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Semi wrecks close down I-40 for 11 hours



AMIE CATO-REMER
EDITOR

A semi that overturned in the eastbound lane of U.S. Interstate-40 on Saturday afternoon shut down traffic for approximately 11 hours and four minutes, according to a press release issued by Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT).

eastbound lanes of I-40 at the 297 mile marker (Vian exit) were blocked due to an overturned semi. Traffic was then detoured from near Carlile and Gore to US-SH 64 for those traveling I-40 to get around the crash site when a second accident occurred. Local firefighters said they were working the first accident when two

more semis had a wreck on the east side of Exit 297, completely blocking the roadway. Local firefighters and law enforcement continued to have a busy afternoon after another semi became hung up on the

railroad tracks in Vian, causing traffic to back up on US-SH 64 both ways while Vian Police helped direct traffic at the 4-way stop in Vian. Also during that time, another semi reportedly

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Man shot by Webbers Falls officer

OSBI investigating shooting

AMIE CATO-REMER
EDITOR

Webbers Falls Police were reportedly called to the west side of Webbers Falls Lock and Dam off Power House Road on Saturday to arrest a man with outstanding warrants, who was also allegedly armed with a handgun. The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation (OSBI) is now investigating what led to the shooting of Benjamin Ray Ridley, 29, of Webbers Falls, who was reportedly shot and killed by a Webbers Falls Police officer. According to reports, Webbers Falls Police notified deputies with the Muskogee County Sher-

iff's Office and they were called to the scene after it was reported a man was seen with a gun at the lock and dam while fishing with another individual. When two officers reportedly approached the men, one (Ridley) was shot by one of the officers after allegedly pulling a gun and firing at the officers. The name of the officer who shot Ridley has yet to be released as of press time. OSBI reported a handgun was recovered and no other information was released as of press time, Monday. Muskogee County Court records show Ridley's

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RL Bell announces candidacy for Tribal Council

LYNN MCCULLEY
SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

RL Bell of Braggs announces his candidacy and plans to run for District 5 Tribal Council of the Cherokee Nation. Bell, who was raised in the Cherokee culture while growing up in the small town located in Muskogee County, said he decided to run because he believes 'there are many disconnections' between the Cherokee people and their government.



RL Bell

"Many Cherokees feel that our government serves a few interest groups but leave many average Cherokees behind," Bell said. "While there are policies that need to change, so much distrust stems from a lack of authentic communication. We need communication designed to help educate

our citizens on both the good, and bad, of our government and how it operates. Transparency, and two-way communication are the first steps to regaining trust." Bell said, if elected, he plans to work with legislators to improve services to all the Cherokee people

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Dedication ceremony set for Capt. Neil Bynum Memorial Statue

May 1 at 10 a.m. in downtown Anna Bell Farmer Park

AMIE CATO-REMER
EDITOR

Workers with Watkins Monuments in Van Buren, Ark. installed the new monument honoring Capt. Neil S. Bynum in Vian's downtown Anna Bell Farmer Park last Tuesday. A dedication ceremony is planned for 10 a.m. Saturday, May 1, at the park, which is located on Main Street. There will be special music and guest speakers, followed by the unveiling and dedication of the monument. State and county dignitaries, and tribal councilors of the Cherokee Nation have been invited to attend and speak, as well. Attendees are asked to bring lawn chairs for seating. "I kept my promise," Jimmie Owens of Vian said as he watched the



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ABOVE: The last known photo of Capt. Neil S. Bynum before he went missing in action. AT LEFT: The new monument honoring Capt. Neil S. Bynum was installed last Tuesday in the downtown Anna Bell Farmer Park. A dedication ceremony has been set for Saturday, May 1, at the park.



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Jimmie Owens of Vian became emotional while watching the monument go up last Tuesday. Owens did a tandem skydive on his 80th birthday to raise money for the monument, which will honor his fallen classmate Capt. Neil S. Bynum.

monument being placed on its base last Tuesday. "I made one years ago that I'd never let his memory die, that he would be remembered for the hero he was and still is. I can finally mark this off my bucket list." Owens said even though Bynum was a few grades behind him, they were classmates and friends who were involved in Future Farmers of America and other organizations together.

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We Asked Kids...

KELSIE MADSEN



Zoey Pruitt
Age 6, Vian

Are you a good friend? Why do you think so? *Yes, I'm nice to my friends and I give them toys.* Would you cheat on a test if you knew you would not get caught? Why or why not? *No, that is bad!* What is the silliest thing you've ever done? *I make really silly faces!*



Carter Madsen
Age 11, Vian

Are you a good friend? Why do you think so? *Yes, because I give them my snack cart money.* Would you cheat on a test if you knew you would not get caught? Why or why not? *No, it's not honest to cheat.* What is the silliest thing you've ever done? *I accidentally called my teacher mom!*

Obituaries

Everett Lynn Bolton

Dec. 2, 1934 – April 11, 2021

Sallisaw – Graveside services for Everett Lynn Bolton, 86, of Sallisaw, were held at 10:30 a.m. on Fri., April 23, 2021, at Sallisaw City Cemetery under the direction of Agent Mallory Martin Funeral Service, Inc.

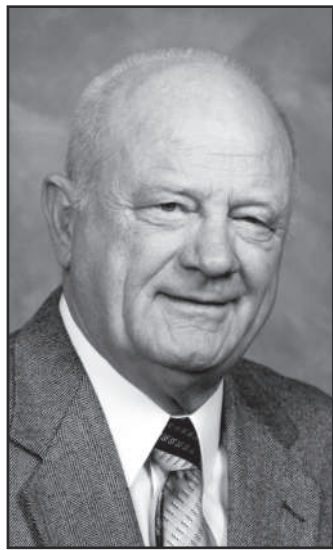
Mr. Bolton was born on Dec. 2, 1934, in Santa Ana, Calif., to Jessie Everett Bolton and Thelma (Makeing) Bolton and passed away on Sun., April 11, 2021, in Sallisaw.

He was a U.S. Coast Guard veteran, a member of the Gardena, Calif., Police Dept., where he was one of the first polygraph examiners in the state, taught police science at the local community college and a member of the Gardena Kiwanis Club and Elks Lodge. He retired as a Detective Sergeant. He enjoyed restoring cars and flying his plane.

He married Joyce Warren on April 2, 1988, in Sallisaw.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce Bolton of the home; four daughters, Vickie and Ben Rico of Seattle, Julie Dodson of Virginia Beach, Va., Deena and Clint Stidd of Sallisaw, and Celise Blewett and Richard Dages of Edmond; two sons, Jim and Andrea Purcell of Lomita, Calif., and Bryan Capodice of Cherry Valley, Calif.; one sister, Anita Helm of Sallisaw; one brother, Darryle Purcell of Bullhead City, Ariz.; 15 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and other family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Mark Ivan Purcell; and one brother, Dennis Purcell.



Dominique Lynn Goff

April 10, 1993 – April 12, 2021

Sallisaw – Funeral services for Dominique Lynn Goff, 28, were held at 10 a.m. on Thurs., April 22, 2021, at Sequoyah Memorial Chapel with Bro. Vernon Stone officiating. Burial was at 2 p.m. at the San Bois Cemetery in Kinta, under the direction of Forever Memories Funeral Services.

Ms. Goff was born on April 10, 1993, in West Memphis, Ark., to Charles and Belinda Goff and passed away on Mon., April 12, 2021. She was a caregiver for many years.

Survivors include her children, Jasper Barrett, Kimberly Barrett and Jackson Rudick; one brother, Ronnie Holley; three sisters, Crystal Kasinger, Belicia Walton and Tena Holley; fiancé, Timothy Rudick; and other family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Pallbearers were Deweyray Holley, Ronnie Holley, James Youkna, Donnie Kibbe and Boyd Walton.



Steven Hunter Reaves

Feb. 8, 1999 - April 16, 2021

Vian – Funeral service for Hunter Reaves, 22, of Vian, Oklahoma was held at 2 p.m. on Fri., April 23, 2021, at Landmark Missionary Baptist Church in Vian. Burial followed at Fields Cemetery in Porum, Oklahoma, under the direction of Agent Mallory Martin Funeral Service, Inc.

Steven Hunter Reaves was born on Feb. 8, 1999 in Muskogee, OK, and entered the Kingdom of Heaven on April 16, 2021.

Survivors include his loving wife, Celeste of the home; parents, Steven and Brandy Reaves of Vian, OK; bonus parents, Alex and Paula Powell, along with his sidekick, Stefanie Powell of Webbers Falls, OK; grandparents, Mark and Debbie West of Warner, OK, Ken and Shelly Endicott of Ada, OK and Robyn Rodgers of Gore, OK; Great-grandparents, Sidney and Dorothy Powell of Webbers Falls, OK; siblings, Taylor, Matthew and Elijah of Vian, OK; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Irvan and Lois Reaves; and one aunt, Darlene Brown.

Hunter was a hard-working man that would do anything for his family, including giving them the shirt off of his back.

When not at home, Hunter was a teller at Vian Armstrong Bank pestering his work family and helping customers.

