Blessings Clothes Closet said. "You can reach me at 918-705-1251."

Subscribe today!
Call 918-773-8000

\$1 off

Chicken Fried Steak Dinner

WITH THIS AD

Sweet Nana's Donuts

6am to 2pm CLOSED SUNDAY

207 E Schley (Hwy 64), Vian 918-773-5003

OFFER EXPIRES 11-04-20



Religious

Workers Together



Pastor Michael Martin

Vian Baptist Church

2 Corinthians 6:1 "We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain."

My own thoughts of Pastors seems to be a lot different than most. When I was young I saw them in their lofty pulpits bring forth the Words of God. I revered them in their position and might have even idolized them a little.

Then at 30 years old, I accepted God's call on my life and became the Associate Pastor of the church I had been attending. Don't get me wrong. The word attending didn't mean I just sat in the pew each morning and evening. It means that was the place I served God. Serving God is much more than just absorbing the message of the Pastor on Sunday mornings. Serving God means working.

When I was first challenged by God to be a better man, I saw church with new eyes. I saw crumbs of paper on the carpet. I accepted that as something I could do to serve God. We had individual folding chairs in our auditorium. I made it my job to straighten them

after each service. I taught Sunday School, I became superintendent of Sunday school classes. I worked on plumbing, I was the general handyman.

When Pastor asked me to come on staff as the Associate Pastor, the game changed. We bought our own building. I converted the three car garage into the church nursery. I also began to teach in our Bible Institute that I had attended for three years. I began our Christian School in a very hostile environment. Some day I'll tell you that story.

Then I began to care more about people than about buildings. I found out some things that at first made me laugh, then almost cry. They expected the Pastor to do everything. The first time someone told me the toilet was plugged and I knew there was a plunger right beside the toilet, boggled my mind.

Another scripture came to mind. Acts 6:2 "Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables."

I'm sure that many, many people just don't think it through. We are to be "workers together". The Pastor is supposed to minister the Word of God and the congregation is supposed to make sure the church is clean and the building is in good repair.

Together, they can do great things. Folks, the Pastor shouldn't be the one unplugging toilets. He should be spending his time studying, praying, visiting and telling people who to be saved from a Devil's Hell that the world is slowly beginning to think is an old wives' tale. The devil is real. Hell is real. Heaven is real and Jesus is the only way to get there. John 14:6 "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

Pastors all across America are burning out. They move on from church to church because their load is too much. Ask yourself why the Pastor is the first one at church and the last one to leave. Is it because he needs to be because of the work that needs done before the people arrive? Should he be the one turning on the heat and lights, making sure the carpet has been swept, the plumbing all works, and the place is ready for visitors? Or should he be thinking about the message, praying for his people, and asking God to help meet their spiritual needs?

Working Together can bring about great benefits to God's Kingdom. People need Salvation's message. It is called the Gospel or Good News. Together the church can do great things. The Pastor can't do it all. The people of the church needs to step up and help.

Words: What is Your Confession?



Pastor Kenneth Byrd

Round Mountain Community Church

Proverbs 18:21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and they that have it shall eat the fruit thereof.

Proverbs 21:23 Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles.

Matthew 12:37 For by thy words thou shalt be justified and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

Mark 11:23 For verily I say unto you, that whosoever shall say unto this mountain, be thou removed and be thou cast into the sea, and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass, he shall have whatsoever he saith.

Faith has been taught in churches for years and people have been encouraged to believe, but we haven't heard much teaching about words, or saying what you believe.

The scriptures we used illustrate the importance of words. Another verse, which also does is Hebrews 4:14, Seeing then that we have a great high priest that is passed into the heavens Jesus the son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

The word translated profession here is the same Greek word that's translated confession elsewhere. The word profession or confession is defined as, to say the same thing. So this verse could be read, Let us hold fast to saying the same thing.

Find out what God says about you and say the same thing. Notice again, that words are involved.

For us to get the word to work for us, we need to understand the saying side of faith. Faith must be released in order for it to work for us.

II Corinthians 4:13 says, that faith believes and speaks. So just because you believe the Bible doesn't mean it will work for you. You won't get healed or get your prayers answered just because you have faith. The Bible doesn't teach that.

The Bible teaches that you get saved because you believe and say something, not just because you believe.

Romans 10:9-10 says that if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and shalt believe in thy heart that God raised Jesus from the dead. Thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Not only does your heart have something to do with your salvation, your mouth has something to do with it, too. Words have something to do with it. The Bible doesn't say simply that if you believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, you will be saved. You will not be saved just because you believe it. Verse 10 says with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Mark 11:23 Whosoever shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass he shall have whatsoever he saith.

This was Jesus teach-

ing here in Mark 11:23. He did not teach that we would have whatsoever we believe. He taught that we would have whatsoever we say, what you speak, you will have your words.

Faith is always expressed in words. Faith must be released in words through your mouth. We can see that in all these scriptures we've read. When you speak something, that is action. I'm not talking about the words you speak in church, or the words you use when you pray. I'm talking about the words you use in your every day life, the words you speak at home with your friends, at work.

These every day words do three things: The words you speak identify you; the words you speak set the boundaries of your life; and the words you speak affect your spirit (your inward man).

If you want to locate yourself, just listen to the words you speak. You will never realize beyond your words or as Jesus said it: He shall have whatsoever he saith.

The thing that defeats a lot of people is their

See BYRD, page 5

We Must Not Vote Against God's Laws

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Ps 33:12). Ps 33:13

"The Lord looks from heaven; He sees all the sons of men" (Ps 33:12-13)



Shirley R. Watts

There is a popular statement and I do not like it...it says: "we have kicked God out of our schools, homes, churches and our Nation. You can't "kick" God anywhere or out of any place. God chooses to leave us to ourselves when we don't acknowledge Him and His Laws (Rom. 1:18-32).

God does not bless a Nation, Church, home or schools when they vote to remove His Laws, His Truth from the home and Church, His Ten Commandments from our schools and public places.

We have voted against His laws as a Nation, such as abortion, homosexuality, adultery, murder and same sex marriage.

Kill or Keep

Do not kill! Over 60 million dead! The Supreme Court is not God! Neither is the Constitution!

When a Nation, home, church has to discuss and vote as to whether we kill the unborn or not, it is a sad day! Today we hear too much about "a woman has a right to her own body." This is an excuse to kill! When a woman and man make the decision to have sex, then they must accept the possibility. A woman knows when she has sex with a male that the possibility of becoming pregnant is possible. That was the decision! If you abide by God's law of no sex outside marriage, no adultery, no fornication, etc. you will not come up pregnant, will not be faced with the question... do I "kill or keep?"

Many are re-writing God's laws to justify their sin. But His laws do not change! Seems like, we should be voting down "no sex outside of marriage." I believe we have it backwards. We are teaching our young people to enjoy sexual immorality, then if you are pregnant you can kill the baby!

The male seems to disappear after the act and leaves the female to kill or keep the baby. Men, God will not excuse your actions. You have responsibility too! Too many

times the female is left to raise the child alone. This is wrong! If the baby is killed, the blood is on your hands also. The baby is not to be a sacrifice for the mother and father's sin.

For or Against

Christian, and unbelievers must abide by His Law. We must vote against abortion! If you don't, you're not only are accountable to God for your vote, but you may support abortions with your taxes. There is too much discussion about abortion and we must not vote for those who want to kill instead of keep! All our decisions against God will be brought to our attention and will be a great loss if voted against. We will all attend The Judgment Seat of Christ (II Cor. 5:9-11).

God decides who lives and who dies! It is not our decision! We don't play God with another's life. Today is the day to "vote for" and not against God!

God will not bless us until we repent and return to Him, acknowledging His Laws. Let us be teaching our young people what the Bible says and how they are accountable to Him for their actions.

The Church needs to preach against sexual immorality, abortion, homosexuality, adultery, same sex marriage, lying, stealing, murder, and coveting which leads to all the above.

In our homes we must vote to teach The Ten Commandments, for this will help shape their lives and will save them much pain and sinful actions. You pray for them, teach them God's Word and by your lifestyle. This is all you can do!

Deuteronomy 5:7-21

1. 'You shall have no other gods before Me'
 2. 'You shall not make for yourself a carved image'
 3. 'You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain'
 4. 'Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy'
 5. 'Honor your father and your mother'
 6. 'You shall not murder'
 7. 'You shall not commit adultery'
 8. 'You shall not steal'
 9. 'You shall not bear false witness'
 10. 'You shall not covet'
- Vote! Nov. 3, 2020— Opportunity!