In his free time you could find him playing on his PC, going fishing with family and hanging out with his Steffy Faye, and Charlie the Beagle.

He was known for his never ending “dad jokes,” making people laugh, his collection of Coca Cola antiques and always coming up with new hobbies or ideas.

If you saw him driving around in his truck he was most likely on an adventure with his wife, listening to Reba McEntire, George Strait, Dolly Parton and The Judds.

Hunter had a passion for helping people and being a firefighter. At the age of 18 he joined the Vian Fire Department and was there until the age of 21. From there on, he was a part of the Blackgum Fire Department.

Everyone who met Hunter will remember his contagious smile, larger than life personality and his ability to never meet a stranger. He will be remembered by the impact he had on others and will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him.

Active Pallbearers were Alex Powell, Jared Johnson, Evan Roberts, Nathan Reaves, TC Price and Justin Roberts.

Honorary Pallbearers were the Blackgum Fire Department and Vian Fire Department.

Visitation was from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at Agent Mallory Martin Chapel in Sallisaw, where the family greeted from 6 to 8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Hunter Reaves Memorial Fund through Armstrong Bank of Vian.



Harrison N. Fentress

April 4, 1946 – April 14, 2021

Stilwell – Harrison N. Fentress, 66, of Stilwell, was born on April 4, 1946, and passed away on Wed., April 14, 2021.

No formal service is planned at this time. Arrangements are under the direction of Green Country Funeral Home of Tahlequah.

He was a Vo-Tech instructor.

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caught fire on the Sallisaw exit which had to be extinguished as well.

ODOT reported all

lanes of eastbound I-40 were completely re-opened by 10 p.m. following the multiple accidents.

Those living near the Sequoyah National Wild-

life Refuge said traffic flowed heavily all day on Saturday, which included several loaded semis and out-of-state travelers that looked to their GPS for alternate routes.

A complete report naming those involved was unavailable as of press time, Monday afternoon. We will update the story as more information becomes available.

BELL

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ple living in his district.

“I have heard feedback on the present council representative who connects with only a small percentage of Cherokees in our district. People have complained about the lack of communication and services, not just in Braggs, but throughout this district,” he said.

“While some are served, not all of them are, and most do not hear about such things as the recent food giveaway until it’s too late and some who have received the food have complained some of the food items were outdated, such as the vegetables and sour milk from what I’ve been told,” Bell said.

“Too often people are overwhelmed by the complex system of departments and programs.

As a result, many feel that access to aid is only available if their politician can cut through the red tape for them.

Instead, we need to expand our system with the creation of ‘Citizen Advocates’ who could advise Cherokee people to access resources while protecting their privacy. Cherokees should never feel like their access to help is determined by their ties, associations or favoritism to elected officials,” he said.

Bell, who has traveled extensively through his job as an industrial construction worker on such projects as designing or constructing wind turbines, said he has remained close to his Cherokee roots.

He is the son of Helen Webber Wildcat who was the daughter of Squirrel Webber Wildcat, longtime residents of Braggs and were full-blood Cher-

okees.

“In my job, I’ve traveled for 30 to 40 years worldwide to places such as the Middle East and I’ve seen all kinds of atrocities of the down trodden. It’s helped me to understand what some of our Cherokee people go through especially when there is no connection to the very people elected to serve them,” he said.

“I want to do something about that for our Cherokee people in District 5. Cherokee people have an important choice on June 5 and I’m asking them to carefully consider their vote as we draw closer to election day. Your vote is very important and incredibly valuable. Without your vote, there is no election. Carefully review the actions of current and past officials and ask yourself, have they done or have they not done what they said they would?”

“Have their actions followed their promises and their words?”

“History shows us that there are candidates that will do almost anything to win your vote. I ask that you don’t give your vote away, or be coerced into taking some small token, or ‘crumbs’ offered by some unspoken agreement.

“The Federal Government and the Cherokee Nation have programs that give out money and benefits for all. It is yours by birthright. Don’t be deceived by candidates that would have you believe it came from them personally.

“If I am honored to be elected, I will serve all my constituents, not just those who voted for me. You deserve the best leadership you can get, and I will work tirelessly for each and everyone of you. Thank you and Wado.”

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ley was charged in December 2009 with felony first degree rape and a misdemeanor count of false reporting of a crime in November 2019. A bench warrant was issued for his arrest following the second charge after he failed to appear or report for his sentencing.

Bennett elected chairman of State Republican Party

ROY FALKENBERRY SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Former State Representative for District 2 John Bennett was recently elected chairman of the Oklahoma Republican Party. The office is for a two-year term.

“Overwhelmingly, Republicans stand and fight for Republican values and adhere to Oklahoma values and that’s exactly what they get from me as chairman,” Bennett said. “We, as Republicans, are tired of politics as usual and we’re not going to stand for it anymore. We’re going to stress conservative and religious values. It’s something Gen. Flynn, Donald Trump, Donald Trump, Jr. and Mike Lyndell believe in. If that’s something that



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John Bennett

appeals to people we would encourage them to come to the party and join us.”

Bennett served as District 2 State Representative from 2011 to 2019.

A retired U.S. Marine, he served three tours in Iraq and Afghanistan. He is currently the Pastor of the Lee Creek Assembly of God Church.

While serving in the Oklahoma House of Representatives, Bennett served on the following committees: Appropriations and Budget, Veterans and Military Affairs, Agriculture, Wildlife and Environment, Public Safety, Joint Appropriations and Budget, Government Oversight and Accountability and Transportation.

In being elected chairman of the party, Bennett defeated Christine Leevironphan, Rep. Charles Ortega and Jeny White in an April 10 Republican Party election.



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STATUE

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“I signed up for the United States Army during Christmas break of my senior year and he went to college,” Owens said. “Neil went on to attend Oklahoma State University through ROTC after joining the U.S. Air Force.”

“The Vietnam War actually started in 1954 and I was put with the Marines in Laos,” Owens remembers. “I’m pretty sure a political statement stopped it so we went back to the island and they detached me again and put me with the Marines. This time a typhoon showed up and we had to turn around. I was at Okinawa for two years total.”

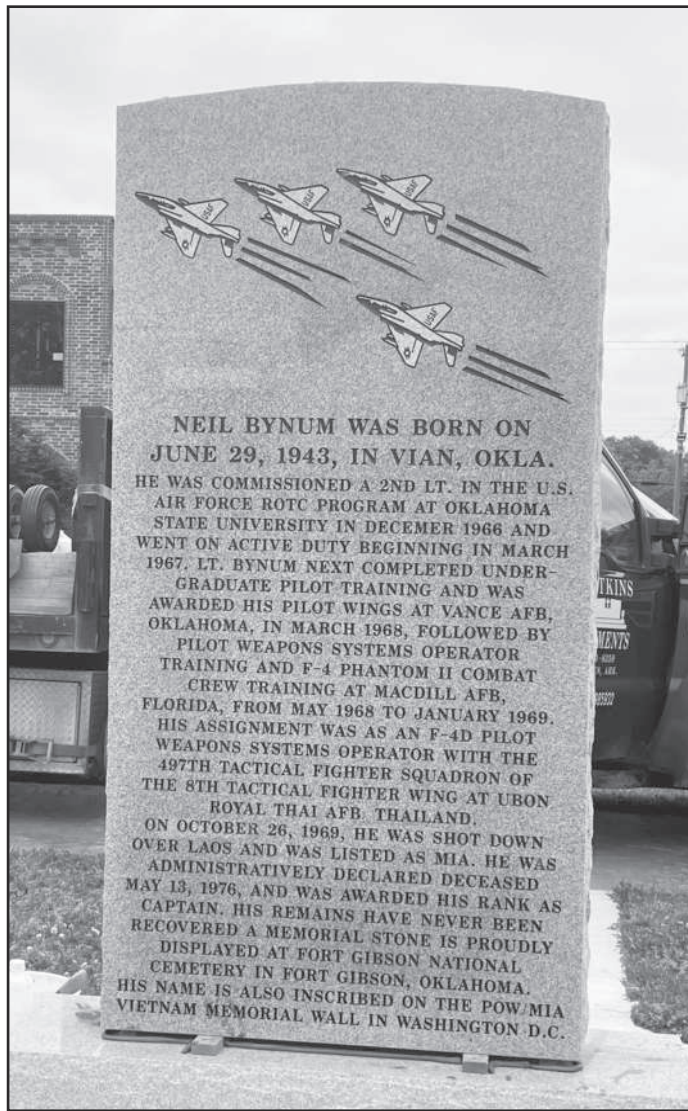
Owens said he was part of the U.S. Army 82nd Airborne Division, which specializes in parachute assault operations into denied areas with a U.S. Department of Defense requirement to respond to crisis contingencies anywhere in the world within 18 hours.

“We were sent to Southeast Asia in March 1960,” Owens said. “I made 21 jumps during my time with the military.”

Owens is also an amputee.

“A lot of people think I’m slow because I only have one leg,” he said. “But what they don’t realize is I’m slower because I have two 12-inch rods in my back from parachuting in the military. I got a midnight jump, landed in a ditch and got banged up pretty good, but that didn’t keep me from teaching.”

“The good Lord and I had a little talk after that and I told Him that ‘I will do your bidding.’ I thought about preaching



The back of the statue honoring Capt. Neil S. Bynum.

for awhile but I thought teaching would be better.”

In 1966 Owens went on to become an educator, teaching Government, History, Economics, Geography and Sociology but he said he never forgot his friend (Bynum), who gave the ultimate sacrifice for his country.

“I told myself I needed to let my students and other people know that Jesus died for your sins but Captain Neil Bynum died for your liberty and freedom,” he said. “And I strongly believe that.”

Owens said he was teaching at Nowata School, doing a lecture on the Vietnam War when he mentioned Bynum to his students.

“When I said his name, one of my students looked up at me like he’d been shot,” he said. “He told me he was at the

Tulsa Fair and they had this big barrel with lots of people’s names in it. When he reached in the barrel, he pulled out a bracelet with Capt. Neil S. Bynum’s name on it. He then raised up his arm because he was still wearing the bracelet.”

In 1991, Owens retired as principal from Nowata High School and then he and his wife, Freda, decided to move back to Vian.

“I took 10 years off after that so we could do our projects around here for several years,” he said. “And then I started to do some substitute teaching.”

“I told my wife that the students at Vian treated me with so much respect that if a job ever opened up, I would have to start teaching again. And then a job opened up. I guess you could say I retired

from Vian High School in 2020 but I will never quit teaching.”

Then in July 2019, Owens’ beloved wife of 55 years passed away.

“I started to look back on what I had accomplished,” he said. “I made a bucket list and decided the number one thing I wanted to do was to jump again. I decided at the age of 80 I was going to do one more jump, so I might as well make it about something besides me. I kept Neil’s name alive while I was teaching and I was not going to let him be forgotten.”

Capt. Bynum, 26, of Vian, was serving in the U.S. Air Force when he left for a mission and was shot down over Laos on Oct. 26, 1969, never returning. Parks was part of a very elite flying group, the WOLF FAC Night Owls, which flew night missions into Laos during the Vietnam War. He was stationed in Thailand at an Air Force base, UBON, where they flew out for the missions.

Family members said Bynum was listed as a POW and MIA, so they never really knew if he was a prisoner or not.

His name is on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C. with a cross beside it, which indicates he is still missing. He also has his own display at the Veterans War Memorial Museum in Branson, Missouri, which remains on display in the museum in Vietnam Hall.

Today, Bynum remains one of nearly 600 American captives who disappeared or were not rescued in Laos, many who were known to be alive, on the ground and in radio contact with search and rescue. There has been no negotiated release of prisoners from Laos since the war ended.

Then a former student of Owens decided to help his longtime teacher organize the jump by creating a GoFundMe page and making it into a fundraiser to build a monument in memory of Bynum.

“I decided if I didn’t make the \$5,000 we needed, I’d do a jump every year after that until we did,” Owens said. “I want the people of Vian to know what character we had in Capt. Neil Bynum. One of my most famous sayings is, ‘You may not conquer your fears, but you can control them.’ I knew we needed something in Vian to remember him by, he’s as important as anyone.”

On Aug. 18, 2020, Owens said he arrived at the Skiatook Airport early for his epic 80th birthday jump.

“I got there about 8:30 a.m. and at 9 a.m. all of us went in to get our positions that we needed to be in, especially since I am an amputee. And they rigged me up a little different,” he said. “It was just me, the camera man, my tandem jumper and the pilot and the cab was full.”

Before they loaded for the jump, Owens said he told those present to remember the last few words of our Pledge of Allegiance – liberty and justice for all.

“It’s part of the pledge that we learned way back, I encouraged them to look at the Preamble to the United States Constitution in promoting general welfare. I made sure to tell them if they didn’t want another history lesson to stay away,” he laughed.

Owens said when he jumped, he knew his mouth was wide open.

“I was hollering ‘Airborne all the way!’ or at least that’s what I wanted to believe I was saying,” he

said. “It could have also been a holler for help since we were free falling for about 7 feet and then the parachute opened and we fell even more feet.”

“And out of all those 21 jumps I did in the service, number 22 was the softest I’d ever landed.”

Owens said he watched the film of himself jumping afterwards but said if he would’ve watched it beforehand, he might have changed his mind.

“The jump was great but seeing all my past students and family members showing up to watch was even greater!” he said. “About 85 people showed up to watch, you would have thought I’d won some kind of election or something.”

Owens said although a scholarship program was set up at Oklahoma State University in Bynum’s name through the ROTC, he would also like to possibly establish a local scholarship to Vian students in Bynum’s name.

“This is about Neil, not me. This is all kid’s stuff compared to what I’ve been through in life,” he said humbly. “I especially want to thank Deeann Parks, Bynum’s sister, for helping me see this through. She picked out the colors and stuff for the monument, and her grandson Jon Parks, a military man himself picked out the bible verse, which fits appropriately.”

The front displays Bynum’s medals along with the bible verse picked by Bynum’s great-nephew which reads, “I heard the voice of the Lord saying, whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me,” Isaiah 6:8.

“I hope when everyone looks at this monument, they will remember the man that sacrificed everything for his country,” Owens said.

VFW Benefit, others scheduled for Copeland

AMIE CATO-REMER EDITOR

A benefit has been scheduled for June 6 at the Sallisaw VFW for Kara Copeland, 49, of Vian, who is undergoing cancer treatment and scheduled for surgery on May 14 in Tulsa.

Joan Smith, friend of Copeland’s, said they will be selling Indian ta-

cos and have bands and acoustic sets throughout the day. Smith said the VFW Benefit will begin at 1 p.m. and will last until everyone leaves.

Smith said they will also be accepting items and donations for a raffle/drawing and will sell tickets for it at the Marble City Spring Fling on June 5.

Family and friends of Copeland said she is in need of financial assistance because she is currently unable to work and has no income. They are asking that you please help this loving mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, niece and wonderful friend with her expenses during this dif-

ficult time.

Monetary donations can be deposited at Armstrong Bank under Kara Copeland Benefit Account #3624.

Copeland’s sister, Mindy, has also set up a T-shirt benefit to help with funding for her sister’s medication, travel, living expenses, etc.

The Vian Tenkiller News welcomes your letters. We ask that they be: Written legibly, with your signature and telephone number, free of libelous statements, in good taste, under 500 words and that they cover issues of public interest.

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Ward scheduled for jury trial

ROY FAULKENBERRY SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Robert Ward, Sr., is scheduled for jury trial in Sequoyah County District Court at 9 a.m., May 3, before District Judge Jeff Payton.

Ward was charged on March 16, 2018, with knowingly concealing stolen property. He was charged after being questioned by investigators about a Kubota tractor that had been stolen in Muskogee County in February 2018.

In the investigator’s affidavit that accompanied the charge, a witness told investigators he had seen the tractor in question

being hauled by a long-bed Dodge pickup. A second witness reported to investigators of seeing a similar tractor being driven down a country road, followed by a black Honda Ridgeline.

One of the investigators said in the affidavit that he was familiar with a black Honda Ridgeline pickup owned by Robert Ward.

When Ward was asked about the tractor, he told investigators he had the tractor a couple of days, and he had paid a man from Muskogee \$2,000 as a down payment and brought the tractor home to try it out.

Box Cemetery Board annual meeting

The Box Cemetery Board Committee will hold their annual meeting on May 6 at 7 p.m. at the Box Cemetery building, located north of Vian. Cleanup day will be held on May 15 and Decoration on May 16.

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Religious

Tomorrow



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Exodus 8:9-10 And Moses said unto Pharaoh, Glory over me: when shall I intreat for thee, and for thy servants, and for thy people, to destroy the frogs from thee and thy houses, that they may remain in the river only? And he said, To morrow. And he said, Be it according to thy word: that thou mayest know that there is none like unto the LORD our God.

This account of the battle between the Pharaoh and the Lord's servant is humorous if you don't account for the human misery involved. Frogs were everywhere. They were in their beds at night. They were in their pots and pans. They were in their food as they tried to eat. They jumped on their heads and landed on their faces, shoulders and arms. Icky, gooey frogs in everything and on everything.

Growing up, every time you picked up a frog it would pee on you. Can you imagine all those frogs. When God killed them all, they raked them up in huge piles and burned them. It took days to accomplish.

Now we come to the really funny part for me. When

asked when he wanted the frogs removed, the Pharaoh said tomorrow. I read a great little book by Hugh Pyle called One More Night with the Frogs. He was as flabbergasted with Pharaoh's response as I am. If the frogs could have been removed immediately, why not ask for that?

It is odd, but I got that response when soul winning. I was trying to convince a woman that her life was not pleasing to God. She was living with a man out of wedlock. As I quoted scripture to her about salvation, she began to cry. I am sure she was convicted of her poor choices in life. I am sure she knew Romans 6:23 (For all have sinned...) was true yet when I asked her if she wanted to pray for salvation she told me not yet (not now) and as far as I know it was not ever. She wanted to wait. She thought she had time. There is always tomorrow, right?