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Blackgum Christian Union Church

Rev. Reggie Kelley, D. Div.-CPT USA (Ret)
"Come as You Are. We're Here to Serve"
The Working People's Church.
Veterans and Bikers Welcome
918-773-5971
SUNDAY
Sunday School--10am
Morning Worship--11am
Evening Worship--5pm
WEDNESDAY
Weekday Service--6pm
Hwy 82 E, 1/4 mile E of Hwy Intersection, Vian

Blackgum First Baptist Church

Pastor Tim Hare
We exist to bring glory to God by exalting His Son, growing in His truth and fulfilling His mission.
SUNDAY
Sunday School--9:45am
Worship Service--10:45am
Evening Service--5pm
WEDNESDAY
Kids Meal--5:30pm
Prayer Meeting and Bible Study--6pm
Kids and Youth--6pm
918-773-5431
Corner of Blackgum Landing Rd and Hwy. 100

Cornerstone Tabernacle

Pastor Jeff Green
"Cornerstone is the Foundation of the Family"
SUNDAY
Morning Worship--10:30am
Evening Worship--6:30pm
WEDNESDAY
Evening Service--7pm
Turn on 8th Street, go west to end, Gore
918-489-2385

First Baptist Church of Gore

The home of Trouty T
Pastor Doug Bane
FBC Gore...your place to belong
SUNDAY
Sunday school--9:45am
Morning Worship--11:00am
Discipleship Training and choir practice--5:00pm
Evening worship--6:00pm
WEDNESDAY
Prayer meeting and youth group--7:00pm
5th and Main Street
Gore, OK

First Presbyterian Church

Pastor Dianah Gourley
"Worship amid beautiful stained glass with friendly people who are preserving the past, serving Christ in the present, and looking forward to the future"
SUNDAY
Children's Sunday School-9:30am
Adult Sunday School-9:30am
Sunday Worship Service-11am
918-775-4868
Corner of Creek St. and South Oak, Sallisaw, OK
fpc.sallisaw@sbcglobal.net

Gore United Methodist Church

Rev. Richard Brasher
"Open hearts sharing God's love."
SUNDAY
Sunday Service--9:30am
Fellowship--10:30am
Sunday School--10:45-11:30am
Evening Service--6pm
We'd Love to See You!
www.goreumc.org
4th and Winn, Across street from Grade School

Landmark Missionary Baptist Church

Pastor Steve Spyles
"Growing in Grace"
SUNDAY
Sunday School--10am
Morning Worship--11am
Evening Worship--6pm
WEDNESDAY
Evening Bible Classes--7pm
Join us for worship and Bible study, you are always welcome!
Van Ministry available--
Call to make arrangements
Hwy 82 N of Vian
918-773-5892
www.vianlandmark.org

Round Mountain Community Church

Pastor Kenneth Byrd
SUNDAY
Morning Worship--10:30am
WEDNESDAY
Evening Worship--7pm
4 miles west of Vian on Hwy 64,
watch for church sign, turn left, go across RR Track, continue 1/2 mile W & S
918-521-6116

Vian Baptist Church

Pastor Mike Martin
SUNDAY
Sunday School--9:45am
Morning Worship--10:45am
Evening Worship--6:00pm
WEDNESDAY
Wednesday Night Live--6:30pm
Corner of Hwys. 64 West and Old 82
918-773-5226

Vian First Free Will Baptist Church

Pastor Garry Brown
SUNDAY
Sunday School--10am
Morning Worship--11am
WEDNESDAY
Service--7pm
1 block N of Vian Police Dept.,
Corner of Blackstone and Sequoyah
918-776-4510

Vian United Methodist Church

Rev. Richard Brasher
"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"
Come as you are, we would love to see you!
SUNDAY
Sunday School--10am
Worship--11am
WEDNESDAY
Youth -- 3pm-6:00pm
Dinner for all at 6:00pm
Mid week worship 7:00pm
Corner of Lee and Blackstone
Church Office 918-773-5335

Westside Church of Christ

SUNDAY
Worship--10:30am and 4pm
WEDNESDAY
Evening Service--7:00pm
Hwy 64 West, 1 block north on Old Hwy 82, Vian

List your church for only \$4.50 per week or call Jan at 918-775-4433 to receive a discount when you pay for a year.

Religious | Area News

Just a Portion of the Lord's Spirit is Great

Oh—for a double portion of the Lord's spirit! If you've ever gotten a drink of

The Christian Union Station

Pastor Reggie Kelley, Blackgum Christian Union Church

"living waters" you know what I mean! It's truly out of this world good! I'm like Elisha in a way. I want a double portion of that spirit that's out of this world. Let

me share with you the story of Elisha asking for a double portion of Elijah's spirit and you'll get an idea.

II Kings 2:1-25, "1And it came to pass, when the LORD would take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal. 2And Elijah said unto Elisha, Tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me to Bethel. And Elisha said unto him, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they went down to Bethel. 3And the sons of the prophets that were at Bethel came forth to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he said, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace. 4And Elijah said unto him, Elisha, tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me to Jericho. And he said, As the LORD

liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they came to Jericho.

5And the sons of the prophets that were at Jericho came to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he answered, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace.

6And Elijah said unto him, Tarry, I pray thee, here; for the LORD hath sent me to Jordan. And he said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And they two went on. 7And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went, and stood to view afar off: and they two stood by Jordan. 8And Elijah took his mantle, and wrapped it together, and smote the waters, and they were divided hither and thither, so that they two went over on dry ground. 9And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me. 10And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing: nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so.

11And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses

of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. 12And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces. 13He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of Jordan; 14And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where is the LORD God of Elijah? and when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither: and Elisha went over. 15And when the sons of the prophets which were to view at Jericho saw him, they said, The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha. And they came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground before him.

16And they said unto him, Behold now, there be with thy servants fifty strong men; let them go, we pray thee, and seek thy master: lest peradventure the Spirit of the LORD hath taken him up, and cast him upon some mountain, or into some valley. And he said, Ye shall not send. 17And when they urged him till he was ashamed, he said, Send. They sent therefore fifty men; and they sought three days, but found him not.

18And when they came again to him, (for he tarried at Jericho,) he said unto them, Did I not say unto you, Go not? 19And the men of the city said unto Elisha, Behold, I pray thee, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord seeth: but the water is naught, and the ground barren. 20And he said, Bring me a new cruse, and put salt therein. And they brought it to him.

21And he went forth unto the spring of the waters, and cast the salt in there, and said, Thus saith the LORD, I have healed these waters; there shall not be from thence any more death or barren land. 22So the waters were healed unto this day, according to the saying of Elisha which he spake. 23And he went up from thence unto Bethel: and as he was going up by the way, there came forth little children out of the city, and mocked him, and said unto him, Go up, thou bald head; go up, thou bald head. 24And he turned back, and looked on them, and cursed them in the name of the LORD. And there came forth two she bears out of the wood, and tare forty and two children of them. 25And he went from thence to mount Carmel, and from thence he returned to Samaria."

Just a portion of the Lord's spirit is great! Ask and receive! Just come as you are. God bless!

Early voting Oct. 29-31, other voting information

Voters will go to the polls Tuesday, Nov. 3 for the November General Election, County Election Board Secretary Cindy Osborn said.

Please keep the following information and tips in mind as the election approaches.

Early voting will be available at the County Election Board office from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 29 and Friday, Oct. 30. Early voting is also available from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31.

Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday. Lines are possible at peak voting times. Wait times will likely be shortest at mid-morning and mid-afternoon. Anyone in line to vote at 7 p.m. will be allowed to cast a ballot.

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.

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 bal-

lots, 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 Sequoyah County may use the audio-tactile interface (ATI), a feature offered on all Oklahoma voting devices, to vote privately and independently, either at Sequoyah 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.

Those who became physically incapacitated after 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 3 still can request an emergency absentee ballot. Those who might qualify for an emergency absentee ballot should contact the County Election Board office at 918-775-2614 as soon as possible for more info.

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, visit: www.elections.ok.gov.



Scribbles and Poems by a Blackgum Mountain Boy

Charles S. Davis, Written October 2020

When Lovers Part Ways

When couples separate, they seldom find glee,
They started a journey they will no longer see.
Regret will fill the hearts of these two,
They will reminisce a past that leaves them blue.