Proverbs 27:1 "Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth."

God sends His Holy Spirit to bring conviction of a sinner's need to be saved, but there is no guarantee of tomorrow. When conviction comes, God expects a response then. I guess she did respond...not now.

Jesus taught this in parable form in Luke 12:19-

20 "And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?"

Is the chance of One More Night with the Frogs, one more night of sin, one more night of denying the saving Grace of Christ worth it if you can't be sure tomorrow will ever come for you? Watch the news! It is filled with people that did not suspect that when they woke up that fateful morning they died, that it would be their last one on earth.

James 4:13-14 "Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away."

Hebrews 9:27 "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:"

Are you going to be ready for that Judgment Day? Make your decision today. Do not gamble that they will be a tomorrow.

How to Live Worry Free

1 Peter 5:7 says: Casting all your care upon Him, for He careth for you.



Pastor
Kenneth Byrd

Round
Mountain
Community
Church

in glory by Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:19).

A pastor I know told a story of a time when he was a young associate pastor. A young man came to him and said, 'I get paid on Friday and cash my check on the way home from work. Before Sunday gets here, I've already spent almost everything I made that week, so I don't always pay my tithes.' He said, 'I've been keeping track of it for the last six months or so and I've discovered that every week that I don't pay my tithes, something happens to my car, my house, or to something else that takes the exact amount I would have tithed to re-

pair it.'

He said, 'I told him what he could do.' I gave him some tithing envelopes and told him that when he got paid and cashed his check, put your tithe in the envelope. And if you don't trust yourself not to touch it before Sunday, pre-address each envelope and drop it in the mailbox on your way home.

The young man and his family were barely getting by before this. But he started doing what the associate pastor told him and pretty soon he got a better job and all kinds of good things began to happen in their lives. They were getting blessed coming and going.

That same young man said sometime later that he no longer worries about finances. God is blessing us just like He said He would and I trust Him to continue to meet our needs (Malachi 3:1-12; Philippians 4:19).

Before this man was always concerned about money and the welfare of his family. But when he began to obey God and do what He said to do, he got blessed.

You can be blessed, too, because God is no re-

specter of persons (Acts 10:34). What He does for one person who obeys Him, He will do for anyone else who obeys Him. So, do what God told you to do in His word and expect to be blessed.

But you can't obey God haphazardly or sporadically. You have to consistently obey God to get the blessing. Patience and perseverance are the keys to receiving the blessings of God. Have you ever started out obeying God, but then your situation didn't look like it was getting any better?

In the natural, when some people try to lose weight, at first it can look as if nothing is happening, even though they are eating and exercising right. But, if these people will keep doing what they've been doing, eating right and exercising, after a while, seemingly all of a sudden they will notice a difference. They may not see the desired result all at once, but if they keep up their good eating habits and exercise program over a period of time, they will see more and more results.

That's the way it is with believing God. You may not see an instant change

in your situation, but if you will keep doing God's word, it will pay off. You will see results. God's paydays aren't every Friday or Saturday.

Sometimes God's paydays are not every week, every month, or even every six months. But, if you keep doing what God tells you to do, payday will come. God cares about you. He cares enough to make things happen for you when you believe and trust Him. Your responsibility is to keep trusting, believing and casting your cares on Him.

Because faith has a part to play in casting your cares on Him. It takes faith to let go of your problems and give them to God, believing He will take care of them.

Then after we give our problem to God, we're to go on our way, carefree and worry free.

That's faith. We need to understand that everything we do in walking with God, serving Him and doing what He said to do involves faith.

Faith is the foundation of our Christian walk. The Bible says the just shall live by faith (Romans 1:17, Galatians 3:11

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Whatever You Ask in My Name

"Ask, and it will be given to you" (Matt. 7:7).

"And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son" (John 14:13).

What are the needs in your life today? Do you know where to get help? Are you asking God? Can you pray to Him and receive whatever you ask for? Are you trusting God?

Today families are attacked on every side with divorces, pregnant teenagers, adultery, peer-pressure, drugs, alcohol, Covid-19, medical and National concerns. Maybe you have lost your job, bills are stacking up. You may lose your home or transportation. COVID-19 has taken its toll on our family and social life, and especially our church life and our children.

Wow! We could go on and on. Christian when you think about all these areas do you feel alone, and just don't know if you can get through them? Well, you can! Praise God!

Ask in My Name

"And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil 4:19)

Jesus said: "Ask!" "Your Father knows the things you need before you ask Him" (Matt. 6:8). Christian, are you praying about these things? Do you feel as though you are not heard because you don't see the needs met that you are asking for? Do you know how to receive the things you need? There are many Christians that are not aware that God wants to bless them. "Ask, and it will be given to you" (Matt. 7:7). "And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son" (John 14:13).

"And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive" (Matt. 21:22).

"If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you" (John 15:7). It is when we pray, praise and study that we are abiding in Him.

"At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask! What shall I give you?" This is our God today. He is the same! He has not changed!

In these few verses we have the answer to all our needs. God has made it clear that He wants to bless us and has told us how to receive the things we need in this life and how to live with joy when the pressures and trials come.

Believe

What does it mean to believe? It means to have faith in God's Word. You must pick up the Book before you know what His Word says. His Word reveals His will to us. It points out that if "I regard iniquity in my heart" (Ps. 66:18) that He will not hear our prayer.

So, we confess our sin and ask Him in faith, trusting Him to meet our needs. We study His will and the Holy Spirit will help us pray His will, and then we will have our needs met.

We ask in faith, study His Word and He says, "whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son" (John 14:13).

As we pray we will receive the things we ask for "because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight" (I John 3:22). When we meet the requirements for prayer God will meet our needs and therefore He will be glorified.

Unbeliever

Please repent and call upon the Lord for your salvation. You also have many needs, but God will not help you until you recognize His Son's death on the cross for you. You have no way of help unless you call upon Him. Don't let Satan fool you any longer, He is a liar! He is constantly lying to you and up to this point you have believed him. Cry out to God today, repent of sin, ask for forgiveness and place your faith in Him.

"You do not have because you do not ask" (James 4:22).

Christian, If you have a need, ask God! He cares? Trust Him!

Also read: I John 5:14-15.

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God is Not the Author of Confusion

Dear God, help us all! We need You! Save us from the author of confusion!

Psalms 18:1-50 ¹(To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David, the servant of the LORD, who spake unto the LORD

The Christian Union Station

Pastor Reggie Kelley, Blackgum Christian Union Church

the words of this song in the day that the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul: And he said.) I will love thee, O LORD, my strength. ²The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower. ³I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies. ⁴The sorrows of death compassed me, and the floods of ungodly men made me afraid. ⁵The sorrows of hell compassed me about: the snares of death prevented me. ⁶In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, even into his ears.

⁷Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations also of the hills moved and were shaken, because he was wroth. ⁸There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it. ⁹He bowed the heavens also, and came down: and

darkness was under his feet. ¹⁰And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: yea, he did fly upon the wings of the wind. ¹¹He made darkness his secret place; his pavilion round about him were dark waters and thick clouds of the skies. ¹²At the brightness that was before him his thick clouds passed, hail stones and coals of fire. ¹³The LORD also thundered in the heavens, and the Highest gave his voice; hail stones and coals of fire. ¹⁴Yea, he sent out his arrows, and scattered them; and he shot out lightnings, and discomfited them.

¹⁵Then the channels of waters were seen, and the foundations of the world were discovered at thy rebuke, O LORD, at the blast of the breath of thy nostrils. ¹⁶He sent from above, he took me, he drew me out of many waters. ¹⁷He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them which hated me: for they were too strong for me. ¹⁸They prevented me in the day of my calamity: but the LORD was my stay. ¹⁹He brought me forth also into a large place; he delivered me, because he delighted in me. ²⁰The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me. ²¹For I have kept the ways of the LORD, and have not wickedly departed from my God. ²²For all his judgments were before me, and I did not put away his statutes from me. ²³I was also upright before him, and I kept myself from mine iniquity. ²⁴Therefore hath the LORD recompensed me according

to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in his eyesight.

²⁵With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful; with an upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright; ²⁶With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure; and with the froward thou wilt shew thyself froward. ²⁷For thou wilt save the afflicted people; but wilt bring down high looks. ²⁸For thou wilt light my candle: the LORD my God will enlighten my darkness. ²⁹For by thee I have run through a troop; and by my God have I leaped over a wall. ³⁰As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him. ³¹For who is God save the LORD? or who is a rock save our God? ³²It is God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect. ³³He maketh my feet like hinds' feet, and setteth me upon my high places. ³⁴He teacheth my hands to war, so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms. ³⁵Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy right hand hath holden me up, and thy gentleness hath made me great. ³⁶Thou hast enlarged my steps under me, that my feet did not slip.

³⁷I have pursued mine enemies, and overtaken them: neither did I turn again till they were consumed. ³⁸I have wounded them that they were not able to rise: they are fallen under my feet. ³⁹For thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle: thou hast subdued under me those that rose up against me.

⁴⁰Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies; that I might destroy them that hate me. ⁴¹They cried, but there was none to save them: even unto the LORD, but he answered them not. ⁴²Then did I beat them small as the dust before the wind: I did cast them out as the dirt in the streets. ⁴³Thou hast delivered me from the strivings of the people; and thou hast made me the head of the heathen: a people whom I have not known shall serve me.

⁴⁴As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me: the strangers shall submit themselves unto me. ⁴⁵The strangers shall fade away, and be afraid out of their close places. ⁴⁶The LORD liveth; and blessed be my rock; and let the God of my salvation be exalted. ⁴⁷It is God that avengeth me, and subdueth the people under me. ⁴⁸He delivereth me from mine enemies: yea, thou liftest me up above those that rise up against me: thou hast delivered me from the violent man. ⁴⁹Therefore will I give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the heathen, and sing praises unto thy name. ⁵⁰Great deliverance giveth he to his king; and sheweth mercy to his anointed, to David, and to his seed for evermore.

1 Corinthians 14:33 For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

Call on Jesus Christ! Don't be confused! Be armed with the word of God! In Jesus Christ's name, I love you! Come to church. Just come as you are. God bless!

Round Mountain Annual Reunion Cancelled

The annual Round Mountain Reunion has been cancelled this year. "We regretfully announce that we must cancel the Round Mountain

Reunion this year because our musicians are physically unable to be there," Virginia Garrison with the reunion committee, said. "Maybe next year!"

Becky Mayo Dedication is April 29

The Friends of Stanley Tubbs Memorial Library will hold a memorial service and dedication ceremony at noon on Thursday, April 29, to honor Becky Mayo.

The event will be held on the west end of the library lawn.

A stone marker and a Coral Bark Japanese Maple tree will be placed to honor Becky who loved the library.



Becky Mayo

COURTESY

Gore Spring Cleanup is May 15

Gore Public Works Authority (GPWA) customers will be allowed to dispose of undesirable items with some exceptions during the Town of Gore's Spring Cleanup on Saturday, May 15, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The following items will not be accepted during the cleanup: Hazardous materials, construction debris, tires, brush/tree limbs, liquids, paint, or appliances containing Freon, such as refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners.

Items containing Freon may be accepted if the compressor is removed,

and compressors will be accepted upon removal. Batteries will also be accepted.

The location for drop off will be in large containers to be temporarily placed at the gravel parking lot west of the Steve Owens Sports Complex baseball fields. This is on Steve Owens Road, which adjoins East 3rd Street and meets US-64 on the east side of Gore.

Participants will need to present a current GPWA water/trash bill to be allowed to participate. A picture ID may also be requested.

PASTOR BYRD

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and Hebrews 10:38).

We can't do anything to please God without faith. Hebrews 11:6 But God is pleased when we consistently trust and obey Him and give Him all our wor-

ries and cares. He cares about us, so we don't have to be concerned about the tests and trials of life. We don't have to be burdened down and consumed with worry and fear. We can live our lives worry free.



AMIE CATO-REMER | NEWS

Pictured in the front from the left is, Autumn Richey, Jasey Ecker, Madison Ross and Hallee Risley. Back row, from the left is, Cobee Cook-Cobb, Tuff Trotter, Jathan Brockman, Ely Smith and Cason Wright.

Vian FFA wins Grand Champion Sweepstakes

TRENT TROTTER
VIAN FFA ADVISOR

The 74th Aggie Day Interscholastic at Connors State College is now in the books. Almost 1,400 were in attendance with advisors, drivers and guests present on a COVID restricted April 1 event.

Even though attendance was restricted in number per school and five events were eliminated to allow for social distancing, a large number of schools and students traveled to Warner for the contest.

There were individual teams of students in competition in 19 contests. This year's Aggie Day event had FFA Chapters or 4-H groups from over 160 different schools or counties, which included Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Illinois and Texas, in competition as well.

Grand Sweepstakes was awarded to the Vian

FFA; Reserve Grand Sweepstakes went to the Silo FFA Chapter; Tuttle FFA received third in Sweepstakes, followed closely by Edmond FFA.

Points are earned by both team and individual placings in each contest area. Sweepstakes tabulation is based on the total number of points earned by each FFA Chapter.

Vian FFA members received the following awards: Grand Champion Sweepstakes; Jr. Land Judging-First Place Team, Second Place Overall Individual; Homesite Eval-

uation-First Place Team, First Place Overall Individual, Third Place Overall Individual; Sr. Land Judging-Second Place Team.

Complete results can be found online at <https://connorsstate.edu/agri/aggieday/> and <https://www/judging-card.com/Results/Events>.

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GREETINGS TO ALL!

I hope you are doing well this week. We are doing great here at Vian Nursing & Rehab. Our residents are getting to have visitors again and it has done wonders for their emotional and mental health. Although we still have to take precautions, things are starting to feel a little more normal and relaxed. We are enjoying the more comfortable Spring weather and emerging of new life can be seen in the birds and flowers. The warmer weather will allow for more outdoor activities and visiting with friends and loved ones. Who doesn't like to sit on the porch with a light breeze and a cool glass of sweet tea!

Curious to know about our facility? Give us a call, we would be glad to fill you in on what we have to offer, including our private rooms, therapy services, activities and fun loving staff members. You can reach us at 918-773-5258 and we are located at 305 N. Thornton in Vian, Oklahoma.

Until Next Time,
Alison Farris, Administrator

Sports

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD

Regional Track Meets Set for Friday, Saturday

Vian and Gore's high school track and field teams are scheduled to compete in their respective track regionals on Friday and Saturday.

The Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association (OSSAA) released the regional track assignments last week.

Vian was assigned to the Class 3A regional at Atoka, which will be held on Friday, and Gore was placed in the 2A regional at Atoka, which will take place on Saturday. All regionals are scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m.

The regional assignments for local schools are as follows:

- Vian (3A Regional on Friday at Atoka)**
- Gore (2A Regional on Saturday at Atoka)**

- Webbers Falls (A Regional on Friday at Okemah)**
- Sallisaw (4A Regional on Saturday at Checotah)**
- Central (2A Regional on Saturday at Okemah)**
- Muldrow (4A Regional on Saturday at Checotah)**
- Roland (3A Regional on Friday at Checotah)**

Joining Vian at the 3A regional at Atoka are Antlers, Atoka, Coalgate, Heavener, Heritage Hall, Holdenville, Hugo, Idabel, Jones, Kingston, North Rock Creek, Prague, Spiro and Valliant.

Gore will compete against Allen, Caddo, Canadian, Colbert, Colcord, Hartshorne, Haworth, Howe, Konawa, Luther, Porter Consolidated, Regent Prep, Savanna, Silo, Stratford, Talihina, Vanoss, Wewoka, Wilburton, Wilson, Wister and Wright City in its 2A

regional at Atoka.

Regional winners of first, second and third places qualify for the state track and field meet. The next four best performances from 4th-7th place finishers (times, heights and distances) in each event also qualify for the state meet, provided that the state meet consists of eight or more lanes. At state sites with less than eight lanes the next two best performers from 4th-7th place finishers in regional meets will advance to the state meet.

The Class 3A state track and field meet will be held on May 7 at Catoosa High School and the Class A (Cherokee High School), 2A (Ardmore High School) and 4A (Catoosa) meets will take place on May 8. All of the state meets are slated to start at 9 a.m.

VIAN BASEBALL

Wolverines Start Playoffs at Home This Week

LEA LESSLEY
SPORTS EDITOR

Vian's high school baseball team is scheduled to play its Class 3A bi-district tournament at home this week against North Rock Creek.

The Wolverines will host the Cougars at 2 p.m. on Thursday in the first game of the best-of-3 tournament. North Rock Creek is located just north of Shawnee.

The Wolverines (20-11 overall and 9-1 in the district) finished second in the District 3A-7 standings behind Salina (18-8 and 9-1) this season. Vian and Salina split their district games (9-0 Salina win and 10-4 Vian victory) but Salina was awarded the top spot because of the district tie-breaker (run differential in head-to-head games).

North Rock Creek (5-20 and 3-11) placed seventh in the District 3A-8 standings this season.

Last week the Wolverines lost at Owasso on Saturday after splitting their Salina Tournament games against Vinita and Adair in Adair on Thursday. Vian downed Roland in a pair of district contests last Monday and Tuesday.

Owasso 8, Vian 1

Vian trailed Class 6A Owasso 2-1 at the end of the first inning on Saturday but the host Rams recorded six runs in the bottom of the fifth inning on their way to the non-district win.

Nick Hughes went 2-for-3 at the plate for the Wolverines and Diego Ramos and Jacob Brock-

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LEA LESSLEY | NEWS

Vian left fielder Luis Hernandez gets ready to make a catch in left field during a high school baseball game against Keys earlier this season. The Wolverines host North Rock Creek at 2 p.m. on Thursday in their bi-district tournament opener.