Happiness is sound when a pair are best friends,
They never dream it could one day end.
Nothing is more sweet when love is true,
It is meant to last a lifetime for two.

If it fades, enjoyment will die away,
Yet memories will linger night and day.

When hearts are broken, they seldom heal,
All still hurting, know how sad you feel.

When beloveds part, their eyes will shed tears,
They will miss the partner that brought them cheer.
Living is great when happy, painful when sad,
Losing a best friend always turns out bad.

Long term delight is hard to obtain,
When it fades, one or both will live with pain,
Happy couples should pray that all is well,
Many that separate, suffer a living hell.

Bizzy Beez looking for volunteers

The Bizzy Beez are inviting men and women to volunteer to make items for our local nursing homes, hospital and Veterans.

The group will be happy to teach anyone who wants to learn to crochet. The Bizzy Beez meet on Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Blue Ribbon Chapel at Blue Ribbon Downs, 3700 W. Cherokee, Sallisaw.

For more info, contact Margaret Wood at 918-571-3345.

BYRD

from page 4

double confession. One time they will confess one thing and the next time they confess something else.

You talk to them one time and they say, yes the Lord is my Shepard, I shall not want and they quote Philippians 4:19, my God supplies all my needs, I'm believing God to supply my needs.

But then they go on to the next person and they have their problem on there mind and they say, I just don't know how we're going to pay our bills. The second confession nullified the first one.

Donate blood and receive a Blood Donor Face Mask

November is the month of thankfulness, and Oklahoma Blood Institute is thanking generous donors who volunteer their time to give the gift of lifesaving blood with a limited edition "Give Blood, Give Life" face mask.

Individuals aged 16 and up are urged to give blood at one of these locations: Vian Community Blood Drive; Monday, Nov. 2, from 1 to 6 p.m. on the bloodmobile parked at Marvin's IGA or Walmart Sallisaw; Friday, Nov. 6, from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Appointments are preferred. Walk-ins will be managed as schedules allow.

Donors will also receive a coupon for a free Honey Butter Chicken Biscuit from Whataburger.

All donations will be tested for COVID-19 antibodies to identify potential convalescent plasma donors.* Blood drives will be managed according to CDC safety recommendations.

Appointments can be made by calling or texting Greg at 479-652-2362 or visitingobi.org.

*16-year-olds must weigh at least 125 pounds and provide signed parental permission; 17-year-olds must weigh at least 125 pounds; 18+ year olds must weigh at least 110 pounds. Photo

ID required. Donors ages 16 or 17-years old need parental consent to be screened for COVID-19 antibodies and are not eligible to donate convalescent plasma. This test has not been FDA cleared or approved. It has been authorized by the FDA under an EUA (Emergency Use Authorization) for use by authorized laboratories. The test has been authorized only for the detection of the IgG antibody against SARS-CoV-2, not for any other viruses or pathogens. Blood drives will be managed according to CDC safety recommendations. Test results will be made available post-donation.



Alison Farris
Administrator

VIAN NURSING & REHAB

305 N Thornton, Vian • 918-773-5258

Presents



Schuyler Montgomery
Owner



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

The Residents and Staff at Vian Nursing & Rehab would like to wish everyone a Happy Halloween! Due to the risk of spreading the Coronavirus to our residents and staff members, we have made the unfortunate decision not to participate in handing out candy for the town's Trick or Treaters this year. Our residents will be having their own Halloween festivities this year, but they certainly are looking forward to being able to pass out candy again next year.

Thank you all for your understanding of this decision during these difficult times.

Until Next Time,
Alison Farris, Administrator

Follow us on the Internet!



VIAN TENKILLER NEWS
Covering Western Sequoyah County



www.facebook.com
Search for Vian Tenkiller News

Sports

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Wolverines, Pirates Host District Foes Friday

No. 2 Vian Takes on Spiro

LEA LESSLEY
SPORTS EDITOR

The Class 2A No. 2 Wolverines will play their last home game of the regular season on Friday night as Vian takes on Spiro in a key District 2A-5 high school football contest.

Kickoff inside Charlie St. John Stadium is slated for 7 p.m.

Vian (7-1 overall and 4-1 in the district) topped Panama 49-6 at home last week and Spiro (6-1 and 4-1) defeated Keys 14-3.

The Bulldogs opened their season with a pair of non-district wins over Hartshorne (34-13) and Muldrow (27-0) before beating district opponent Panama (38-0). Cascia Hall handed Spiro its only loss (34-20) of the season on Oct. 2 and the Bulldogs downed Roland (39-20) and Heavener (42-0) before playing Keys.

Last season the Wolverines beat the Bulldogs 40-14 in LeFlore County.

"Spiro is as athletic as ever," Vian head coach Gary Willis said. "We can run and I know they've got two or three guys that might outrun us. That's always scary when you play a team that talented that can go to the house on any touch of the ball

and it's something we've got to be prepared for because they are very athletic."

Some of Spiro's key players on offense are quarterback Nick Johnson (6-foot, 170-pound senior), running back Conner Rodgers (6-0, 175, sr.), wide receivers Mekhi Roberson (6-3, 175, sr.), Cory Rodgers (6-0, 170, sr.) and Jared Huff (6-3, 185, jr.), full-back Jeremiah Phillips (6-1, 180, sr.) and linemen Bryten Sebo (6-1, 235, sr.), Clark Fant (6-0, 240, sr.) and Peyton Upchurch (5-11, 225, sr.).

In the Muldrow game Conner Rodgers registered touchdown runs of 56 and seven yards and Johnson ran for a 1-yard TD and completed a 55-yard touchdown pass to Huff.

"They're pretty balanced on offense," Willis said. "They're 30/70, 35/65ish on pass/run so they're still run-heavy but when it's on the line they're balanced."

"Containing that speed is a key for our defense. They're going to make plays. We need to keep them from scoring, we need to limit the big runs, the big-play potential, the

See VHS FOOTBALL, page 7



LEA LESSLEY | NEWS

Vian's Joe Glass eludes Panama defender Dlan Emmert on his way to a 55-yard punt return for a touchdown during last week's high school football game in Vian. The Class 2A No. 2 Wolverines host Spiro in a key District 2A-5 contest on Friday night inside St. John Stadium.

LOCAL FOOTBALL SCORES

Vian 49, Panama 6
Gore 49, Hulbert 6
Wetumka 34, Webbers Falls 20
Hilldale 44, Sallisaw 34
Central 28, Porter 21
Gans vs. Summit Christian canceled
Poteau 50, Muldrow 6
Roland 55, Heavener 21

This Week's Games

Vian vs. Spiro
Gore vs. Canadian
Webbers Falls at Porum
Sallisaw at Broken Bow
Central vs. Talihina (Thursday)
Central vs. Canadian (Monday)
Gans at Arkoma (To Be Announced)
Muldrow at Stilwell canceled
Roland at Cascia Hall in Tulsa

No. 7 Gore Plays Canadian

LEA LESSLEY
SPORTS EDITOR

The Class A No. 7 Pirates will host Canadian in their final home game of the regular season on Friday night in a District A-8 high school football contest.

Kickoff inside K.G. Horn Stadium is scheduled for 7 p.m.

Gore (6-0 overall and 5-0), which won 49-6 at Hulbert last week, will clinch the district title with a win over the Cougars Friday.

Canadian (2-4 and 1-2) lost 47-6 at Warner on Friday. The Cougars defeated Ketchum 22-8 in their opener before dropping games to Savanna (21-20) and Allen (36-0). In other district contests Canadian beat Hulbert (32-0) and lost to Porter (29-8). The Cougars are scheduled to play a district make-up game at Central on Monday.

In their last meeting in 2013 the Pirates topped the Cougars 32-26 at Canadian.

"They're playing pretty good," Gore head coach Brandon Tyler said. "They were a quarterfinal team in eight-man last year. They're new in our district but they're playing pretty solid football."

"They've got a lot of team speed it looks like

in the secondary. The quarterback (Jake Brewster) does a good job for them there. Up front they're pretty good-sized kids and they move pretty good. Definitely going to be a tough ballgame for us at home."

Two of Canadian's key players on offense are quarterback/running back/wide receiver Jake Brewster (5-foot-10, 155-pound senior) and offensive lineman Issac Tanner (6-0, 190, sr.).

"Offensively they're going to be in a lot of different stuff," Tyler said. "In one game they were in a lot of spread stuff trying to throw it a little bit and in one game they're in the wing-T trying to run it."