GORE BASEBALL

Pirates Begin Regional Action Thursday at Wister

LEA LESSLEY
SPORTS EDITOR

Gore's high school baseball team begins Class A regional action on Thursday at Wister when the unranked Pirates take on No. 13 Crowder at 1:30 p.m.

Gore (22-12 overall) won the A-25 district tournament at home on Friday with an 8-0 win over Porum. Crowder is 19-5 for the season.

The Gore-Crowder winner will meet the Wister-Regent Prep winner at 4 p.m. on Thursday and the losers play at 6:30 p.m. on Friday in the double-elimination tournament.

Wister (22-4) is ranked fourth in Class A and Regent Prep (14-7) is unranked.

Friday's tournament games are scheduled for 4:00 and 6:30 p.m. and the if-necessary contest on Saturday is slated for 2 p.m.

The regional champion will advance to next week's state tournament.

The Pirates defeated Porum 8-0 on Friday to win the District A-25 Tournament title. On Thursday Gore split their tourney games against the Panthers, winning 14-12 and losing 11-10. The Pirates started tournament

ney play last Wednesday with a 6-4 victory over Liberty.

"Porum was a really tough draw, a good team," Gore head coach Brad Davis said after the tournament. "They made it very difficult on us. Having a tough opponent like that we had our work cut out for us, that's for sure."

Gore 8, Porum 0 (Title Game)

Ben Kirkpatrick threw a shutout while striking out five Porum batters in five innings of work on Friday as the Pirates won the District A-25 championship at Pirate Field.

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KIM PEARSON | SUBMITTED

Gore High School's baseball team won the Class A, District 25 Tournament on Friday at home with an 8-0 win over Porum. The Pirates start action in the Wister Regional at 1:30 p.m. when they take on No. 13 Crowder.

HIGH SCHOOL SLOW PITCH

Lady Wolverines, Lady Pirates Regionals Set for Thursday

Vian Travels to Henryetta

LEA LESSLEY
SPORTS EDITOR

Vian's high school slowpitch team will travel to Henryetta on Thursday for its Class 4A regional tournament.

The Lady Wolverines (20-5 for the season), who defeated Wyandotte and Warner on their way to the District 4A-14 title

on Thursday at home, take on No. 3 Henryetta (27-5) at 1 p.m. on Thursday.

The Vian-Henryetta winner plays the Kellyville-Beggs winner at 3:30 p.m. and the losers meet at 4:45 p.m. Kellyville (23-4) is ranked No. 7 and Beggs (27-9) is ranked 10th.

The tournament's fourth and final game is slated to begin at 6 p.m.

The regional champion and runner-up will both advance to next week's Class 4A state tournament.

The Lady Wolverines defeated Warner 16-4 and 18-1 after downing

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Gore Journeys to Calera

LEA LESSLEY
SPORTS EDITOR

Gore's high school slowpitch team journeys to Calera on Thursday for its Class 3A regional tournament.

The No. 13 Lady Pirates (24-9) play No. 7 Wister (27-7) at 2:15 p.m. in their tournament opener.

The Gore-Wister winner plays the Calera-Stratford winner at 3:30 p.m. for one of the spots in next week's state tournament and the losers meet at 4:45 p.m. in an elimination game.

Calera (32-8), which is located southeast of Durant, is ranked No. 2 and Stratford (16-13) is un-

ranked.

The winner of Thursday's final elimination game, scheduled for 6 p.m., will also advance to the state tournament.

The Lady Pirates won the District 3A-13 championship at home on Thursday. Gore defeated Central 19-0 before beat-

See GHS SLOWPITCH page 8



LEA LESSLEY | NEWS

Vian's high school slowpitch team won the District 4A-14 Tournament championship on Thursday at Lady Wolverine Field. The Lady Wolverines

take on Henryetta at 1 p.m. on Thursday in their regional opener at Henryetta.



LEA LESSLEY | NEWS

Gore's high school slowpitch team won the District 3A-13 Tournament title on Thursday at Lady Pirate Field. The Lady Pirates play Wister in their

regional opener at 2:15 p.m. on Thursday at Wister.

Sports

GHS BASEBALL

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Lynden Manning, Weston Shanks, Hunter McGee, Parker Doolin and Blane Barnes had a hit apiece in the contest for the Pirates.

Gore scored a run in the first inning, three in the second, two in the third, one in the fourth and one in the fifth of the five-inning contest.

"Today Ben Kirkpatrick was our pitcher and

he set the tone for us by just doing a phenomenal job, throwing strikes and mixing it up and being consistent," said Davis. "And then since he was so consistent we were able to develop a rhythm and play some consistent defense behind him.

"Everybody contributed by doing sacrifices, ground balls and situational hitting and it was just really a complete

team effort."

Porum 11, Gore 10 (Thursday)

The Pirates led 4-0 after three innings but Porum scored a combined 11 runs in the fourth and fifth frames to edge Gore and force the if-necessary game on Friday.

Gore recorded a run in the sixth and four in the seventh to get within one of tying the score.

"Lot of walks, a lot of errors," Davis remarked. "Actually it was a very clean game up until the fourth but then that's when the wheels fell off and it got really sloppy.

"Gunner (Dozier) pitched three innings, Ben (Kirkpatrick) pitched two innings and Blane (Barnes) pitched two innings."

Gore 14, Porum 12 (Thursday)

The Pirates overcame a 9-3 deficit to defeat the Panthers and move within one win of the district crown in their first contest of the day on Thursday.

Gore scored its fourth run in the bottom of the fifth inning on Gunner Dozier's RBI single to left

field with two outs. Dozier drove in Tyler Lane, who had singled to right field.

The Pirates erupted for nine runs in the bottom of the sixth on base hits by Weston Shanks and Hunter McGee, Ben Kirkpatrick's two-RBI double, singles by Gabe Dozier and Blane Barnes, Lane's RBI on a fielder's choice, Lynden Manning's RBI base hit, Dayne Perryman's infield single, Shanks' sacrifice fly, McGee's base hit and Kirkpatrick's RBI double.

"The second game was pretty efficient and well played for the first three innings and then we fell apart late," said Davis. "The first game we were sloppy and played poor at the first part of the game and then played well late and kind of flipped it."

Shanks (3.1 innings), Kirkpatrick (.2), Barnes (2.0) and Gunner Dozier (1.0) pitched for the Pirates in the contest. Barnes was the winning pitcher and Dozier picked up the save.

Gore 6, Liberty 4

The Pirates opened



LEA LESSLEY | NEWS

Gore High School leftfielder Lynden Manning makes a throw to the infield during Thursday's win over Porum in the District A-25 Tournament. The Pirates play Crowder in their regional opener at Wister on Thursday.

tournament play last Wednesday with the win over Liberty.

Gore scored a run in the first inning, two in the third and two in the fifth, and the Liberty registered a run apiece in the first, second, fourth and fifth frames.

"That was a very well

played game and a very well-pitched game by Parker Doolin," Davis said.

"He pitched the whole game (seven innings) and just did an incredible job of being efficient with his pitches and feeding our defense, allowing our defense to play behind him."

NSU ATHLETICS

Elbon's four RBI game gives NSU a 5-1 win over #24 Rogers State



Addie Elbon

TAHLEQUAH - Addie Elbon was a triple short of the cycle and had four RBI as the RiverHawks downed #24 Rogers State 5-1 to split an MIAA doubleheader Saturday afternoon.

The RiverHawks rebounded from a four-hit game in the opener and bashed 11, knocking out Rogers State's starter in the third inning.

Elbon gave the RiverHawks an early 2-0 lead with her fifth homer of

the season in the opening inning. After a Rhonie Bradshaw RBI single, Elbon continued to help the NSU cause with a two-RBI single to right field to give them a 5-0 lead.

The Hillcats (23-12-1, 11-7 MIAA) hit a solo homer in the third before the RiverHawks missed an opportunity to further their lead by leaving the bases loaded.

Neither team would plate a run the rest of the way, with Bradshaw, Alyssia Crick, and Carly Kelley all having a two-hit game.

Jenna Chassie (5-5) allowed only one earned run and struck out three RSU batters in the win.

Northeastern State improves to 21-14-1 and 9-8-1 in the MIAA. They will be on the road this upcoming week to visit Fort Hays State and Nebraska-Kearney.

VHS BASEBALL

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man added a hit apiece. Hughes and Ramos each swatted a double in the contest.

Hughes had Vian's RBI and Ramos scored the run.

Mason Pennington went 2-for-3 at the plate for the Rams (25-4 for the season).

Ramos (4.1 innings) struck out three and walked five while allowing nine hits and eight earned runs and Joe Glass (1.2) struck out three and walked none while giving up no hits and no earned runs in relief.

David Dean was the winning pitcher after striking out 10 and allowing one run and two hits.

Vian committed three errors in the game and Owasso had none.

Vian 19, Vinita 13

Xavin Lackey went 4-for-5 at the plate for the Wolverines on Thursday afternoon in Adair as Vian defeated the Hornets in its second game of the Salina Tournament.

Vian led 10-9 after four innings before adding nine runs to its advantage in the top of the sixth frame. Singles by Luis Hernandez and Lackey and doubles by Lackey and Diego Ramos helped power the run production.

Lackey singled in the second, fourth and sixth innings and doubled in the sixth.

Nick Hughes (second), Jacob Brockman (fourth) and Adam Holt (fourth) each hit a home run and Joe Glass also registered a double.

VHS SLOWPITCH

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Wyandotte 13-5 on their way to the district title on Thursday.

Vian 18, Warner 1

Greenlee Wells and Lauren Millard each hit two home runs in the first inning on Thursday as the Lady Wolverines topped the Lady Eagles in the title game.

Kadence Cochran also had a home run in the first, Wells hit her third homer in the third and Lakaila Drew homered in the fourth.

"It was a good day for us," Vian slowpitch head coach John Mays said. "We played pretty well today. I don't think we played probably as good as we could have played but as far as the hitting part we hit from probably top to bottom as well as we have all year, so it was a good day all the

way around for the kids. Proud of them."

Vian 16, Warner 4

Lauren Millard hit two home runs and Kadence Cochran also homered in Vian's first tournament win over Warner.

The Lady Wolverines registered five runs in the first frame.

"We beat Warner 16-4 and in the first inning we scored five runs and in the second we kind of did the same thing, kind of jumped on them early, and I thought they did really well," Mays said.

Vian 13, Wyandotte 5

The Lady Wolverines hit five home runs in their tournament opener against Wyandotte.

Greenlee Wells hit two home runs and Lauren Millard, Kadence Cochran and Lakaila Drew each had one four-bagger.

"Little more hit and

miss where we booted the ball around a couple of times but we still played well," remarked Mays. "It seemed like that game we woke up. It was more of a wake-up game

for the next two that we had against Warner but I thought it was a good one to start with."

Last Monday the Lady Wolverines beat Sallisaw 11-1 on the road.



LEA LESSLEY | NEWS

Vian's Greenlee Wells hit two home runs in the first inning of the Lady Wolverines 18-1 win over Warner on Thursday in the title game of the District 4A-14 Tournament.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Wolverines Complete District Sweep at Roland Tuesday

LEA LESSLEY
SPORTS EDITOR

Vian completed a District 3A-7 sweep over Roland in high school baseball action last Tuesday at Ranger Field with a 15-2 win over the Rangers.

The Wolverines edged the Rangers 7-6 last Mon-

day at Wolverine Field in the first game of the district series.

Bi-district tournament action begins next week. Vian tied Salina for the district title with 9-1 marks but tie-breaker criteria moved the Wol-

verines to second. Roland placed fourth in the district and both teams will host bi-district tournaments.

Vian 15, Roland 2

The Wolverines broke open a tight game by registering six runs in the

top of the third inning of last Tuesday's district contest at Roland.

The Rangers led 2-1 after one inning.

Joe Glass led off the Vian at-bat with a walk before stealing second,

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SPORTS Calendar

(All teams listed are high school teams)

Thursday, April 29

Vian baseball team vs. North Rock Creek in Class 3A bi-district tournament (2:00 and 4:30 p.m.);

Gore baseball team vs. Crowder (1:30 p.m.) and Wister or Regent Prep (4:00 or 6:30 p.m.) in Class A regional tournament at Wister;

Vian slowpitch team vs. Henryetta (1:00 p.m.) and Beggs or Kellyville (3:30 or 4:45 p.m.) in Class 4A regional at Henryetta (other games to be determined);

Gore slowpitch team vs. Wister (2:15 p.m.) and Calera or Stratford (3:30 or 4:45 p.m.) in Class 3A regional at Calera (other games to be determined).

Friday, April 30

Vian baseball team vs. North Rock Creek in Class 3A bi-district tournament (To Be Determined);

Gore baseball team in Class A regional tournament at Wister (TBD);

Vian track and field teams in Class 3A regional track meet at Atoka (9:30 p.m.).

Saturday, May 1

Gore track and field teams in Class 2A regional track meet at Atoka (9:30 p.m.).

LOCAL SPRING SPORTS SCORES

Vian Baseball Team

Owasso 8, Vian 1 (Saturday)
Vian 19, Vinita 13 (Thursday)
Adair 11, Vian 3 (Thursday)
Vian 15, Roland 2 (last Tuesday)
Vian 7, Roland 6 (last Monday)

Gore Baseball Team

Gore 8, Porum 0 (Friday)
Porum 11, Gore 10 (Thursday)
Gore 14, Porum 12 (Thursday)
Gore 6, Liberty 4 (last Wednesday)
Webbers Falls 15, Gore 13 (last Monday)

Vian Slowpitch Team

Vian 18, Warner 1 (Thursday)
Vian 16, Warner 4 (Thursday)
Vian 13, Wyandotte 5 (Thursday)
Vian 11, Sallisaw 1 (last Monday)

Gore Slowpitch Team

Gore 17, Savanna 3 (Thursday)
Gore 13, Savanna 3 (Thursday)
Gore 19, Central 0 (Thursday)
Gore 18, Chcotah 14 (last Monday)
Gore 13, Morris 3 (last Monday)

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LEA LESSLEY | NEWS

Gore outfielder Kara Brimm makes a catch during Thursday's district tournament at Lady Pirate Field. The Lady Pirates begin regional action on Thursday at Wister.

ing Savanna 13-3 and 17-3.

Gore 17, Savanna 3

The Lady Pirates registered 23 hits and Ralea Brooksher, Addison Sheffield and Harly Welch each hit a home run as Gore downed the Lady Bulldogs in the championship game.

Skye Brooksher and Sheffield had a triple apiece in the contest and Kara Brimm, Skye Brooksher (2), Sheffield, Erika Sikes and Karli Springer had a double.

Natalie Casteel, Cadi Shoemake, Kynley Webb and Paige Curran also had hits in the game for the Lady Pirates.

Webb was the winning pitcher and each team committed an error.

"This group has always been really, really good

but they're just now starting to kind of come into their own with what they can do at the plate," Gore head coach Dusty Tidwell said. "Early in the year we couldn't get base hits when people were on and in scoring position and we're being productive in all situations now. Where early in the year we may have been trying to hit a home run when we shouldn't but now we're just base hit, base hit and the home runs happen.

"We had 52 base hits that we scattered out between 10 girls (in the tournament). There are four girls that had over five base hits and Harly Welch had three home runs.

"Defensively I don't know in slowpitch that you actually can be any

better than what we've played here defensively. Kara (Brimm) had three really, really good plays on line drives in front of her that could have resulted in Savanna scoring some more runs."

Gore 13, Savanna 3

The Lady Pirates scored five runs in the first inning on Thursday in Gore's second game of the tournament.

Skye Brooksher and Harly Welch hit two home runs apiece and Ralea Brooksher and Karli Springer each hit one four-bagger.

Addison Sheffield registered a triple and Kara Brimm and Sheffield each had a double.

Cadi Shoemake and Natalie Casteel also had hits in the contest.

Kynley Webb picked up the win for the Lady Pirates.

Savanna committed two errors and Gore had one.

Gore 19, Central 0

Gore scored eight runs in the first inning and 11 in the second on Thursday in the Lady Pirates' tournament opener.

Addison Sheffield (home run), Skye Brooksher and Karli Springer (triples) and Kara Brimm (3), Ralea Brooksher (2), Skye Brooksher, Natalie Casteel, Erika Sikes, Kynley Webb and Harly Welch (doubles) had extra-base hits in the game.

Webb was the winning pitcher.

Central committed five errors and Gore had one.

Earlier last week Gore defeated Morris 13-3 and Checotah 18-14 at Checotah.

WOLVERINES

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and the senior advanced to third on an error. Nick Hughes' sacrifice fly to center field sent Glass home with the first run of the contest.

Hunter Taylor, Roland's leadoff hitter, reached on an error and went to second on a passed ball. After stealing third Taylor scored the Rangers' first run on Paxton Pitts' double to left center field. Pitts moved to third when Ashton Peters singled to center field and a passed ball allowed Pitts to register Roland's second run.

Vian went in front for good with three runs in the top of the second. James Thornton's sacrifice fly scored one of Vian's runs and Fysher Brooks' walk scored another.

After adding six runs to their advantage in the third the Wolverines recorded three runs in the fourth and two in the fifth. RBIs by Jacob Brockman, Brooks, Glass, Hughes and Destry Bethel led to Vian's runs in the third.

The Wolverines outhit the Rangers 10-4.

Xavin Lackey led the Vian hitters by going 3-for-4 at the plate and Glass, Diego Ramos, Hughes, Bethel, Thornton, Brockman and Brooks added a hit apiece. Glass and Lackey hit a double in the game.

Glass and Hughes drove each drove in three runs, Bethel recorded two RBIs and Thornton, Brockman and Brooks had one apiece.

Scoring for Vian were

Brockman and Lackey (3 runs each), Adam Holt, Thornton, Brooks and Dakota Briggs (2 apiece) and Glass (1).

Carson Wiggins went 2-for-3 at the plate for the Rangers and Pitts and Peters added one hit apiece. Pitts had a double in the contest.