"Defensively we're going to have to prepare for quite a bit of stuff offensively to look at and make sure we get all of our alignments right and correct on that and get lined up right and be able to tackle them in space."

"They're pretty good and pretty athletic. No. 2 (Brewster) has got some speed so he's kind of their workhorse and they want the ball in his hands. He'll play some quarterback and running back and they just kind of move him around a little bit."

See GHS FOOTBALL, page 7

GORE CROSS COUNTRY

Bliss Wins 2A Regional, Kinion also Qualifies for State Meet



CRYSTAL BLISS | SUBMITTED

Gore junior Ty Bliss placed first at the Class 2A Kiefer Regional Cross Country Meet on Saturday and will compete in this week's State Cross Country Meet at Edmond Santa Fe High School. The state meet will be held on Saturday.

LEA LESSLEY
SPORTS EDITOR

Gore High School junior Ty Bliss won the Class 2A Kiefer Regional Cross Country Meet on Saturday and Lady Pirate freshman Hallie Kinion also qualified for this week's state meet.

Bliss recorded a time of 16:48.57 in the boys' 5k-race on Saturday in Kiefer and Kinion posted a time of 13:41.25 in the girls' 2-mile race while placing 19th.

Ian Scott of Oktaha finished second (17:01.61) in the boys' race and Rile Coleman of Watonga claimed first (11:54.73) in the girls' race.

The Lady Pirates' Josie Moore finished 35th (14:23.64) in the girls' race and Erik Grimes (24:34.93) and Bradly Stewart (25:59.69) competed in the boys' race for

the Pirates.

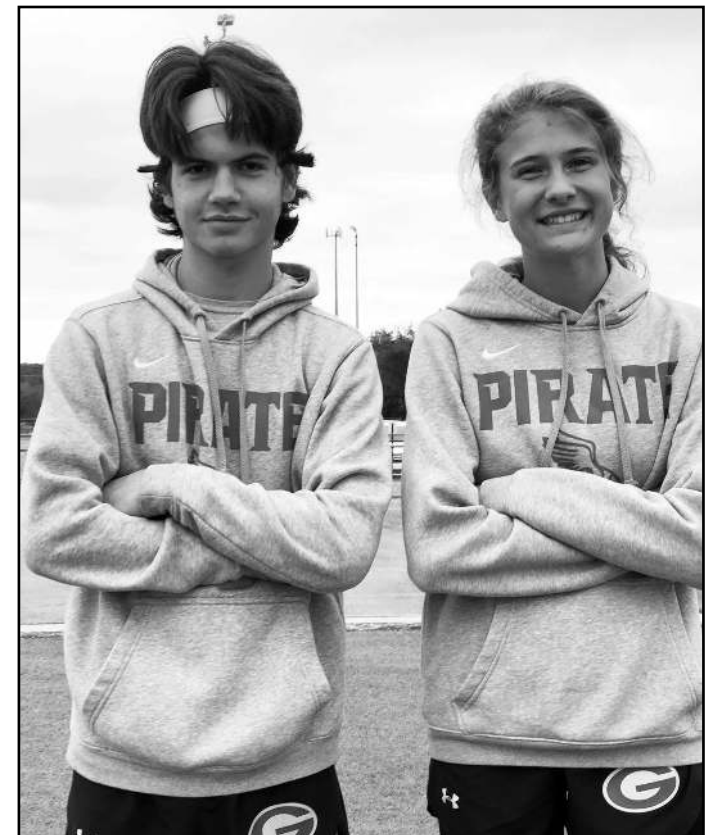
Bliss and Kinion will travel to Edmond Santa Fe High School on Saturday to compete in the 2A state meet.

The 2A girls are scheduled to run at 2:30 p.m. and the 2A boys' race will begin at 2:50 p.m.

Bliss has won six county-country races this season.

State title races for Class 4A girls (11:30 a.m.), 4A boys (11:50 a.m.), 3A girls (1 p.m.) and 3A boys (1:20 p.m.) will also be held on Saturday at Edmond Santa Fe.

In classes 2A, 3A and 4A, the top seven teams and the top seven individuals not on a qualifying team from each of the three regionals (Kiefer, Waurika and Oklahoma Bible Academy) qualified for this week's state cross country meet.



CRYSTAL BLISS | SUBMITTED

Gore High School cross country runners Ty Bliss (left) and Hallie Kinion will compete in this week's State Cross Country Meet at Edmond Santa Fe High School. Bliss won the boys' race in the Class 2A Kiefer Regional on Saturday and Kinion placed 19th.

OSSAA Expands Playoff Field for 2020 Season

LEA LESSLEY
SPORTS EDITOR

Everybody's in.

The Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association opened the high school football postseason to every member school last Tuesday because the COVID-19 pandemic has forced the cancellation of multiple games during the regular season.

More than 25 football games a week have been canceled since the start of district play, OSSAA Associate Director Mike Whaley said. Those cancellations have made it harder to determine seedings in some districts because every team hasn't played the same number of district games.

"We did not think in the very beginning that we would have as many games canceled as we have," Whaley said. "We have had approximately 25 to 28 games each week that have been canceled out. Some of those games have been made

up, but some of them haven't been made up."

Many schools had multiple games that needed to be made up heading into the last three weeks of the regular season, Whaley said. There wasn't enough time to do that.

The OSSAA has opted to add a play-in round Nov. 13-14. The play-in round game also could be held on Nov. 12 if both schools agreed. The availability of referees also will determine if the play-in games will be held on Nov. 12, 13 or 14.

The play-in round will extend the postseason in classes 5A, 4A, 3A and C. Those championship games will be played the weekend of Dec. 11-12. Championship weekend for Class 2A, A and B would be Dec. 18-19. Class 6A championships would still be decided on the weekend of Dec. 4-5. The 6A bye week will be eliminated.

All OSSAA member schools in each district will be able to join the playoff

bracket.

The bracket seeding will be decided one of two ways.

District coaches can opt to use the modified district standings approved by the OSSAA on Sept. 18 or opt into a ranking system for the next three weeks, which will be based on voting of district coaches.

The Sept. 18 decision based district standings on total number of district wins, head-to-head results and average number of marginal points in district play. If teams still ended up tied after that, the team to advance would be chosen by drawing straws or coin flip.

In the ranking system, district coaches would vote for the next three weeks. The cumulative vote results would be used to ultimately determine play-in pairings, Whaley said.

All districts started ranking teams in their district beginning last weekend through the OSSAA Rankings platform. There will be three ranking peri-

ods — Oct. 23, Oct. 30 and Nov. 6. The ranking period will open at noon Friday and close at noon Saturday.

District coaches must opt for either the Sept. 18 protocols or the rankings by Friday, Whaley said. All districts will participate in the ranking process in case district games have to be canceled because of COVID-19 in the last three weeks of the regular season.

The OSSAA received input from the Oklahoma Football Coaches Association before reaching this decision, Whaley said.

Canceled games have become the norm because of the pandemic.

In the area, Gore, Sallisaw, Central, Muldrow and Gans have had regular season games canceled because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Last Tuesday's announcement means coaches can focus on what comes next instead of fretting about canceled district games and making the playoffs.

Sports

VHS FOOTBALL

from page 6

deep balls, so we need to stay between them and the goal line. We know that they're going to make plays, and like I said just contain it."

A few of the Bulldogs' defensive standouts are inside linebacker Braxton Peterson (6-1, 190, jr.), defensive end Cory Rodgers, free safety Conner Rodgers, defensive back Mekhi Roberson and defensive linemen Jared Huff and Trey Baker (6-2, 270, sr.).

"They're typically a 4-4 team but it looks like they've got some 4-2-5 principles built into that," Willis remarked. "They do a good job with their linebackers getting to the football. Again, those athletes are in the secondary and can cover and can run and come up on run support so they do a good job."

"Taking what they give is a key for our offense this week. In a game like this, weather like it is, we want to establish the run. We've been working on the pass a lot to take advantage of that and getting there where we can take more of what the defense gives instead of just relying on the run. We need to go out and do a good job of seeing what they're in, what they're

taking away and what they're giving us and taking advantage of that."

Last week the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association voted to allow all teams the chance to play in the 2020 playoffs because of COVID-19.

"I get it and why they did it but at the same time if I'm a seventh or eighth-seed I don't want to not compete but at the same time you're probably there for a reason. I get why they did it in a district hit by COVID and had to lose games but at the same time you're adding an extra round in classes 2A and A. I think 2A and A play way too many games to begin with while the big schools (6AI and 6AII) get a bye and play three playoff games to be state champions. I get why they're doing it and I know it's a weird year but it's something that needs to be looked at."

While reaching the Class 2A title game, Vian played five postseason contests in the 2019 postseason.

"Six (playoff games) this year, we're hoping, and don't get me wrong, we'll be happy to play them but staying healthy is really tough when the numbers are like they are in 2A and Class A."

VIAN FOOTBALL

Second-Ranked Vian Tops Panama 49-6

LEA LESSLEY
SPORTS EDITOR

Vian's defense and special teams helped the

Wolverines get off to a fast start on Senior Night Friday as Class 2A No. 2 Vian topped Panama 49-6 in a District 2A-5 high school football game inside St. John Stadium.

The Wolverines (7-1 overall and 4-1 in the district) will host Spiro in a key district contest on Friday and Panama (3-5 and 2-3) will take on Keys at home this week.

Panama received the opening kickoff on Friday, and two plays after a Vian penalty gave the Razorbacks a first down at their 42 linebacker Isaiah Teehee returned a fumble 38 yards for the first touchdown of the game. Luis Hernandez kicked the point-after to give Vian a 7-0 lead with 9:28 remaining. Vian linebacker Xavin Lackey caused the fumble that Teehee recovered.

Two minutes later Teehee blocked a Panama punt and recovered the ball in the end zone for the Wolverines' second

touchdown. Hernandez's PAT with 7:26 left made the score 14-0.

Vian defensive back Joe Glass returned an interception 15-yards to the Panama 33 with 7:00 to go, and on second down quarterback Diego Ramos completed a 30-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Justice Retzloff in the east end zone. Hernandez's point-after kick gave Vian a 21-0 lead.

Panama's Elijah Black recovered a Vian fumble later in the quarter but the Wolverine defense stiffened and forced a punt from the Panama 24. Glass returned Hunter Hopkins' punt 55 yards for a touchdown and Hernandez's PAT with 3:08 remaining upped the advantage to 28.

Vian running back Javyn Wright ran for a 53-yard touchdown as the horn sounded to end the first period after breaking a tackle at the Panama 30 and Hernandez's fifth PAT of the stanza made the score 35-0.

Early in the second quarter the Wolverines

took over at the Panama 8 after Hopkins kicked the ball out of bounds following an errant snap from center on a punt attempt. On first down Lackey crossed the goal after an 8-yard run with 9:34 to go before the half.

Vian running back DeSean Mayes raced 48 yards for the Wolverines' final TD of the game at the 5:50 mark and Hernandez's seventh PAT of the half went through the uprights to give Vian a 49-0 advantage.

Panama's Tustin Timms ran for a 19-yard touchdown with 2:10 remaining in the third frame to end the scoring.

Vian's reserves saw plenty of action in the second half.

"We got out to a quick start," Vian head coach Gary Willis said earlier this week. "I think it was 14-0 before the offense touched the ball, and then we get two plays and then I think we blocked a punt or had a punt return, I forget which order, so before you know it it's 28-0 and we've run two offensive plays. So

the defense and special teams kind of exploded there early. It's been something a coach (Lance) Winans and Kennedy (Wright) have really been stressing on the defensive side of the ball and on special teams. It was a good start."

Vian's top five rushers in the game were Wright (4 carries for 81 yards and a TD), Mayes (1 for 48 and a TD), Fysher Brooks (7 for 47), Dil'n Murchison (4 for 12) and Lackey (1 for 8 and a TD).

Ramos completed 1-of-2 passes for 30 yards and a touchdown and Retzloff caught the touchdown throw.

Timms was Panama's leading rusher with 10 carries for 47 yards and a touchdown, Braxton Biernacki completed 1-of-2 passes for 18 yards and Michael Potter caught the throw.

Vian's defense limited Panama to 82 yards (57 rushing and 25 passing) of total offense and the Wolverines registered 224 yards (194 rushing and 30 passing) of total offense.



Teehee



Glass



Nick Hughes



Dil'n Murchison

GHS FOOTBALL

from page 6

Defensive end Issac Tanner and cornerback Jake Brewster are two of the Cougars' standouts on defense.

"They showed a 5-2 look on defense and then they'll get in some 4-3 as well, so they're going to give us two fronts defensively, but it's nothing we haven't seen all year long," remarked Tyler. "We've just got to continue to get better up front."

"We've got to start throwing the ball a little bit better than what we have the last few games. They'll be in an even front and they'll be in an odd front some. They're going to try to crowd the box and play a lot of man in the secondary so we've got to be able to complete some passes to be able to get guys out of the box and try to get it to where we can run at them a little bit so we've got to throw the ball a lot better than what we have been."

"We've still got a lot to work on here these last two weeks before we get in the playoffs."

Last week the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association voted to allow all teams the chance to participate in the 2020 high school football playoffs because

of COVID-19.

"I think it's good," Tyler said. "I think it was really good, giving everybody a chance to go play, especially teams that have had games canceled. Like us, it's going to give us a chance to make up an extra game that we lost early in the year. Besides football and soccer, I think every other sport in Oklahoma, basketball, baseball, softball, everybody gets to go to the playoffs. In track you get to go to regionals and have a chance to move on so I think it's good. I think it's good for everybody."

The Pirates will wrap up the District A-8 title with a win Friday and host the eighth-place team from A-7 in the first round of the playoffs.

"I talked to some coaches over there (in A-7) and they said every team in their district was going to play. I figure either Savanna, Liberty or Stroud will be the eighth team (in A-7). It's not set in stone yet."

"Talihina is the only one in our district that has opted out. Whoever finishes fifth in our district, if they go beat their fourth-place team we would play them again in the second round."

GORE FOOTBALL

Unbeaten No. 7 Pirates Defeat Hulbert 49-6

LEA LESSLEY
SPORTS EDITOR

Undefeated Class A No. 7 Gore won its sixth

game of the season Friday night on Rider Field as the Pirates moved closer to clinching the District A-8 championship.

Gore (6-0 overall and 5-0 in the district) will host Canadian on Friday and a victory over the Cougars would give the Pirates the district title.

Hulbert (0-4 and 0-2) plays at Warner this week. Following an interception by linebacker Tyler Lane, quarterback Zane Craighead ran for a 3-yard touchdown early in the first period to open the scoring for the Pirates and Christian O'Connor made the first of his seven PAT attempts.

Craighead rushed for a 22-yard TD later in the quarter and his 10-yard touchdown run was the final six-pointer of the

stanza.

The Pirates led 21-0 after the first eight minutes of the contest.

Gore running back Gunner Dozier crossed the goal line following a 30-yard run to start the scoring in the second quarter and the Pirates led 28-0 after O'Connor's point-after kick went through the uprights.

Craighead's fourth rushing touchdown of the game, a 15-yarder, and O'Connor's PAT gave Gore a 35-0 advantage at the intermission.

In the third period Dozier ran for a 5-yard touchdown, and in the final frame Alex Hallum scampered 20 yards for the Pirates' final TD of the night.

With under a minute remaining Hulbert got on the board with a 35-yard touchdown pass.

Dozier was Gore's leading rusher with 148 yards

on 17 carries, Craighead added 94 yards on seven rushes, Hallum ran for 40 yards on four attempts and Jackson Duke totaled 30 yards on seven runs.

Craighead completed 2-of-6 passes for 30 yards and Cain Thomas (20 yards) and Dayne Perryman (10) each had one reception.

"I thought we played pretty good," Gore head coach Brandon Tyler said. "We played with a lot more emotion and energy than we did the previous week against Porter. I thought our kids came out and took control of the game early. We were up 21-0 in the first quarter and I thought we played pretty well on both sides of the ball."

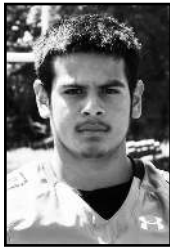
"Offensively we had about 337 yards of total offense. We ran the ball 35 times for 307 and we were 2-of-6 passing for 30. He (Christian O'Connor) was 7-for-7

so we kicked the ball well the other night.

"Defensively they scored right there late on our young guys and we had three interceptions and a fumble recovery. Tyler Lane had the first one (interception) and set up our first score, Keigan Reid had one and Gunner Dozier recovered a fumble."

"We did tackle a lot better. I felt like we tackled pretty good the other night and I thought Lynden Manning had a great game defensively. He led our team in tackles (12 total tackles). I thought our D-line played a lot better too the other night, our defensive ends. We were able to get a lot of pressure on the quarterback. We did a lot of good things."

"So very proud of the way our kids played, going on the road and being able to pick up another district win."



Manning



Craighead



Lane



Reid

Youth League wins Super Bowl Championship

Vian's third and fourth graders from Vian's Youth Football League had a 7-0 record this season, earning them a Super Bowl Championship! The team is coached by Kevin Choate, Kyle Sumpter and John Branham.

TANIA CHOATE | SUBMITTED



Public Records | Area News

Gore Police Report

The following citations were issued in September:

Nathan Herrera: Operating a M/V without a DL; Poss. of marijuana.
 Kimberly Jordan: Failure to comply with compulsory insurance law.
 Miguel Guevara: Operating a M/V without a DL.
 George Foerster, Jr.: Transports intoxicating beverage or low-point beer.
 Christy Ward: Speeding.
 Christopher Fowler: DUS; Failure to comply with compulsory insurance law.
 Linda Summerlin: Poss. of marijuana; Poss. of drug paraphernalia.
 Christopher Sly: Willfully omit to keep a domestic animal within a

suitable enclosure.
 Adina Watson: Failure to comply with compulsory insurance law.
 James Moore: Operating M/V without proper endorsements.
 Emily Davis: Failure to drive on right side of roadway when required.
 Brandon Smith: Speeding.
 Tallie McKinney: Speeding.
 Robert Perciful, Jr.: Failure to obey rules for approaching or entering an intersection.
 Charles McCray, III: Failure to obey rules for approaching or entering an intersection.
 Maragas Aristotle: Reckless driving.
 Brittani Flynn: Assault.
 Tia Rouse: Speeding.
 Anthony Chapman:

Drinking intoxicating liquor in public except on premises of a licensee; Placing or parking vehicle in designated and posted parking spot for the physically disabled.
 Kenneth Leonard: Driving in a manner other than proper.
 Austin Bray: DUS.
 Kyla Gregory: Bogus tag.
 Casey Speaks: DUS.
 Jessica Chuculate: Poss. of marijuana; Poss. of Schedule I or Schedule II, second or subsequent; Failure to comply with compulsory insurance law; DUS.
 Randy Hyslop: Operates a M/V in violation of license restrictions imposed on the driver.
 Daniel Ashwood: Expired tag.

Sequoyah County Courthouse Public Records

Editor's note: If the age does not appear next to a name, it was not listed in the court record.

Felony Docket

Brandon Jones, 28: Larceny of automobile, aircraft or other M/V.
 Justin Ledbetter, 43, Little Rock, Ark.: Burglary second degree.
 James Moore, 36, Sallisaw: Arson, first degree; Endangering human life during arson (10 counts).
 Michael Sargent, 27, Muldrow: Burglary first degree; A&B.

Criminal

Misdemeanors
 Krysta Ballard, 36, Muldrow: Poss. of CDS; Unlawful poss. of drug paraphernalia.
 Michelle Brasuell, 35, Amarillo, Tex.: DUI-alcohol.

Ryan Callison, 46, Gore: DUI-drugs; Failure to obey traffic control device.

Michelle Campbell, 50, Sallisaw: Protective order violation.

Kelly Clark, 54, Sallisaw: Knowingly concealing stolen property.

Jerrica Collins, 33, Gans: Poss. of CDS.

Nathaniel Crockett, 22, Oklahoma City: Possess, deliver, sell or manufacture drug paraphernalia.

Daniel Dod, 33, Sallisaw: A&B.

Bryan Dotson, 32, Sallisaw: Eluding/attempting to elude police officer; DUS.

Shadoc Fields, 32, Vian: A&B; Petit larceny.
 Jamal Gatlin, 40, Ponca City: DUS.

Clara Gilley, 41, Sallisaw: Threaten to perform act of violence.

Dustin Harris, 22, Muldrow: Malicious injury to property-under \$1,000.

Alicia Hernandez, 30, Vian: DUI-drugs.

Michael Howard, 30, Sallisaw: DUS.

Preston Jones, 23, Edmond: Possess, deliver, sell or manufacture drug paraphernalia.

Nichole Julstead, 31, Sallisaw: A&B.

Amy Lucero, 34, Hartsel, Colo.: Possess, deliver, sell or manufacture drug paraphernalia.

Francisco Mejia, 18, Oklahoma City: Possess, deliver, sell or manufacture drug paraphernalia; Operate vehicle without a valid DL.

William Mitchell, 34, Fort Smith, Ark.: Possess, deliver, sell or manufacture drug paraphernalia.

Linda Poghen, 57, Austin, Tex.: Possess, deliver, sell or manufacture drug paraphernalia.

Phillip Price, 55, Sallisaw: Threaten to perform act of violence; Disturbing the peace.

Bill Reed, 35, Sallisaw: DUS.

Bobbi Ross, 46, Vian: Poss. of CDS.

Lydia Summerlin, 28, Gore: Domestic abuse-A&B.

Ronny Trejo, 23, Forrest Park, Ga.: Possess, deliver, sell or manufacture drug paraphernalia.

Tabitha Waters, 40, Sallisaw: Poss. of CDS; Unlawful poss. of drug paraphernalia.

Danny Whisnant, 33, Muldrow: Public drunk.

Robert Zuniga, 41, Lancaster, Calif.: Possess, deliver, sell or manufacture drug paraphernalia.

Small Claims

Discover Bank vs. Anne Howey - Breach agreement/contract.

Midland Funding, LLC vs. Sarah Smedley - Money judgment.

Midland Funding, LLC vs. Shane Ginn - Money judgment.

Midland Funding, LLC vs. Erica Whisenant - Money judgment.

Midland Credit Mgmt. vs. Cameron Sevenstar - Money judgment.

Midland Credit Mgmt. vs. Roberta Chunstudy - Money judgment.

Midland Funding, LLC vs. Jordan Gates - Money

judgment.
 Ted Fine vs. David Taylor, et al - Breach of contract.

Midland Credit Mgmt. vs. Josh Emerson - Money judgment.

Midland Credit Mgmt. vs. Nadine Johnson - Money judgment.

Midland Credit Mgmt. vs. Lisa Johnson - Money judgment.

Midland Credit Mgmt. vs. Ronnie White - Money judgment.

Midland Funding, LLC vs. Lisakay Johnston - Money judgment.

Midland Funding, LLC vs. Angela Henderson - Money judgment.

Midland Credit Mgmt. vs. Debbie Martindale - Money judgement.

Nat. Bank of Sallisaw vs. Devyn Brown - Default on loan.

Civil

Appearances

American Exp. Nat. Bank vs. Joan Wilson - Money judgment.

Ashley Hardbarger vs. Amanda Lucashu, D.O. - Negligence

Midland Credit Mgmt. vs. Kelly Little - Money judgment.

Ally Financial, Inc. vs. Johnne Thornton, et al - Money judgment.

Ally Bank vs. David Fout - Money judgment.

Marriages

Kyla Sisney and Summer Pettit.

Jessie Nutt and Lou-Wanda Sullivan.

Andrew Olsen and April Cole.

Juddas Booker and Asia Johnson.

Matthew Sousa and Hannah Sharp.

James Hunt, III and Laveta Tidwell.

Divorces

Sherry Scott vs. Mark Kinsey.

Jasmine Johnson vs. Anthony Johnson.

Billy Waddle, Jr. vs. Jessica Waddle.

Melody Ticer vs. Arthur Ticer.

Voters warned about false polling message

Oklahoma State Election Board Secretary Paul Zirix issued a voter alert, warning voters about a text message that was received by a voter last Friday, that falsely claimed the voter's polling place had changed. The complaint has been referred by election officials to law enforcement.

The text message falsely advised the voter that her polling place had changed, then asked the voter to reply to the text to confirm her name. It then provided a phone

number to call to be removed from the notification list. The phone number provided in the text message is reportedly for a male escort service.

"Disinformation about the voting process is a real threat. Voters should be very cautious about phone calls, emails, social media posts and text messages containing false information about elections - and report suspicious communications to election officials immediately," Zirix said.

Polling place changes are rare in Oklahoma, and when they occur affected voters are notified by the County Election Board through the U.S. Mail.

"Election officials will never contact you by text message to tell you your polling place has changed," Zirix said.

Voters should use the OK Voter Portal on the State Election Board's website or contact their county election board to find or verify their polling place.

You've Earned Your Stripes

"You've Earned Your Stripes" and we want to honor and celebrate you, the veterans of our community.

On Nov. 11, the Sequoyah County Times will publish a special section dedicated to Sequoyah County veterans, past and present, and their families.

You would like your submissions and you can share as much information as you'd like. This is a free service. Your story and photo will be published at no

charge. The deadline for submissions is Oct. 30. Send the story, or even just a photo, with name, branch of service and dates of service to Carrie@seqcotimes.com, mail Attn. Carrie, or go by their office at 111N. Oak St., Sallisaw, Ok., 74955.

Advertising in this special section is also available by contacting Jan, Melanie or Carrie at 918-775-4433. the deadline for advertising is also Oct. 30.

Sales tax revenue increases reported for most county towns

The Oklahoma Tax Commission recently released city sales tax collection figures that primarily represents local tax receipts from August business. The monies they reported this period represent sales from August 16 to 31 and estimated sales from September

1 to 15. Statewide, the disbursement of \$160,513,549 in sales tax collections returned to the cities and towns reflected a decrease of \$1,480,794 from the \$161,994,343 distributed to the cities and towns in October last year. The use tax disbursement

to cities and towns was \$24,728,643 according to the Oklahoma Tax Commission.

In county returns, the counties shared in a \$26,014,725 sales tax disbursement and a \$4,546,299 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.

City	2020			2019			Change from 2019 to 2020
	Aug/Sep 2020 tax rate	Tax collection through Sep 15	Taxable sales through Sep 15	Aug/Sep 2019 tax rate	Tax collection through Sep 15	Taxable sales through Sep 15	
Gans	2%	\$630.66	\$31,533.00	2%	\$590.76	\$29,538.00	7%
Gore	4%	\$66,671.44	\$1,666,786.00	4%	\$51,605.06	\$1,290,126.50	29%
Marble City	3%	\$1,793.70	\$59,790.00	3%	\$481.06	\$16,035.33	273%
Moffett	2%	\$1,028.04	\$51,402.00	2%	\$2,245.66	\$112,283.00	-54%
Muldrow	3.5%	\$75,693.92	\$2,162,683.43	3.5%	\$56,326.39	\$1,609,325.43	34%
Roland	4%	\$147,488.92	\$3,687,223.00	4%	\$110,109.66	\$2,752,741.50	34%
Sallisaw	4%	\$499,351.73	\$12,483,793.25	4%	\$499,502.88	\$12,487,572.00	0%
Vian	4%	\$52,297.77	\$1,307,444.25	4%	\$31,522.82	\$788,070.50	66%
Webbers Falls	5.5%	\$47,095.56	\$856,282.91	5.5%	\$43,198.85	\$785,433.64	9%
Poteau	3%	\$462,522.93	\$15,417,431.00	3%	\$462,195.65	\$15,406,521.67	0%
Stigler	3.5%	\$195,052.64	\$5,572,932.57	3.5%	\$187,208.52	\$5,348,814.86	4%
Stilwell	3.5%	\$215,282.45	\$6,150,927.14	3.5%	\$203,732.94	\$5,820,941.14	6%
Tahlequah	3.25%	\$936,690.23	\$28,821,237.85	3.25%	\$878,848.66	\$27,041,497.23	7%
County							
Sequoyah	1.417%	\$393,265.80	\$27,753,408.61	1.417%	\$343,505.45	\$24,241,739.59	14%
Adair	1.75%	\$160,187.05	\$9,153,545.71	1.75%	\$148,461.65	\$8,483,522.86	8%
Cherokee	1.75%	\$686,282.55	\$39,216,145.71	1.75%	\$611,482.73	\$34,941,870.29	12%
Haskell	2%	\$164,826.40	\$8,241,320.00	2%	\$162,977.16	\$8,148,858.00	1%
LeFlore	2%	\$635,508.47	\$31,775,423.50	2%	\$612,774.38	\$30,638,719.00	4%
Muskogee	0.65%	\$450,090.77	\$69,244,733.85	0.65%	\$446,065.95	\$68,625,530.77	1%

SOURCE: Oklahoma Tax Commission

ABLE ROOFING & CONSTRUCTION OK Reg #0083 AR #025024

Please Call **918-759-2240**

FREE ESTIMATES • LICENSED & INSURED

Follow us on the Internet!

VIAN TENKILLER NEWS

www.facebook.com

Search for Vian Tenkiller News

- DUI: Driving under the influence
- DWI: Driving while intoxicated
- DUS: Driving under suspension
- CDS: Controlled dangerous substance
- CD: Controlled Drug
- POSS: Possession
- TOC: Transporting open container
- M/V: motor vehicle
- D.L.: Driver's license
- DPS: Department of Public Safety
- A&B: Assault and Battery

VFW Post 8384 Holding Halloween Activities

VFW Post 8384 in Muldrow is going all out this Halloween, Oct. 31! There will be a Halloween candy giveaway from 5 to 7 p.m., Mac Moad & the Silent Thunder Band will perform from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m., and there will be a Halloween Costume Contest during the evening festivities.

First prize on the costume contest will receive \$300; second will receive \$200 and third, \$100. Judges will be selected on the night of contest.

Muldrow Post 8384, 112324 Wilson Rock Road in Muldrow.

For more info call 918-427-5871.

Sallisaw VFW Hosting Halloween Party

The Sallisaw VFW Post 4518 will be hosting a Halloween party on Saturday, Oct. 31, beginning at 9 p.m. There will be a \$5 cover charge.

There will be live music with the Makin' Cents Band, door prizes, drink specials while they last, and a costume contest.

In the costume contest, \$100 will be given to People's Choice; \$75 to Judge's Choice; and \$50 for the Bartender's Choice.

Sallisaw VFW Post 4518 is located at 104332 US Hwy 59 in Sallisaw. For more info, call 918-775-6952.

Marble City education board filing begins Dec. 7

The Board of Education of Marble City Public School District hereby announces that statutorily qualified individuals interested in running for the No. 1 seat on the Marble City Public School

Board of Education may file to run as a candidate for this seat at the Sequoyah County Election Board between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7 through Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2020.

CLASSIFIEDS!

For the 'THINGS' you're looking for!

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE:

All real estate advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation or discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or intention to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination."

This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on an equal opportunity basis.



HOUSING / PROPERTY

For Rent

DO YOU OWN RENTAL PROPERTY?
WILD HORSE
 Lawn Care & Landscaping
NOW OFFERING
Property Management & Preservation
 Maintenance • Repairs • Clean Outs
 Occupancy Inspections
10 Years Experience • Insured
References Available • Call 774-5800

OKLAHOMA CLASSIFIED AD NETWORK

FOR MORE INFO CALL
1-888-815-2672

AUCTION

LIVE & ONLINE AUCTION - Nov. 13th @ 10a: Kubota Skid Steer | Pickups | '85 Blazer | Conex Garage Boxes | Bass Boat & Canoe | Trlrs | Implements | 3 Pt. Equip. | Shop Items | Club Car | Gator | Mower | Farm Related Items | 580.233.3066 wigginsauctioneers.com

WANT TO BUY

OLD GUITARS WANTED! LARRY BRINGS CASH for vintage USA guitars, tube amps, banjos, mandolins, etc. Fender, Gibson, Martin, Gretsch, others. Call or text 918-288-2222. www.stringswest.com

ADVERTISE STATEWIDE

Put your message where it matters most - **IN OKLAHOMA NEWSPAPERS.** We can place your ad in 155 newspapers. For more information or to place an ad, contact Landon Cobb at (405) 499-0022 or toll-free in OK at 1-888-815-2672.

WANTED 10 HOMES

NEEDING METAL ROOFS SIDING OR WINDOWS for our Advertising Program.

We are opening a branch office & will be using these homes for advertising purposes. Upon being selected, receive \$300 gift certificate.

SAVE HUNDREDS NO MONEY DOWN LOW MONTHLY PAYMENTS

Senior/Military Discounts.

CALL NOW! 888-878-6443

Follow us on the Internet!



SERVICES

Tree Service

McGowan's Tree Service
 Tree Removal • Trimming
 Bucket & Chip Truck
 Insured & Bonded • Free Estimates
 Senior & Military Discounts
 Serving YOUR Area for over 30 years
918-775-6500 918-774-8623

Heavy Equipment

J&J Dozer & Backhoe Dump Truck Service

- Landed Cleared
 - Pads
 - Ponds
 - Roads
 - Water Lines
- Will haul:
Sand • Gravel • Shale

Reasonable Rates!

Jason 918-773-7588

Trash/Recycling

Sue's RECYCLING, SANITATION & TRANSFER STATION

Let Us Supply Your Trash Disposal Needs

Residential
 Commercial • Industrial

Call for Prices

We Pick Up or You Bring to Us!

918-773-4007 1-888-848-8234

Open Mon-Fri 8am to 4pm
 Located 3 miles E. of Tenkiller Dam
 suesrecycling.com

viannews.com

BUSINESS / EMPLOYMENT

Help Wanted

Aviagen Sallisaw Hatchery Hiring

O.T.R. Drivers

Must Be able to obtain passport

Pay is based on experience with sign on bonus. Less than 3 years begins at \$18.00 per hour. 3 years or more begins at \$22.50 per hour. \$1.25 per hour per diem during chick delivery. Drivers paid continuous from the time they clock in at the hatchery until they return from all trips and clock out.

Apply in person at
500 Houser Blvd., Sallisaw, OK

Only Serious applicants need apply.



Pre-Employment Drug Test & Background Check Required.
 An Equal Opportunity Employer

Stilwell Nursing Home

Accepting applications for

- RN's
- LPN's

- Certified Nurse Aides (CNA)

*All Shifts available

- ✓ Competitive Pay ✓ Paid Time Off
- ✓ Incentive Pay ✓ Insurance Benefits
- ✓ Matching 401K

Apply in person at

422 W. Locust

between 9am-4pm, Monday-Friday
 or online at

www.companionhealth.net

BUSINESS / EMPLOYMENT

Help Wanted

VIAN NURSING & REHAB IS LOOKING FOR KIND, COMPASSIONATE CAREGIVERS TO JOIN OUR AMAZING 1ST CLASS TEAM

We are selectively seeking:

- CMA part time evening shift
- CNA all shifts

Excellent benefits for full-time employees including medical, dental, vision and life insurance, 401(k) with matching and vacation pay.

Ask about our recent wage increase

Call To Inquire: 918-773-5258

HELP WANTED

SENIOR GAS UTILITY TECHNICIAN

This is a full time 40 hour per week position with RDA (Roland Development Authority).

Position incumbents are engaged in the construction, operation, maintenance and repair of the natural gas distribution system, work under general supervision and are given general work requirements. The position requires ability to work with limited direction during the absence of the supervisor, and incumbents are expected to exercise considerable independent judgment in making the technical decisions to carry out their job responsibilities.

The Senior Gas Utility Technician is responsible for completing operations and maintenance of the gas system, is responsible for the safety of work crew(s), and shall be familiar with the regulations of the DOT Part 192 and the RDA Emergency Manual procedures.

Application may be made at the Roland Administration Office at 100 Ranger Blvd. in Roland, OK.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Newspapers are more than just the traditional medium for notices. Newspapers watch government closely and report on government activities.

Newspapers are credible, independent, and can guarantee readership. Newspapers are passed along to other readers, and can provide affidavits of publication.

www.oklahomanotices.com

for free access to public notices in Oklahoma newspapers

Send your classified ad to...classifieds@bigbasinllc.com

AUCTIONS

Farm Consignment

J&H Fall Farm Consignment Auction

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7
 AT 9AM • WARNER, OK

Selling

tractors • farm equipment
 construction • cattle equipment
 trucks • trailers • ATV's and more

Taking consignments starting Monday November 2nd through Friday November 6th from 8 am to 5 pm.

For more information call Ricky:

918-843-0454

For full listing and pictures visit the website:
jandhequipment.net

TRUSTED NEWS & INFORMATION

When You Need It Most



In times of uncertainty, rest assured that as your community newspaper, we are working hard with a local, regional and national network of official resources to keep you informed and up to date on the issues and developments that matter most to you.

Accurate. Reliable. Unbiased. Local.

Subscribe to the VIAN TENKILLER NEWS for just \$19.99 for one year!

Yes! I want to subscribe to the Vian Tenkiller News **1YR SUB \$19.99**

Enclosed is my check or money order

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

WE ACCEPT

Card No. _____ Exp. Date: _____

Signature: _____ Billing Zip: _____

Mail order form to: Sequoyah County Times

111 North Oak St. Sallisaw, OK 74955 Phone: 918-775-4433

Call to pay by card

YOU DON'T WANT THEM RESPONDING TO YOUR TEXT.

STOP TEXTS STOP WRECKS.ORG

You've Earned Your Stripes

WE WANT TO HONOR AND CELEBRATE THE VETERANS OF OUR COMMUNITY!

November 11th we will publish a special section dedicated to Sequoyah County veterans, both past and present, and their families. We want your submissions! Share as much or as little as you want.

Please send us your story or even just a photo with name, branch, dates of service to:

Carrie@seqcotimes.com
Mail or come by:
Attn: Carrie
111 N. Oak St.,
Sallisaw, OK 74955

Deadline for submissions: 10/30/20

This is a free service, your story and photo will publish at no charge.

— High Visibility Advertising —

Have your advertising message seen by thousands!

Advertising in this special section honoring our Sequoyah County Veterans is available.

Advertising Deadline: 10/30/2020

Call Jan, Melanie or Carrie for all your advertising needs!
918-775-4433

SEQUOYAH COUNTY TIMES



SUBMITTED

Gore Sonic Drive-In team named best in the country in annual Dr. Pepper Sonic Games

Gore Drive-In brings home the Gold after excelling through a series of operational games and trainings

SONIC® Drive-In honored the team from 501 North Main Street in Gore, with gold medals and the championship title in the 2020 Dr. Pepper Sonic Games, the brand's premier competition training program. The team competed against nearly 3,000 other drive-in teams across the country and surpassed the competition by showcasing impressive teamwork skills, and mastering guest and operational service.

"The Gore team has done a spectacular job in each of the trainings, quizzes and team building exercises throughout the Dr. Pepper Sonic Games competition," said Kevin Knutson, vice president of training for Sonic. "Their energy, dedication and professionalism shined throughout every task and training obsta-

cles, demonstrating the level of guest experience we strive for at Sonic." During a span of five months, drive-in team members nationwide participated in a series of individual and team trainings as part of the Dr. Pepper Sonic Games, including: Food Safety; Switchboard: Order Taking; Fountain: Drink Preparation; Ice Cream: Frozen Treat Preparation; Dresser, Grill and Swamp: Food Preparation; Carhop: Guest Service & Delivery; Monthly Promotions; and Core Values and Brand Promise.

"The journey to winning the championship title in this year's competition has been exhilarating and we are excited to take home the gold medal," said Joe Calderon, area supervisor for the Gore Drive-In. "We are

proud to lead by example and this collective victory is a testament to the dedication our team put forth in the competition. Through the program, we've strengthened our team bond and proficiency in each training module to positively impact our drive-in's operations as well as the dining experience we offer guests in our community."

"Dr Pepper is proud to continuously support and sponsor Sonic's unique training program to highlight the some of the top drive-in teams in the country," said Blaine Wood, director of sales for Keurig Dr Pepper. "Today, we celebrate the Gore Sonic team for their dedication to provide excellent guest service and team synergy. Their results during these unprecedented times just amplifies their hard work."

The Oklahoma Standard should mean smokefree air for all.

When it comes to achieving the Oklahoma Standard, we've come a long way. All state property is 100% smokefree, and the age to purchase tobacco is now 21.

However, there's still work to do...

- Smoking is still allowed in Oklahoma bars and some restaurants.
- Hotels in Oklahoma are NOT 100% smokefree.
- Exposing children to secondhand smoke in cars is still legal.
- Smoking at in-home daycares after hours is still legal.

It's time to step up to the Oklahoma Standard. Join the fight at

TOBACCO STOPS WITH ME.com

A Program of **TSET**

450,000 & Counting.

We can help you, too!

For years, Oklahomans have counted on the Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline to quit.

Why? Because our methods are proven to increase your chances of success. Each registrant receives FREE Quit Coaching, web and text support and at least a two-week supply of NRT.

Advice from experienced Quit Coaches combined with NRT puts you in the driver's seat on the road to becoming tobacco free.

Call **1-800-QUIT NOW** or visit **OKhelpline.com** to get started.

Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline

1 800 QUIT NOW

1-800-784-8669 **OKhelpline.com**

A Program of **TSET**

MY LIFE MY QUIT
Brought to you by TSET

13-17-year-olds can receive free help to quit through live text, phone or web chat. Visit **MyLifeMyQuit.com** or text "Start My Quit" to **855-891-9989**.