Pitts drove in a run and Taylor and Pitts each scored a run.

Glass (5.0 innings) was the winning pitcher in the five-inning game after striking out nine and walking two while giving up four hits and no earned runs.

Wiggins (3.0) took the loss after striking out three and walking eight while allowing three hits and eight earned runs and Peters (2.0) struck out four and walked one while giving up seven hits and three earned runs.

Roland committed three errors and Vian had one.

Vian 7, Roland 6

Vian overcame a 4-3 deficit by scoring four runs in the bottom of the sixth inning last Monday at Wolverine Field as the Wolverines edged Roland 7-6 in a District 3A-7 high school baseball contest.

The Rangers led 4-2 after the first inning, and after three scoreless innings the Wolverines sliced a run off the deficit in the bottom of the fifth.

Vian registered four runs in the sixth to take its first lead of the game (7-4) and Roland recorded its final two runs in the top of the seventh.

Vian outhit Roland 8-6.

Nick Hughes, Adam Holt and Fysher Brooks had two hits apiece for Vian and Joe Glass and James Thornton each added a hit. Hughes, Brooks and Glass each hit a double in the game.

Glass and Hughes drove in two runs apiece and Holt, Thornton and Brooks each had one RBI.

Scoring for the Wolverines were Javyn Wright (2 runs) and Xavin Lackey, Diego Ramos, Brooks, Thornton and Glass (1 each).

Paxton Pitts and Carson Wiggins recorded two hits each for the Rangers and Tuvaris Noonan and Braxton Cheshier had one hit apiece. Pitts and Wiggins each hit a double.

Paxton Pitts had one RBI and scoring for Roland were Pitts (2 runs) and Hunter Taylor, Paden Pitts, Noonan and Wiggins.

Ramos (6.0 innings) picked up the win after striking out 12 and walking four while allowing five hits and one earned run and in relief Glass (1.0) struck out one and walked one while giving up one hit and no earned runs.

Taylor (5.1) struck out 11 and walked three while giving up seven hits and six earned runs for Roland and Darian Rougeux (0.2) struck out one and walked none while allowing one hit and no earned runs in relief.

The Wolverines committed four errors and the Rangers had one.

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

Wesley R. Baker, 27, Vian: Escape from felony arrest or detention; Battery, A&B on police officer; Eluding/attempting to elude police officer; DUS; PI.

Dennis A. Coughran, 59, Muldrow: Malicious injury to property-over \$1,000; Petit larceny.

Larissa G. Hixon, 34, Roxboro, NC: Assault, battery, or A&B with a dangerous weapon.

Anthony W. Jones, 52, Roland: Burglary first degree; A&B with deadly weapon.

Anthony Lutes, 53, Sallisaw: Indecent exposure; Obstructing an officer.

Heather M. McCully, 43, Sallisaw: Malicious injury to property-over \$1,000; Petit larceny.

Jeremiah D. Sallee, 32, Sallisaw: Domestic A&B by strangulation.

Michael R. Sivak, Jr., 36, Wagoner: Failure to register as sex offender; Sex offender living 2,000 feet of school.

Cody S. Wertenberger, Cedarville, Ark.: A&B with a dangerous weapon; Possess firearm during commission of felony; Poss. of firearm after felony conviction.

Criminal**Misdemeanors**

Zane Alsein, 26, Fort Smith, Ark.: DUI-drugs; TOC-intoxicating beverage.

Karen Angel, 70, Mof-fett: Trespassing after being forbidden; Resisting an officer.

Cody L. Applen, 29, Park Hill: Domestic abuse A&B.

Shelly R. Baker, 50, Vian: Resisting an officer. Kytrevian L. Bankston, 20, Lake Village, Ark.: Possess, deliver, sell or manufacture drug paraphernalia.

Jasmine M. Bosley, 33, Phoenix, Ariz.: Possess, deliver, sell or manufacture drug paraphernalia. John W. Breedlove, 49,

Paris, Ark.: Possess, deliver, sell or manufacture drug paraphernalia.

Michelle L. Campbell, Sallisaw: Threaten to perform act of violence.

Bradley Dominic, 20, Paris, Ark.: Malicious intimidation or harassment; Harassment by use of an electronic device.

Stacy Elwood, 32, Sallisaw: Neglect or refusal to compel child to attend school.

Sherri Fisher, 30, Vian: Neglect or refusal to compel child to attend school. Tiree Freeman, 30, Fort Smith, Ark.: Illegal dumping.

Dean P. Howell, 42, Westville: Stalking; Threatening/harassing by electronic device.

Ellitta R. Leduff 43, Decatur, GA: Operate vehicle without a valid DL.

Christopher D. Manley, 35, Phoenix, Ariz.: Possess, deliver, sell or manufacture drug paraphernalia.

Ricky R. Massey, 19, Sallisaw: Illegal dumping.

Kevin M. Mikesell, 59, Battle Mountain, NV: Possess, deliver, sell or manufacture drug paraphernalia.

Brandie Nelson, 49, Vian: DUS.

Daniel M. Smith, 65, Gans: Protective order violation; Domestic abuse-A&B.

Jacob S. Snow, 18, Sallisaw: Illegal dumping.

Sandra K. Spoon, 64, Roland: Obtaining cash or merchandise by bogus check/false pretenses.

Codie D. Stewart, 22, Muskogee: DUS.

Jose J. Tapia-Reyna, 30, Fort Smith, Ark.: DUI-alcohol-aggravated; TOC-alcoholic beverage; Poss. of CDS; Unlawful poss. of drug paraphernalia.

Hunter C. Turman, 22, Hackett, Ark.: Domestic abuse-A&B.

Richard Valencia, 62: PI. Christopher J. West, 30, Gans: Petit larceny; Petit larceny.

Civil**Appearances**

Sequoyah Enterprises, Inc. vs. Amguard Ins. Co.-Bad faith insurer li-

ability.

David B. Maul vs. Brandon Butler-Breach agreement/contract.

Justin Jenkins vs. Brandon Harp-Negligence.

Midland Credit Mgmt. vs. Nathern K. England-Money judgement.

LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Steven Lasiter-Money judgement.

State of OK, OTC vs. Derek Majors.

Midland Credit Mgmt. vs. Ashton E. Mitchell-Money judgement.

Small Claims

Andrew Webber vs. Brandon Winfield.

Allens Used Cars vs. Roland Preston.

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Marriages

Zackary T. Rodgers and Tabitha G. Austin.

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Divorces

Brenda K. Patterson vs. Kenneth E. Adams, Jr.

Brittany Taylor vs. David Harvell.

Alicia K. Henry vs. James S. Henry.

April D. Hines vs. Tommy L. Hines.

Bobbi R. Watson vs. Mitchell D. Horsley.

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Kelly L. Larrison vs. Kevin D. Mitchell.

Robert L. Myers, Jr. vs. Dallas K. Mauldin.

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Janice S. Roberts vs. Jeffrey D. Roberts.

Ciara L. Welch vs. Bo K. Welch.

Melissa D. White vs. Joe S. White.

Eastern OK VA invites veterans, public to give feedback on VA Health Care

The Eastern Oklahoma VA Health Care System (EOVAHCS) will hold a virtual listening session on May 10, to hear from veterans and the communities VA serves.

This is one of 50 public virtual listening sessions across the country from March through June 2021 to design a health care system of the future and grow services for veterans in a way that reinforces VA's role as a leader in the U.S. health care system.

"We want to hear from veterans and other stakeholders in the communities VA serves and understand their vision for VA health care," said Mark

E. Morgan, EOVAHCS Director. "VA's goal is to collaborate closely with veterans and other stakeholders to build the best VA health care system that meets the needs of veterans today and for generations to come."

These listening sessions represent an exciting opportunity for veterans to help VA reimagine how VA delivers care in an equitable, high quality, Veteran-centered manner and develop a plan for investing in VA's aging infrastructure. The feedback will be used to

develop the recommendations VA submits to the Asset and Infrastructure Review (AIR) Commission in January 2022.

The AIR Commission will also conduct public hearings as part of their review of VA's recommendations before submitting its recommendations to the President and Congress for review and approval in 2023.

To register for EOVAHCS's listening session, visit <https://www.va.gov/HEALTHPOLICYPLANNING/listening.asp>.

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APRIL 30TH & MAY 1ST

Chamber of Commerce & Main Street Present

Diamond Daze

DOWNTOWN

Sallisaw



Hot Air Balloon Rides
(weather permitting)



Main Street "Pig"
Indian Taco Sales

TALENT SHOW



CORN HOLE
Tournament



**BOUNCE
AROUNDS**

Finger Lickin BBQ Contest



by Sequoyah County Times



WITH PERFORMANCES BY:



Drake Hyde - Pocket Park Stage
The Black Diamonds - Pocket Park Stage
Crossroads - Main Event Stage

THE ULTIMATE ALDEAN *Jason Aldean Tribute*

City-Wide
Garage
Sales all day

Main attraction Greg West, "The Ultimate Aldean"
-Main Event Stage

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE