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Statue Dedicated

ABOVE: Robert "Bob" Bynum (back), brother of Capt. Neil S. Bynum removes the sheet, unveiling the new monument honoring his brother, Saturday, in the downtown Anna Bell Farmer Park. Shown with Bynum are his niece, Kim Teehee, and Vian Mayor Dennis Fletcher. See additional photos inside this issue.

AT RIGHT: Jimmie Owens, of Vian, who raised the money for the new Capt. Neil S. Bynum memorial statue told those Saturday that he had nightmares about Bynum after he went missing in action. He said this tribute is one thing he can mark off his bucket list, which is honoring Bynum as a hero that will never be forgotten.



Gore Trustees take oath of office; Callison resigns

Park getting new playground equipment

AMIE CATO-REMER EDITOR

The Gore Board of Trustees met on April 13 for their regular monthly meeting where they swore in Joni Couch and Robin Henry to their oath of office as trustees, and then voted to keep Bob Warren as mayor and elected Henry as vice mayor.

Also accepted was the resignation of Ryan Callison, Trustee for Ward #3.

Warren gave an update on the progress of the Haven Heights Road project and a spring cleanup was scheduled for May 15 at the Steve Owens Sports Complex.

The board voted to table on whether or not to

possibly relocate the Gore Volunteer Fire Department and Gore Fire Chief Brandon Gates spoke on fire calls and training. Gates also said that the new fire hoses have been shipped.

Police Chief Chris Goforth gave a report on warrants and fines col-

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The Gore Board of Trustees held a special meeting on April 22 where they voted to spend up to \$55,000 on new playground equipment for Ray Fine Memorial Park. "The current equipment we have now has been there since I was in grade school and is in dire need for upgrades," Kimberly Summerlin Gore Town Clerk/Treasurer said. "Gore's trustees plan to make many other upgrades to the park in the future to better serve the community for years to come."



Vian resident turns 100

Centenarians of Oklahoma was proud to honor Vian resident Billie B. Ivy, inducting her into the Centenarians of Oklahoma Hall of Fame on the occasion of her 100th birthday celebration. Her words of wisdom for younger folks are: "There is a God," "We all say things we

should take back," "Laughter is the best thing that can happen to us," "Marry someone with a good sense of humor," and "Wear clothes with personality!" If you would like to nominate someone 100 years of age or older, contact Peggy Barnett at 918-671-8150.

Webbers Falls appoints new mayor and vice mayor in meeting

AMIE CATO-REMER EDITOR

The Webbers Falls Board of Trustees voted to appoint a new mayor and vice mayor during their regular monthly meeting on April 13, after former mayor Sandra Wright said she didn't want to be appointed to the position.

David Chase was unanimously named the town's new mayor while Johnny Pollard was named vice mayor. Others joining the two on the Webbers Falls Board of Trustees include former mayor (Wright), Robert Ross, Jr. and Eddie Casinger.

During Communications, it was announced the new picnic tables and grills had been set in the park, the cleanup on the beach was near completion, and cleanup around the boat ramp would be next. There have been a total of five water leaks

fixed, town mowing and cleanup have started, and painting the wall around the memorial is in the works next.

Wright reported the water plant is now up and running well, and the water supply to Hickory Ridge is doing good.

Work has also been completed on the Civic Center building and the fire marshal was expected to be there on April 16 for an inspection.

The trustees also had a discussion on whether or not to allow alcohol at functions at the Civic Center. After talking about liabilities and the different ways they could allow alcohol to be served at functions, one option was to make the renter liable for having a licensed bartender to serve the alcohol but after further discussion, the trustees decided to set rules and guidelines for the center.

Pollard then made a motion, followed by a second motion from Casinger to not allow alcoholic functions at the Civic Center.

Bids for the lawn care of the cemetery were accepted from Back Woods Lawn in the amount of \$800 and Jody Tate for \$700. The board voted for Tate's bid with lawn care starting this month.

In police matters, Chief Keith Bell said the department was currently short-handed. During an executive session the trustees voted on whether to give Autumn Chalakee a possible raise, the employment of a new full-time police officer and the employment of Jordan Turley.

After reconvening back to regular session they announced Chalakee would receive a \$3

per hour raise for finishing CLEET, they would allow Bell to hire another full-time police officer and Turley's hire was approved as a police officer.

New town clerk Norma Griffith was authorized as the agent for the Oklahoma Municipal Retirement Fund; while the trustees also approved the installation of a control board for engine #2, which is expected to cost around \$3,000 for parts and labor.

After hearing from representatives and expressing concerns regarding consideration of support for the \$20,000 bond issue in Muskogee County, the board voted to support the bond.

The Webbers Falls Board of Trustees meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m.



AMIE CATO-REMER

Jace Jordan Burris Age 6, Gore



How long does it take to make dinner? *Not that long.*
What is your favorite food? *Pork chops!*
What is one food you would never eat? *That roast thing my mom makes!*

'We Asked Kids' Needs Kids!

We need 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 a message on our Facebook page, visit viannews.com, or email us at news@bigbasinllc.com for questions. For more info, call 918-773-8000.

Two charged with possession of stolen vehicle

After being stopped on I-40

AMIE CATO-REMER EDITOR

Two people from Conway, Ark. have been charged with a felony count each of possession of stolen vehicle after being stopped by a Sequoyah County Sheriff's deputy for speeding.

Taylor Brown, 21, and Isabella B. Miller, 18, were formally charged on April 13 in Sequoyah

County District Court and both received a \$3,000 bond each. They are now scheduled for a May 12 felony disposition docket before Associate District Judge Kyle Waters.

Sequoyah County Sheriff's Deputy Colton Goff reported on April 7 at 3 a.m. while patrolling westbound on U.S. Inter- See CHARGED, page 2

Obituaries

Maxine Mae Crawford

Jan. 30, 1942 – April 27, 2021

Gans – Funeral services for Maxine Mae Crawford, 79, of Gans were held at 2 p.m. on Sat., May 1, 2021, at Bethel Baptist Church in Sallisaw. Burial followed at Brushy Cemetery in Sallisaw under the direction of Agent Mallory Martin Funeral Service, Inc.



Mrs. Crawford was born on Jan. 30, 1942, in Chouteau to Wesley Charles Thomason and Mary Margaret (Duffield) Thomason and passed away on Tues., April 27, 2021, in Sallisaw.

Her first husband, Gene Waters, preceded her in death in 1968. Her second husband, Harold Rodgers, also precedes her in death. She married her third husband, Jimmie Dean Crawford, on April 22, 1978, in Stigler. He preceded her in death on May 21, 2013.

She was a dedicated employee of Charles and Edith Smith, an educator and of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include five daughters, Gail Howell and Randy of Cimmaron, Tenn., Susie Brown and Guillermo Neri of Sallisaw, Martha Rodgers and Randall Kennedy of Gans, Rena Hart of Glencoe, and Sherry Philpot and Charles of Sallisaw; seven sons, Rob Waters and Jill of Barling, Ark., Eddie Crawford and Cindy of Tallahassee, Fla., Kevin Crawford, Keith Crawford and Erin, and Larry Crawford, all of Glencoe, David Crawford of Sallisaw, and Wayne Davis and Andrea of Glencoe; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; six sisters, Debbie Wright of Kingwood, Tex., Susie Emerson, Pam Thomason, and Gayle Thomason, all of Oklahoma City, and Robin Forga and Margie Lou Boggs, both of Lillian, Ala.; two brothers, Joe Thomason of Vian and Mike Thomason of Warner; and numerous other relatives and friends.

She was also preceded in death by one son, Marlin Waters; her parents; two sisters, Charlene Kirkes and Betty Jo Lemaster; and one brother, Jim Thomason.

Pallbearers were Gene Brown, Keith Crawford, Kevin Crawford, Eddie Crawford, Damon Rozell and Travis Cavett.

Kay Ballard Tackett

Oct. 14, 1953 – April 23, 2021

Evening Shade – A viewing service for Kay Ballard Tackett, 67, of Evening Shade was held from 1 to 8 p.m. on Wed., April 28, 2021. Cremation was under the direction of Agent Mallory Martin Funeral Service, Inc.



Mrs. Tackett was born on Oct. 14, 1953, in Tahlequah to Tuxa Ballard and Myria (Locust) Ballard and passed away on Fri., April 23, 2021, in Vian. She was a Granny at Vian Public Schools and of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include several family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Steve Tackett; one brother, Tuxa Ballard; and two sisters, Katina Cline and Connie Book.

Lois M. Thomison

May 30, 1951 – April 26, 2021

Sallisaw – Lois M. Thomison, 69, of Sallisaw, passed away on Mon., April 26, 2021, in Muskogee. She was born on May 30, 1951, in Warner to Harry and Maxine (Sizemore) Smith.



Family memorial services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Forever Memories Funeral Services.

She worked for many years for Schwan's Food Co., enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, and listening to Elvis Presley. She was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include two daughters, Sandra and John Guest of Muldrow and Crystal and Tarry Qualls of Sallisaw; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; one brother, Tom and Carol Smith of Fort Smith, Ark.; one sister, Oleta Smith of Pryor; brother-in-law, George Thomison of Sallisaw; sister-in-law, Peggy and James Stark of Sallisaw; and other family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Phillip Thomison; and two brothers, Cecil and Johnny Smith.

Harrison 'Harry' Neville Fentress

April 4, 1946 – April 14, 2021

Memorial services for Harrison "Harry" Neville Fentress, 75, were held at 10 a.m. on Sat., May 1, 2021, at Cedar Tree Baptist Church in Briggs.

Mr. Fentress was born on April 4, 1946, in Danville, Ark. to Ervin Coleman and Delma Cobb and passed away on Wed., April 14, 2021. When he was 9-years-old, he was adopted by William and Helen Fentress of Fort Smith, Ark.

Upon graduating he entered the Navy, where he honorably served two years, and worked for AAA U Rent It as a mechanic/machinist for 12 years. He then attended NSU to become a school teacher, graduating with a Bachelors degree in Education.

Mr. Fentress taught woodworking for 10 years at Cushing Public School. In 1990, he accepted a position at Indian Capital Vo-Tech and retired from teaching in 2005. Although retired, he still taught a knife making class two nights a week. In 2011, he completely retired from teaching.

Survivors include two sons, Frank Fentress of Conway, Ark., and Eric Fentress and wife Crystal of Sallisaw; his partner of 13 years, Dorathea Dawes; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Camellia Conley

Dec. 27, 1952 - May 1, 2021

Sallisaw – Funeral service for Camellia Conley, 68, of Sallisaw, was held at 11 a.m. on Tues., May 4, 2021, at Agent Mallory Martin Chapel in Sallisaw. Burial followed at Buffington Cemetery in Sallisaw, under the direction of Agent Mallory Martin Funeral Service, Inc.



Mrs. Conley was born on Dec. 27, 1952, in Fayetteville, Ark. to Donald Hensley and Wilma Sue (Neese) Hensley and passed away on May 1, 2021, in Sallisaw.

She was married to Warren Conley and he preceded her in death on Jan. 14, 2006. She worked in the medical field as a nurse and an EMT.

Survivors include one daughter, Callie Smith of Lewisville, NC; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild; her mother, Sue Hensley of Sallisaw; one sister, Candy Moss of Sallisaw; one brother, Greg Hensley of Dallas, Texas; special friends, J.J. and Donna Wilson of Sallisaw; and several other relatives and friends.

She was also preceded in death by her father; one brother, Bret Hensley; and one niece, Georgia Moss.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Sallisaw Animal Care Facility, 115 E. Choctaw, Sallisaw, OK, 74955.

Ruth M. Dyer

June 16, 1925 - April 24, 2021

Vian – Ruth M. Dyer, of Vian, OK, formerly of Winfield, TX, passed from this life on Saturday, April 24, 2021, at the age of 95 in Sallisaw, OK. Born June 16, 1925, in Alex, OK, she was the daughter of Clay Lester and Annie May (Guinn) Roggers.



Ruth was a trailblazer. She held many jobs from Postmaster in Gore in the 60's to small business owner, most notably of Ruthie's Rustic Ruins. She

loved being creative and passed that gene (or tried to) on to many of her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Ruth loved to paint and quilt. Her paintings and quilts can be found all over the United States if not the world. She loved to travel and took many a road trip throughout her life. She made many friends throughout her time on this earth and inspired love and dedication among those friends as well as her family. Her passing leaves a big hole in the hearts of those she has left behind.

Ruth is survived by her son, David Neal Phillips; grandchildren, Crysti Myers, Danny Emerson and wife Bertie, John Phillips and wife Twilia, Jennifer Walters and husband Jeff, and Amber Watt; as well as numerous other grandchildren, great grandchildren and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, John Pete Dyer; a son, Roger Phillips; and two daughters, Linda Thompson and Carol Heppberger.

The family would like to thank Kenneth Brown for being her friend and companion, and taking care of her these last few years. They would also like to thank Northeastern Health Systems, Sequoyah Hospice program for being kind, caring and gracious during Ruthie's last few days. They not only took care of Ruth, but the family as well.

Graveside services were held at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 29, 2021, at Fort Gibson National Cemetery under the direction of Lescher-Millsap Funeral Home. Viewing was on Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Agent Millsap Event Center in Gore. The family greeted friends on Wednesday from 5 to 7 p.m.

Yolanda Ann Webb Woodruff

April 24, 1958 – April 22, 2021

Memorial services for Yolanda Ann Webb Woodruff, 62, were held at 11 a.m. on Thurs., April 29, 2021, at the First Assembly of God Church in Sallisaw with the Rev. Harold McKeen and his wife, Janie McKeen officiating.



Arrangements were under the direction of Forever Memories Funeral Services.

Mrs. Woodruff was born on April 24, 1958, in Muskogee to Truman

and Charlotte Ann (Pickard) Webb and passed away on Thurs., April 22, 2021.

She was a 1977 graduate of Warner High School and a member of Sallisaw First Assembly of God Church. She enjoyed cooking, making bread, rolls and wedding cakes.

Survivors include her father, of Muskogee; one sister, Debra Gibbs of Muskogee; brother-in-law, Roy Gibbs; sister-in-law, Rachel Woodruff Large of Gans; and other family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by her mother; and her husband of 35 years, Larry Woodruff on Aug. 2, 2020.

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AA Meetings Being Held in Vian

AA Meetings are now being held in Vian at a new location, Vian United Methodist Church, located at the corner of Lee and Blackstone Streets.

The meetings will be held each week on Tuesday and Friday, beginning at 7 p.m.

For more info, call 539-832-0952.



Cottonwood Cemetery-May 2	Lee's Chapel Cemetery-May 16
Liberty Cemetery-May 2	Maple Cemetery-May 16
Muldrow Cemetery-May 2	Marble City Cemetery-May 16
Peters Cemetery-May 2	McEver Family Cemetery-May 16
Brent Cemetery-May 9	Redland Cemetery-May 16
Belfonte Cemetery-May 9	Sanders Cemetery-May 16
Buffington Cemetery-May 9	Seabolt Cemetery-May 16
Copeland Cemetery-May 9	Vaught Cemetery-May 16
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Fleetwood Cemetery-May 9	Akins Cemetery-May 23
Lessley Cemetery-May 9	Blackjack Cemetery-May 23
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Area News

Feeling Frazzled before Wedding Day

Have you ever been so tired that your mind couldn't catch up with your mouth or body? I'm pretty sure that's the current state of condition I'm in. I tried blaming it on the pink moon or whatever it was last week, but I'm not so sure that was the cause. In fact, I was so tired last week that I admitted to pulling over on the side of the road for an ambulance that turned out to be a U-haul!

We're just two weeks away from my daughter Sydney's wedding and have been finishing up last minute details. One of the details involved Sydney flying from Ohio last weekend to bring me more items to bring to the wedding in the rental car I'm taking to Florida. I think Sydney lost count of the packages she'd already mailed me to the office because she got off the plane with two 70 pound suitcases, which only included two changes of clothing - the rest was for the wedding. I reminded her a Ford Fiesta can only hold so much and that I might need to upgrade to a mini van or small semi because right now, I'm not even sure if there is room

for my luggage. When she got ready to leave a few days later, my future son-in-law recommended that she try to cram one suitcase into the other to avoid paying the extra expense. We tried but they were basically the same size and we couldn't fit the wheels in. That's when I told Sydney I had an abundance of red apples and potatoes that were going to ruin, and maybe she could take some home. She laughed but didn't resist when I loaded five bags of red apples and a bag of potatoes in one of her suitcases and closed it up. She was more worried about TSA reprimanding her or keeping it all, but I reminded her it wasn't illegal to fly with produce from Oklahoma.

Later that evening I sent her a text, asking if she made it home with her produce. She finally told me that when she got her luggage, the suitcase with the produce was still open from where TSA had went through it but everything was still in tact with a note saying she got searched. She said the embarrassing part was when she took the suitcase off the roller and her produce was exposed for everyone to see!

Then I gave her the best advice I could: Having a weird mom actually builds character!

And how was your week?

Information updated on last week's semi wrecks

LYNN MCCULLEY
SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

A tractor-trailer rig carrying frozen meat products was involved in a single-vehicle accident mid-morning last Saturday on U.S. Interstate-40 causing eastbound traffic to detour for 11 hours, the Oklahoma Highway Patrol reported.

While Vian firefighters and other emergency crews were assisting with that accident, another one took place along with other semi-truck related issues which continued to slow down traffic until 10 p.m., local authorities reported.

Captain Damon Tucker of the Sequoyah County OHP Detachment, reported a 2021 Kenworth driven by a Michigan truck driver, Kurt Roderick, was eastbound on I-40, shortly before 11 a.m. when for some unknown reason, the truck departed to the right, hit a concrete barrier and rolled one-fourth time to land on the truck's passenger side. The driver was not injured in the accident but was issued a citation for failure to maintain lane of travel, Tucker said.

Tucker reported the truck was carrying frozen meat products in his trailer which spilled on the interstate. The meat had to be picked up and the truck had to be moved which took several hours, according to Tucker. Overseeing the removal of the truck was the Oklahoma Department of Transportation.

The accident occurred around 11:04 a.m. on one lane of the eastbound interstate which is the only one in use currently due to construction in progress. That part of the interstate was closed to eastbound

traffic from Carlile Road, mile marker 291 to the Vian exit, mile marker 297, for the 11 hours traffic was diverted, Tucker reported.

All eastbound traffic from I-40 was detoured onto State Hwy. 10 north to U.S. Hwy. 64 east through Vian, to U.S. Hwy. 59 south through Sallisaw and back on I-40. All eastbound lanes reopened and traffic resumed on the interstate at 10:04 p.m., according to the Oklahoma Department of Transportation.

Vian firefighters reported while working that accident, a second accident involving two semis happened on the east side of mile marker 297 completely blocking the roadway.

Firefighters and law enforcement continued to have a busy afternoon after another semi reportedly became hung upon the railroad tracks in Vian causing traffic to back up on State Hwy. 64 both ways while Vian Police directed traffic at the four-way stop. Another semi caught fire on the Sallisaw exit last Saturday, which had to be extinguished.

Residents living in the area of the detour reported trucks with heavy loads could be seen throughout the entire day making way from the interstate through access roads then back to the interstate.

"That was some day!" stated one trooper from the OHP Communications headquarters. "It was just a crazy day for trucks."

Investigating officers for the first accident were OHP Troopers Spencer Schmile and Brice Earls with the Sequoyah County Detachment. Assisting also was the Vian Fire Department and ODOT.

GORE

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lected, and the trustees approved receiving a draft of the 2021-2022 FY Budget.

Warren advised there may be a grant available soon to purchase additional electronic water meters during the public works authority meeting.

The Gore Board of Trustees meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Gore Municipal Complex.

CHARGED

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state-40 near mile marker 303, he saw a black Nissan Altima with Arkansas tags. The driver was reportedly speeding just over the posted speed limit and when they noticed the officer sitting in the center median, they decreased their speed.

Goff got behind the vehicle and ran the tag through dispatch, which returned for a Honda Accord. He then initiated a traffic stop, pulling the car over just off I-40 at the 297 mile marker (Vian exit).

The deputy reportedly came in contact with the female driver, Miller, and her front seat passenger, Brown. While speaking with them, the deputy reported smelling a strong odor of spray paint coming off the vehicle and asked them who the car belonged to. Both responded that it belonged to a friend, according to the probable cause affidavit.

Miller was asked to sit in Goff's patrol car while the car's information was ran through dispatch. Vian Police Officer Shane Robinson and deputy Sonny Jasna also arrived to assist with the stop.

As the deputy ran Miller's information, he asked her about her two back seat passengers. She said she didn't know them, they were friends of Brown's and they were reportedly giving them a ride to Colorado to visit friends for a few days.

Dispatch informed Goff the vehicle had been reported stolen and Miller was then handcuffed and detained. The officers then detained the other three occupants before Goff conducted an inventory search. In the back seat in a backpack, the deputy reported finding three empty THC bags and approximately \$8,000.

Miller and Taylor were read their rights but refused to speak with authorities, however the back seat passengers, Kevin Chamorro and Jeremy Williams, gave their consent.

Both men claimed they didn't know the car was stolen and had asked Brown for a ride to Kansas so they could buy a vehicle, according to the affidavit.

Chamorro and Williams were reportedly released with no charges, and Miller and Brown were transported to the Sequoyah County Detention Center.

District Attorney Jack Thorp said if found guilty of the crime, both Miller and Williams face imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections for a term not to exceed 2 years.



Muskogee County EMS brought their tribute ambulance to the event to display on Saturday. Jimmie Owens is seen looking over the emergency vehicle at Saturday's dedication of the Neil S. Bynum memorial statue.



Robert "Bob" Bynum gave out framed photos of the last known photograph of his brother, Capt. Neil S. Bynum, to some of Bynum's former classmates and friends who attended Saturday's dedication ceremony. Behind Bynum is his niece, Kim Teehee and her husband, Muskogee Police Chief Johnny Teehee, and E.O. Smith, Jr., Cherokee Nation Tribal Councilor for Dist. 5.



Members of the Vian High School Choir performed music under the direction of Mrs. Christina Howard-Herriman, choir director (on piano).

Vietnam Memorial Ceremony

Honoring Captain Neil S. Bynum
United States Air Force

- Welcome - Dennis Fletcher, Mayor of Vian
- Opening Prayer - Johnny Teehee, Muskogee Chief of Police
- Raising of the American/POW Flags - Frank Gladd American Legion Post 20 Honor Guard Team
- Pledge of Allegiance - Jim Owens, Educator and Monument founder
- Musical selections performed by Vian High School Choir
- Choirs are under the direction of Mrs. Christina Howard-Herriman
- The Star-Spangled Banner, Frances Scott Key
- God Bless the USA, Lee Greenwood
- Danny Boy, Arr. Julie Knowles, Soloist: Sierra Emerson
- Speakers**
- E.O. Smith, Jr. - Cherokee Nation Tribal Councilman
- Michael Bynum/Kim Teehee - Nephew/Niece of Captain Neil Bynum
- Jim Owens - Monument founder/Beloved friend
- 21 Gun Salute - Frank Gladd American Legion Post 20 Honor Guard Team/local veterans
- "TAPS" - Band Director and Trumpeter, Miss Lisa Rhodes
- Unveiling of Monument - Robert "Bob" Bynum, Brother of Neil Bynum
- Closing remarks - Dennis Fletcher, Mayor of Vian

Seq. Co. Sportsman's Night Out May 14 at Clearwater Cafe

A Sequoyah County Sportsman's Night Out will be held on Friday, May 14, at Clearwater Cafe inside Tenkiller State Park beginning at 6 p.m.

There will be live music, raffles and auctions, and tickets must be purchased in advance. Cost

for tickets is \$50 for single, \$65 per couple, and \$20 for those 17 and under. Seating is limited.

For more info or to purchase tickets, visit ducksunlimited.mysite.com or call Tyler Knoke at 918-774-8182.

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When does the Change Happen?



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Exodus 20:4 "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth."

This is one of the original Ten Commandments given to Moses to teach Israel. Christ came to fulfill the law, but be aware that He did not cancel it. It is still in effect today. Romans 3:20 "Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin." We all need something to compare

our behavior against to tell us when we are wrong. The "Golden Rule" we always hear about is a measurement tool to gauge our behavior.

Now in Isaiah 44 starting at about verse 9 we see God trying to use logic. For sure, Isaiah wrote it, but a student of the Bible will know that God guided the writing so that it might be truth instead of someone's opinion. Peter made that clear as he wrote: 2Peter 1:21 "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

In Isaiah 44 we see a blacksmith and a carpenter applying their craft. The blacksmith works with metal;

the carpenter works with wood. Both have made idols with their materials. God uses logic to show us that metal or wood cannot be an actual God.

The story of the smith is short. He uses tools and fire to shape his image, Isaiah 44:12 shows us what it takes out of him to make this idol. It is hard work, but when exactly does it become a god?

The story of the carpenter has much more length. It tells of the carpenter choosing the wood he is to use. He takes it home and trims the branches. He cooks his meal and roasts his meat. He warms himself with it, then he makes an image from the remainder of it. But when does it become a god? God asks, "Is there not a lie in my right hand?"

Worship is reserved for God only. Exodus 34:14 "For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God."

Today we have many idols and false gods that are worshipped. We have statues that people bow down to on a regular basis. They leave gifts and pray prayers to these idols hoping to be heard. Jeremiah talks about the same workmanship.

Jeremiah 10:3-5 "For the customs of the people are vain: for one cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe. They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not. They are upright

as the palm tree, but speak not: they must needs be borne, because they cannot go. Be not afraid of them; for they cannot do evil, neither also is it in them to do good."

Notice the last few words? "Neither is it in them to do good." That describes an idol or a false god. They are the workmanship of man and nothing more, because they do not have the ability to become more than a piece of metal or a piece of wood.

The logic of the thing is kind of frightening. People can be trained to venerate and worship images. They are being prepared for the time they must worship the image of the beast.

Rev 13:15-17 "And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name."

Even Satan giving the image of the beast life-like movement does not magically turn it into a god to be worshipped. Remember, Almighty God, our Creator has reserved that right for Himself and none other.

The Destructive Power of Worry

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



Pastor
Kenneth Byrd

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Community
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Psalms 55:22 Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee: He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

Do you believe God is big enough to take care of every aspect of your life, of everything that concerns you?

Your faith in God's willingness and ability to take care of you will cause you to receive many blessings in life as you trust yourself to His loving care. It will also keep you from the sin of worry.

The Bible says that whatever is not of faith is sin (Romans 14:23).

So to worry about anything instead of trusting God to take care of the situation is a sin. It's a sin to worry.

Worry produces nothing of value. So not only is it a sin to worry, worry is unproductive. In other words worry doesn't change the circumstances you may face in life. Worry only keeps you from looking to God and getting your answer.

Matthew 6:25-30 says: "Therefore I say unto you, take no thought for your life, what you shall eat, or what you shall drink, nor yet for your body, what you shall put on. Is not the life more than meat and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air, for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns. Yet, your Heavenly Father feedeth them. Are you not much better than they? Which of you, by taking thought (worrying) can add one cubit unto His stature? And why take your thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow, they toil not, neither do they spin. And yet I say unto you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass

of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall He not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?"

Verse 30 implies that a person who is taking thought for his life or worrying is a person who has little faith.

Verse 27 says which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?

In other words, worrying can't make you an inch shorter or taller, so worry is not only a sin, it accomplishes nothing productive or of any value.

What does worry do? Worry makes a small problem look big. Or, you could say, worry gives a small problem a big shadow.

By way of illustration, did you ever notice that if the rays of the sun hit an object just right, the object will cast a shadow? The object can be just something small but at certain times of the day, it can cast a huge shadow.

That's what the devil likes to do with situations and circumstances in our lives. He likes to mag-

nify even the small problems in our lives that we may be tempted to worry about.

You may be facing many frustrating situations in your life. You may even be looking at some circumstances that look impossible. Maybe heart trouble, even, or marriage problems, etc. But, I want you to understand that you cannot surprise God with whatever you take to Him, big or small. He already knows about it. And to Him, that situation is just a small problem with a big shadow.

1 Peter 5:7 Amplified Version says: Casting the whole of your care, all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, once and for all on Him.

The Lord wants us to walk worry-free. He wants us to walk in joy and peace. He wants us to walk in liberty and enjoy life. But, if you're all tied up and bound with care and worry, you are not at peace. You're not at liberty and you are not free to enjoy life.

Have you ever been

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He Who Hears My Word and Believes

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life..."



Shirley R.
Watts

Unbeliever
Have you really stopped

long enough to see where you are standing before God today and where you will be standing in death? Death is not the end!

Too many people move along in daily life giving little thought about God the Father, His Son, Eternal life or The Judgment, but are more focused on what they can have and where they can go here on Earth.

When Adam disobeyed God, all mankind died spiritually and would be separated from God forever unless the sin was paid for. That is why God sent His Son into this world to live and die, shedding His blood and was raised from the dead. God is pleased with the perfect Sacrifice. Sin has been paid for, but only those who have believed His word can truly experience salvation. Unless you believe you are condemned (John 3:1-21).

The unbeliever, is one who rejects what God has done through His Son. Come sit with me as we hear what Jesus says to each person. Yes, He speaks to the heart of every person. You must listen with the ear and let it go to the heart. Picture this in your mind right now as you allow Jesus to teach you.

Jesus Speaks to You

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life." Read this again and hear key words; "I say, My Word, Believes, everlasting life, judgment and death into life." This is a personal invitation from Christ to you.

Jesus begins with "Most assuredly, I say unto you." He is saying to you that what He is about to say is very important, telling all unbelievers to listen up. He follows with "he who hears My word." Re-

member, Jesus is speaking directly to you as an unbeliever. He is talking about what He has taught about His Father and the words of salvation. It is about His Life, Death and Resurrection from the dead. How He came from Heaven (John 1-3).

When God speaks to you, the Holy Spirit of God brings to your attention God's Word concerning your personal sin of rejecting His Son and your opportunity for Salvation. You have just heard Jesus say, "He who hears My word," now what will you do? You will reject His Word or you will receive it as truth, repent and place faith in Him. Right now, what are you thinking? Are you listening? What will you do? At this point Jesus looks at you with love, you must make a decision. Many have ignored Him and have decided to remain condemned.

He Who Hears

Look to Jesus as He speaks to you, "he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me." He says you have heard His word, now do you believe in God the Father who sent Him to Earth? You must first "hear" His word and then "believe" in God who sent Jesus here if you are to inherit "everlasting life." How many times have you heard Jesus and turned a deaf ear, rejecting Him?

Jesus says that if you believe "in Him who sent Me" you will have "everlasting life." What is "everlasting life?" It is being forever with God the Father and His Son. You never come under the Judgment. It means you have been forgiven. It means that when you heard His Word you believed in Him. You are no longer condemned! You have "passed from death into life."

You "shall not come into judgment, but you have "passed from death into life." This is when you praise God, giving thanks for life...and not death. Amen!

Unbeliever, are you listening? You can pass from death unto life! You must be born again!

How is your heart now? Is "everlasting life" in your plans? How about the Judgment? Jesus loves you! Salvation, one breath away!

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Pastor Reggie Kelley, Blackgum Christian Union Church

Psalms 19:1-14 ¹(To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David) The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. ²Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. ³There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. ⁴Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun, ⁵Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race. ⁶His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof. ⁷The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. ⁸The statutes of the LORD

are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. ¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. ¹¹Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward. ¹²Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults. ¹³Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression. ¹⁴Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

Psalms 23:1-6, ¹(A Psalm of David) The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. ²He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. ³He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. ⁴Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they com-

fort me. ⁵Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Ephesians 6:11-20 ¹¹Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. ¹³Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; ¹⁵And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; ¹⁶Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

¹⁷And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: ¹⁸Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perse-

verance and supplication for all saints; ¹⁹And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

Luke 21:26-28, ²⁶Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. ²⁷And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

Lean on Jesus Christ our Lord, our Savior, and our Redeemer! Oh! He is: The way, the truth, and the life! There is no other name under Heaven that you/me/we can be saved by! I'm honored to know God is real! I come to know Jesus Christ as my Savior! As that song says, "He Touched Me!" He saved a vile sinner as me! We are either sinners or sinners saved by the grace of Jesus Christ!

Please come to church. Study, read, and hear the Word of God. In the name of Jesus Christ, I love you...just come as you are. God bless!

Price's Chapel Baptist Church 8th annual Prayer March May 6

Price's Chapel Baptist Church will be having their 8th annual Prayer March, which will run through May 6 at 6 p.m. every day, where they will be Marching and Praying for our nation, states, counties, cities, churches, homes, and ourselves.

Each day the pastor carries the Holy Bible, and one person carries the Christian Flag, and another person carries the American Flag. They will march in silence and

respect; every day will have different flag carriers. On day seven they will march seven times around.

The church invites the public and all other churches that wish to join. For more information, contact Pastor Raymond Esteban, 479-806-8600.

The event will be located three miles north of Sallisaw, at the intersection of U.S. Highway 59 North and 101.



Members of the Vian FFA Chapter won first place in the State FFA Homesite Judging Career Development Event during the 2021 Oklahoma FFA Career Development Events. Pictured from the left is Jathan Brockman, Jasey Ecker, Madison Ross and Cason Wright. The

OSU College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources and the Department of Plant and Soil Sciences hosted the contest. The sponsor for the contest is the Oklahoma FFA Alumni Association.

Vian FFA Wins State FFA Homesite Judging Career Development Event

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Team members were Jathan Brockman, Jasey Ecker, Madison Ross and Cason Wright. Brockman and Ross tied for high individual honors, while Wright and Ecker received sixth and ninth high individual honors, respectively. Brockman and Ross also received a \$1,000 cash scholarship to be redeemed upon enrollment in the college of their choice.

The Vian Agricultural education instructor and FFA advisor is Trent Trotter.

The homesite judging career development event consists of four sites for which the soil characteristics are judged and correct treatment or limitations identified.

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the Department of Plant and Soil Sciences hosted the contest. The sponsor for the contest is the Oklahoma FFA Alumni Association.

FFA is an integral part of the Agricultural Education division in the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education system. With more than 27,000 members and 365 chap-

ters, the Oklahoma FFA Association is the fourth-largest state FFA association. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. To learn more about the Oklahoma FFA, visit okffa.org.

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!"

May 16 Benefit scheduled for Carolyn Bridges

A benefit has been scheduled for May 16 at the Sallisaw VFW for Carolyn Bridges, who has a history of breast cancer and just received some bad news.

To help encourage her to stay strong, and assist with medical and traveling expenses, an event has been scheduled for 12 noon, May 16 at the VFW. A fish dinner will start at 1 p.m. with sides and dessert for \$10 per plate. To-go orders will

also be available by calling or texting 918-571-2511.

Live music will be performed by Wyatt Shumate, Caleb Chuck, Spike Kizzia and Co., and KP.V. A silent auction is also scheduled, along with raffle tickets for a turkey hunt and fishing at \$20 each and/or six tickets for \$100.

For more info or to purchase tickets, contact Jayme at 918-571-2511.

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.

PASTOR BYRD

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bound with worry? If you have, you know that worry causes you not to enjoy life to the fullest. No matter where you are or what you're do-

ing, that worry is always gnawing at you.

Worry takes the joy out of living. But God wants you to be free from worry. He want you to be worry-free.

BVFD Pancake Breakfast is May 29

The Blackgum Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting a pancake breakfast from 7 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 29, at the Blackgum Community Center. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under.

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Area News



Becky Mayo Memorial dedicated Thursday

Family, friends and Stanley Tubbs Memorial Library staff gathered on the lawn of the library in Sallisaw on Thursday to honor Becky Mayo with a memorial and planting of a Coral Bark Japanese Maple tree. Mrs. Mayo was known for her dedication and work at the library for many years. Family members present included Mrs. Mayo's son Jeff, daughter-in-law, Beth Mayo and nieces, Shannon Mayo Bishop and Allyn Mayo Wilson. Others shown are city officials, library staff, Sequoyah County Times staff and friends.

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The Cherokee Nation donated \$1,800 to Sallisaw Boy Scout Troop 731 on Monday night to help pay for the boys to attend summer camp at Hale Scout Reservation near Talihina in early June. District 6 Cherokee Tribal Councilor Daryl Legg, back row second from left, presented the check to the troop's Senior Patrol Leader Mason Duke, front row center. Troop 731 members are, on front row from left, Assistant Scoutmaster Tracy Robinette, Assistant Scoutmaster Matt Duke, Jacob Robinette, Duke, Dawson Walters and Tasker Colbert. On the back row are Legg, Thomas Spears, Landon Burmaster, Cale Stewart, Maddox Mayo and Scoutmaster Jeff Mayo. The troop meets most Monday nights at the First United Methodist Church in Sallisaw.



Nutrition Center needs a head cook

LYNN MCCULLEY
SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

SAC Nutrition Director Carol Thomas informed the Sequoyah County Commissioners last Monday the center is short staffed and in need of a head cook.

Thomas said the center has had to move employees around and borrow cooks from other centers to prepare meals at the center for the elders who participate in the meal program.

Funding for the SAC Nutrition Program is provided through Title III of the Older Americans Act

OKDHS/ASD, EODD/AAA and local sources, operating under the governing board of the Sequoyah County Board of Commissioners.

In other business the commissioners approved a DEQ grant of \$30,000 for the Sequoyah County

Sheriff's Office, which pays salary for the manager of the Inmate Work Crew Program. Sequoyah County Sheriff Larry Lane said the program is funded annually with the grant.

The commissioners also approved a request from Sequoyah County Dist. 2 Commissioner Beau Burlison to request bids for a privacy fence for the Dist. 2 County Barn in Vian. Burlison said there is a dire need to replace the fencing which is located next to an apartment complex and playground.

Under new business, the commissioners approved a transfer of appropriations from maintenance and operations to capital outlay for Sequoyah County Dist. 1 and approved all monthly reports and blanket purchase orders.

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Cherokee Nation gives record \$6.3M to 107 school districts

Sequoyah County receives \$533,401

The Cherokee Nation presented more than \$6.3 million to 107 school districts during the tribe's annual Public School Appreciation Day held in a virtual format last Wednesday. This year's disbursement is the largest since the tribe began its annual contributions in 2002.

Aside from the millions of dollars the Cherokee Nation provides to the state of Oklahoma for education funding each year through the tribal-state gaming compact, the Cherokee Nation also allocates 38 percent of its annual car tag revenue directly to education.

"In order to have a bright future, we need to have a lot of our energy dedicated to the cause of education," Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr. said. "This past year has been particularly challenging to school teachers, administrators, students and parents alike as we navigated the worst public health crisis in generations. I'm proud that our tribal government not only continues to support public schools, but that we also continue to expand our working relationships with those schools, finding more and more ways to offer assistance throughout the year. By doing this, we help guide the next generation to that bright future we all want them to

have."

Each school district makes the decision on how to use the funding for their schools. In the past years, schools have used the funds to cover anything from teacher salaries, facilities, operations, technology improvements or school programs. Many schools also used tribal car tag dollars to respond and recover from the impacts of COVID-19 over the past year.

"I want to thank all of our teachers and school administrators for the difficult work they have done over the past year. None of us have ever been faced with this situation and despite all of the barriers they had, each and every school district had to find innovative ways to transition into a safe learning environment," Deputy Chief Bryan Warner said. "As a tribal government, we were positioned to offer our help in various ways and we did so without hesitation. It really does take all of us to bring up our children and ensure they have the tools and the skills they need to be our future leaders. I admire our educators for stepping up and leading the way for our children. As a parent, I truly am thankful for their commitment and determination and I'm proud that the Cherokee Nation is a

partner in those efforts."

School districts receive money based on the number of Cherokee Nation citizens they have enrolled, yet funding benefits all students.

"The Cherokee Nation Administration and the Council of the Cherokee Nation continues to remain committed to the safety, welfare and learning of all students located within our reservation boundaries," Executive Director of Cherokee Nation Education Services Corey Bunch said. "There are over 30,000 Cherokee students attending schools inside of Cherokee Nation and this year over \$6.3 million will go to public schools from the MVT funds to address the needs of all students."

During Wednesday's event, Bunch also announced that the Cherokee Nation will soon begin providing a virtual tutoring service for all students within in the tribe's reservation in grades K-12, regardless of whether they are a tribal citizen. The Cherokee Nation will offer the service through Varsity Tutors, a company committed to assessing every student's unique needs and learning styles and connecting them with a tutor best fit to work with the student. Cherokee Nation will work directly with schools in the tribe's

reservation to offer the tutoring service to students, and more details about this program will be announced at a future date.

"Principal Chief Hoskin, Deputy Chief Warner and the members of our Tribal Council appreciate all of the work school teachers and leaders have done to continue to educate our youth during this trying year. We consider it an honor to work in the field of education and working together with public schools has been, and will always be, one of our highest priorities," Bunch said.

Since 2002, the Cherokee Nation has awarded school districts in northeastern Oklahoma \$68.6 million in education contributions from car tag revenue.

These counties received funds totaling the following amounts during the 2021 Public School Appreciation Day event:

- Adair - \$529,277
- Cherokee - \$921,784
- Craig - \$164,340
- Delaware - \$416,387
- Mayes - \$545,993
- Muskogee - \$591,366
- Nowata - \$104,422
- Osage - \$2,822
- Ottawa - \$111,369
- Rogers - \$627,838
- Sequoyah - \$533,401
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Sports

GORE TRACK AND FIELD

Pirates Journey to Ardmore for 2-A State Track Meet

Gore Finishes 2nd in Atoka Regional

LEA LESSLEY
SPORTS EDITOR

Gore's high school track and field team placed second in the Class 2A Atoka Regional last week and will travel to Ardmore High School on Saturday for the 2A state track and field meet.

The 2A state meet is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m.

Gore Boys

On Saturday in Atoka the Pirates scored 99 points and finished second to Luther (118) in the 2A Atoka Regional.

Ty Bliss won the 3200-meter run (10:00.51) and the 1600m run (4:43.26) while placing second in the 800m run (2:06.56). Bliss was also part of Gore's 4x800m relay team (Bliss, Alex Hallum, Journey Shells and Christian O'Connor) that finished second with a time of 9:14.11.

Jesus Thomas was sec-

ond (11.86) in the 100m dash and also qualified for the state meet in the 200m dash as an additional qualifier after placing fourth (23.82).

The Pirates' 4x100m relay team (Thomas, Keigan Reid, Blue Steward and Zane Craighead) finished third (45.58), the 4x200m relay team (Craighead, Reid, Hallum and Thomas) was third (1:35.29) and the 4x400m relay team (Hallum, O'Connor, Reid and Shells) also finished third (3:46.34).

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. The top six finishers in each event at the regionals receive a medal.

Craighead and Steward finished fourth (11.98) and 12th (12.71), respectively, in the 100 and Liam Edwards was sixth (19.74) in the 110m

hurdles and fifth (46.07) in the 300m hurdles.

Garrett Douthit placed seventh (34 feet, 8.25") in the shot put, O'Connor was eighth (2:20.67) in

the 800, Reid was eighth (56.51) in the 400m run and Noah Cooper and Shells finished 10th (57.90) and 11th (58.02), respectively, in the 400.

Craighead was ninth (24.80) and Steward (25.28) placed second in the 200.

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Gore's high school track and field team finished second in the Class 2A Atoka Regional last week and will travel to Ardmore on Saturday for the 2A state track and field meet. Gore state qualifiers are

(from left) Blue Steward, Christian O'Conner, Zane Craighead, Noah Cooper, Journey Shells, Ty Bliss, Keigan Reid, Jesus Thomas and Alex Hallum.

BRANDON TYLER | SUBMITTED

VIAN TRACK AND FIELD

Vian Travels to Catoosa for 3A State Meet on Friday

LEA LESSLEY
SPORTS EDITOR

Vian's high school track and field teams travel to Catoosa High School's Mike Mobra Track Complex on Friday for the Class 3A state track and field meet.

The state meet is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m.

Last week the Lady Wolverines and Wolverines competed in the 3A Atoka Regional on Friday.

Vian Girls

Tayden Locust qualified for the state meet after finishing third (13.61) in the 100m dash on Friday in Atoka.

Vian's 4x100-meter

relay team (Greenlee Wells, Kacie Gibbins, Nicki Stoner and Locust) placed sixth (53.57) and the 4x200m relay team (Greenlee Wells, Gibbins, Maisie Wells and Locust) was seventh (1:59.23).

Kadee Cook-Cobb was eighth (3:09.09) in the 800m run and Maci Smith placed 10th (1:16.02) and Harlee Carlton was 15th (1:23.36) in the 400m dash.

Gibbins placed 11th (14.14) and Skyelar Locust was 18th (15.53) in the 100.

Stoner finished 16th (30.68), Skyelar Locust was 21st (32.19) and Carl-

ton placed 25th (35.47) in the 200m dash.

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. Medals are awarded to the top 6 finishers in each event at the regional.

Heritage Hall (123 points) won the girls' division at the 3A Atoka Regional and Vian was 15th (8).

Vian Boys

The Wolverines' De-

sean Mays won the 100m dash (11.51) and the 200m dash (23.04) on Friday at the 3A Atoka Regional.

Julius Aquino placed second (11.73) in the 100 and the 4x200-meter relay team (Michael Moore, Aquino, Eric Porter and Mays) finished fourth (1:36.26) but qualified for the state meet as an additional qualifier.

Aquino was 10th (24.55) in the 200, Cobee Cook-Cobb placed 12th (48.94) in the 300m hurdles, Moore was 22nd (1:01.27) in the 400m run and Porter finished 24th (13.15) in the 100.



The Vian High School track and field qualifiers for Friday's Class 3A state track and field meet at Catoosa High School are (from left) Michael Moore, Julius Aquino, Eric Porter, Desean Mays and Tayden Locust.

ANTHONY PORTER | SUBMITTED

VIAN BASEBALL

Wolverines Begin Class 3A Alva Regional on Thursday

LEA LESSLEY
SPORTS EDITOR

Vian's high school baseball team starts play in the Class 3A Alva Regional on Thursday.

The Wolverines (22-12 overall) take on Victory Christian (22-12) at 1:30 p.m. and in Game 1 Alva (23-13) meets Beggs (15-14).

The Vian-Victory Christian winner plays the Alva-Beggs winner at 4 p.m. and the losers of those two games meet at 6:30 p.m.

Regional contests are scheduled for 4 and 6:30

p.m. on Friday in the double-elimination tournament and the if-necessary contest is set for 2 p.m. on Saturday.

Alva won the District 3A-5 title this season, Vian was second in 3A-7, Victory Christian placed third in 3A-6 and Beggs finished fourth in 3A-8.

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

Vian head coach John Brockman is optimistic about the regional tournament.

See VHS BASEBALL, page 9



Vian's high school baseball team won its Class 3A Bi-District Tournament on Friday at Wolverine Field with a pair of wins over North

Rock Creek. The Wolverines take on Victory Christian at 1:30 p.m. on Friday in the 3A Alva Regional.

LEA LESSLEY | NEWS

HIGH SCHOOL SLOWPITCH

Vian, Gore's Slowpitch Seasons End in Regionals

Lady Wolverines Fall to Beggs

LEA LESSLEY
SPORTS EDITOR

Vian's high school slowpitch season ended on Thursday with a loss to No. 10 Beggs in the Class 4A Henryetta Regional at Owasso.

The regional was moved to Owasso because of wet field condi-

tions at Henryetta.

The No. 14 Lady Wolverines finished the season with a 21-8 record.

Henryetta 7, Vian 1

Third-ranked Henryetta scored three runs in the second and three in the fifth on Thursday in the Lady Wolverines' tournament opener.

Vian registered its run in the top of the fourth inning when Kadence Cochran's RBI double scored Greenlee Wells.

Lauren Millard and Wells each had two hits for Vian in the contest and Kacie Gibbins,

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Lady Pirates Lose to Wister

LEA LESSLEY
SPORTS EDITOR

Gore's high school slowpitch season came to a close on Saturday in the Class 3A Calera Regional with a loss to No. 7 Wister.

The tournament was originally scheduled for Thursday but wet field

conditions pushed the tourney to Saturday.

The No. 13 Lady Pirates' season ended with a record of 25-13.

Wister 20, Gore 8

The Lady Pirates took a 7-4 lead to the top of the fifth inning in their third game of the tournament on Saturday but the Lady

Wildcats scored 13 runs in the fifth on their way to the win.

Gore went in front 1-0 in the bottom of the first inning on Kara Brimm's RBI double.

The Lady Pirates broke a 1-1 tie by scoring five

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Sports

Pair of Class A Regional Losses Ends Pirates' Baseball Season

Gore's high school baseball season ended on Friday with a pair of losses in the Class A Wister Regional.

The Pirates lost 12-3 to No. 4 Wister in their

tournament opener before falling 9-4 to Regent Prep in an elimination game.

The Pirates finished the season with a 22-14 record.

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Gore Girls
The Lady Pirates' Hallie Kinion placed fifth (2:49.29) in the 800m

run, sixth (6:54.21) in the 1600m run and 10th (2:49.29) in the 400m run on Saturday in Atoka.



LEA LESSLEY | NEWS

Gore's Ty Bliss won the 1600m run and the 3200m run and finished second in the 800m run last week in the Class 2A Atoka Regional. Bliss and his teammates travel to Ardmore High School on Saturday for the 2A state track and field meet.

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LEA LESSLEY | NEWS

Vian's Kacie Gibbins watches the ball off her bat during a recent high school slowpitch district game against Warner. The Lady Wolverines' season ended on Thursday with their Class 4A regional loss to Beggs.

Akeelah Truett, Cochran and Julie Martin added a hit apiece.

The Lady Knights out-hit Vian 10-8.

Kinley Miller, Lexi Lollis and Brooklyn Baughman had two hits apiece for Henryetta and Lollis and Baughman each drove in two runs.

Millard, Vian's pitcher, walked one in the contest.

Each team committed two errors.

Beggs 8, Vian 6

Beggs broke a 6-6 tie with two runs in the top of the seventh inning on Thursday in an elimination game to end Vian's season.

The Lady Demons led 3-0 in the top of the second inning before Peydan Sovo scored Vian's first run.

Runs by Greenlee Wells and Lauren Millard in the bottom of the third tied the score at 3-3.

Each team registered a run in the fourth and Alli Farrar scored for the Lady Pirates.

After a scoreless fifth frame, both teams recorded a pair of runs in the fifth. Maisie Wells and Kacie Gibbins crossed the plate with Vian's fifth and sixth runs.

Millard pitched for the Lady Wolverines in the contest.

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"It's just a long trip but I like our chances," Brockman said. "There're some good teams there. Alva's the one seed and they won the district that had Metro Christian and those guys in it so that's a tough district but I think if we go play we've got a good shot."

On Friday at home the Wolverines swept North Rock Creek in the bi-district tournament. Vian shut out the Cougars 10-0 before clinching the bi-district crown with a 16-1 victory in Game 2.

Vian 16, North Rock Creek 1 (Game 2)

Vian pitcher Joe Glass allowed two hits and no earned runs and Diego Ramos went 3-for-4 at the plate and drove in five runs in Game 2 on Friday as the host Wolverines won the bi-district championship with the convincing win over the Cougars.

Destry Bethel's single in the top of the first inning drove in two of Vian's seven runs.

After registering a run in the second the Wolverines added two in the fourth and six in the sixth of the five-inning, run-rule game.

The Cougars scored their run in the bottom of the fourth frame.

Vian out-hit the visitors 13-2.

Ramos led the way with three hits, Nick Hughes, Bethel and Jacob Brockman added two apiece and Glass, Adam Holt, James Thornton and Fysher Brooks each had a hit. One of Hughes' hits was a double.

Also driving in Vian's runs were Hughes (3

RBI's), Glass and Bethel (2 RBIs each) and Xavin Lackey, Thornton and Brooks (1 apiece).

Scoring for the Wolverines were Thornton (3 runs), Ramos, Bethel, Holt, Lackey and Brockman (2 each) and Glass, Brooks and Dakota Briggs (1 apiece).

Nick Lake and Kaleb Boatman each had a double for the Cougars, Cooper Kline drove in the run and Benjiman Campbell scored for North Rock Creek, which is located near Shawnee.

Glass (5.0 innings) struck out seven and walked five in the contest.

The Cougars committed three errors in the contest and the Wolverines had one.

Coach Brockman was pleased with his team's performance on Friday.

"We played well and scored a lot of runs and made it easy on ourselves, 10 in the first game and 16 in the second game," Brockman said after the game. "Both pitchers, Diego (Ramos) and Joe (Glass) did a great job but when you give them a big lead it's a whole lot easier to go out there and pitch but I thought we played real well both games."

Vian 10, North Rock Creek 0 (Game 1)

Vian pitcher Diego Ramos tossed a one-hitter in the bi-district tournament opener and Joe Glass went 3-for-3 at the plate with a double as the Wolverines blanked the Cougars.

After taking a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning the Wolverines added five runs in the second, one in the third and two in the fifth and final frame of the run-rule con-



LEA LESSLEY | NEWS

Vian catcher Nick Hughes throws to first base during Friday's Bi-District Tournament at Wolverine Field. The Wolverines travel to Alva on Thursday to start their Class 3A regional tournament.

test.

Ramos' single in the first inning drove in one of Vian's runs and in the second RBIs by Glass, Ramos, Destry Bethel, Adam Holt and Xavin Lackey produced the five runs.

The Cougars' Diego Garcia broke up the no-hitter with a single in the fourth inning.

The Wolverines out-hit the Cougars 14-1 in the contest.

Ramos, Nick Hughes, Bethel, Lackey and James Thornton had two hits apiece and Holt and Jacob Brockman each had one hit. One of Ramos' hits was a two-bagger.

Driving in Vian's runs were Ramos, Hughes and Lackey (2 RBIs each) and Glass and Bethel (1 apiece).

Scoring for the Wolver-

ines were Glass (3 runs), Bethel and Dakota Briggs (2 each) and Thornton, Brockman and Javyn Wright (1 apiece).

Ramos (5.0 innings) struck out eight and walked four in the game.

The Cougars committed three errors and Vian had one.

Coach Brockman said Vian's tough schedule has helped his team improve during the season.

"Kind of up and down," Brockman said when asked about the regular season. "We're 22-12 and we've played a lot of tough people. We played Owasso the other day and we've been beaten by a lot of good people but we can play a lot better and I thought today we played better. We keep getting better every day."

GHS SLOWPITCH

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runs in the bottom of the third. Brimm and Cadi Shoemake had RBIs for Gore during the at-bat.

Gore hit three home runs in the contest. Brimm homered in the third, Addison Sheffield hit a four-bagger in the fourth and Harly Welch went deep in the fifth.

Sheffield went 3-for-4 at the plate and also registering hits for Gore were Karli Springer, Brimm, Welch and Natalie Casteel (2 each) and Skye Brooksher, Erika Sikes, Honey McAlister and Shoemake (1 apiece). Springer also hit a double in the game.

Driving in Gore's runs were Brimm (4 RBIs), Shoemake (2) and Sheffield and Welch (1 each).

Scoring for the Lady Pirates were Springer and Sheffield (2 runs apiece) and Brimm, Welch, Sikes and Casteel (1 each).

Kourtney Donaho and Hattie Pate each hit a grand slam for Wister and Kate Hammons also homered for the Lady Wildcats. Donaho and Hope Gotes registered three hits apiece and Pate drove in seven runs.

Kynley Webb (5.1 innings), Gore's starting pitcher, walked nine and Springer (0.2) walked two in relief.

The Lady Pirates committed five errors and Wister had three.

Gore 17, Stratford 2

After jumping out to a 4-0 lead in the top of the first inning the Lady Pirates recorded eight runs in the fourth and

five in the fifth to defeat Stratford in their second regional contest on Saturday.

Karli Springer's double in the opening inning drove in one of Gore's runs.

The Lady Pirates registered eight hits in the fourth inning. Skye Brooksher, Addison Sheffield, Ralea Brooksher, Harly Welch and Erika Sikes each had RBIs during the at-bat.

Sheffield and Ralea Brooksher each went 4-for-4 at the plate. Sikes and Natalie Casteel had three hits apiece, Skye Brooksher, Springer and Welch added two apiece and Honey McAlister and Kynley Webb each recorded one hit.

Ralea Brooksher homered in the first inning and Welch went deep in the fifth, Sheffield and Springer had a triple apiece and Skye Brooksher also hit a double.

Sheffield (5 RBIs), Springer, Ralea Brooksher and Welch (3 apiece), Skye Brooksher (2) and Sikes (1) drove in Gore's runs.

Scoring for the Lady Pirates were Skye Brooksher, Springer and Ralea Brooksher (3 runs apiece), Sheffield (2) and Kara Brimm, Welch, Oaklei Thornton, Casteel, McAlister and Webb (1 each).

Webb (4.2 innings) walked three and picked up the win and Cadi Shoemake (0.1) had no walks.

Stratford committed two errors and Gore had

one.

Wister 19, Gore 5

The Lady Wildcats scored a combined 16 runs in the first two innings and Wister went on to top the Lady Pirates in their tournament opener on Saturday.

Gore recorded its runs in the bottom of the third inning on a single by Natalie Casteel, a home run by Karli Springer and a double by Kara Brimm.

Skye Brooksher, Springer, Addison Sheffield and Brimm had two hits apiece for Gore and

Harly Welch and Casteel each added a hit. Brimm and Sheffield each registered a double in the contest.

Driving in Gore's runs were Springer (3 RBIs) and Brimm and Casteel (1 each).

Scoring a run apiece for the Lady Pirates were Brooksher, Springer, Sheffield, Brimm and Kynley Webb.

Webb (4.0 innings) walked four batters.

Gore committed six errors and Wister had none.



LEA LESSLEY | NEWS

Gore second baseman Karli Springer makes a throw to first base during a recent high school slowpitch district game against Savannah. The Lady Pirates' season ended on Saturday with their Class 3A regional loss to Wister.

SPORTS Calendar

(All teams listed are high school teams)

Thursday, May 6

Vian baseball team vs. Victory Christian (11:30 a.m.) in Class 3A Alva Regional (Vian will also play Alva or Beggs at 4 or 6:30 p.m.).

Friday, May 7

Vian track and field team in Class 3A state track meet at Catoosa High School's Mike Mobra Track Complex (9 a.m.);

Vian baseball team in Class 3A Alva Regional (To Be Determined).

Saturday, May 8

Gore track and field team in Class 2A state track meet at Ardmore High School (9 a.m.);

Vian baseball team in Class 3A Alva Regional (TBD).

Public Records



SUBMITTED

Members of the 2020-2021 Cherokee Nation Tribal Youth Council were sworn into office by Cherokee Nation Chief Justice Lee W. Paden during a virtual inauguration ceremony April 13.

CN Tribal Youth Council sworn in during virtual inauguration ceremony

Includes four Youth Council members from Sequoyah County

Members of the 2020-2021 Cherokee Nation Tribal Youth Council were sworn into office by Cherokee Nation Chief Justice Lee W. Paden during a virtual inauguration ceremony earlier this month.

Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin, Jr. gave the keynote address during the inauguration ceremony, which also included remarks by Deputy Chief Bryan Warner, Speaker of the Council of the Cherokee Nation Joe Byrd, and Chief of Staff Todd Enlow.

"I am proud to see this group of young Cherokees stepping up to serve their communities and to provide important feed-

back to Cherokee Nation leadership," Chief Hoskin said. "They are to be commended for their efforts, and Deputy Chief Warner and I look forward to the great things they are sure to accomplish as they serve on the Tribal Youth Council."

The 17-member youth council will have an opportunity to help shape future tribal policy by learning the Cherokee Nation Constitution and bylaws.

The Tribal Youth Council also strives to identify issues affecting Cherokee youths, and to pass on recommendations to the Tribal Council and Cherokee Nation administration.

The Cherokee Nation Tribal Youth Council leadership program began in 1989. Members meet monthly, but also serve as ambassadors of the Cherokee Nation on a daily basis.

Its establishment gives Cherokee youth a platform to learn leadership skills and a chance to service their communities.

"By being a part of this Tribal Youth Council, I am able to inspire other Cherokee youth to chase after their dreams, as well as doing my part to learn more about the culture, language, and history of our people," Lauryn Fields of Sequoyah County said. "I am grateful to the Cherokee Nation for

this opportunity to grow and for their continued support of our Nation's youth."

The 2020-2021 Tribal Youth Council members include Watie Byrd and Madison Walters of Muldrow, Makaya Crisp and Gracyn Rains of Pryor, Kennedy Weedon, Cason Wright and Lauryn Fields of Sallisaw, Jaden Jackson and Zane Harbaugh of Owassa, Baleigh James and Camerin Fite James of Fort Gibson, Taylor Pearce of Rose, Daley Reynolds of Claremore, Charlie Gatewood of Welch, Abby Lowe of Wellington, Kansas, and Chelbie Turtle and Faith Springer of Park Hill.

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

Danny Craighead, 62: Battery/A&B on police officer.

Criminal

Misdemeanors

Matthew C. Bosch, 31, Winder, Ga.: Possess, deliver, sell or manufacture drug paraphernalia.

Joshua R. Dane, 27, Acworth, Ga.: Possess, deliver, sell or manufacture drug paraphernalia.

Judy English, 65, Muldrow: Domestic abuse-A&B.

Brittney L. Flora, 31, Jefferson, Ark.: Inattentive driving resulting in collision.

Justin L. Hignite, 28, Sallisaw: PI.

Ryan C. Lynch, 39, Glendale, Ariz.: Possess, deliver, sell or manufacture drug paraphernalia.

Gabriel Maravilla, 25, Los Angeles, Calif.: Possess, deliver, sell or manufacture drug paraphernalia.

Franky L. Mendenhall, 46, Stilwell: DUI-alcohol. Keokhamphithoune Minakom, 44, Fort Smith, Ark.: Possess, deliver, sell or manufacture drug paraphernalia.

Gary L. Real, 41, Sallisaw: Threaten to perform act of violence.

Daniel M. Smith, 65, Gans: Protective order violation.

Civil

Appearances

Armstrong Bank vs. Moises Ballesteros-Foreclosure.

Destiny Bullington vs. Tanner C. Lewis-Negligence.

James Johnson, III vs. Columbia Insurance Group-Breach agreement/contract.

Jordan Tanksleary vs. Fleetwash, Inc.-Auto negligence.

Dewight Rogers vs. Seq. Co. Water Assoc.-Money judgement.

U.S. Bank National Assoc. vs. Pa Yang-Money judgement.

American Farmers & Ranchers vs. Lashaunna E. Cass-Negligence.

Discover Bank vs. Eric Arnold-Money judgement.

Bank of America vs.

W. Wudarcki-Money judgement.

LVNV Funding, LLC. vs. Madeline Billings-Money judgement.

National Bank of Sallisaw vs. Roger W. Brooks-Default on loan.

Midland Credit Mgmt. vs. Kendra Brunk-Money judgement.

Cavalry SPV I, LLC. vs. Terry Harlow-Money judgement.

Conn Appliances, Inc. vs. Lisa Kennedy-Money judgement.

Crown Asset Mgmt., LLC vs. Thomas Fletcher-Money judgement.

Midland Credit Mgmt. vs. Zackary Wittman-Money judgement.

Small Claims

Red River Credit vs. Monica Clements.

Red River Credit vs. David Copeland.

Seven Oaks Meat Co., LLC vs. Sabrina and Daniel Cummings.

Firststar Bank vs. Michelle L. Davis.

Red River Credit vs. Stacie Denney.

Firststar Bank vs. Alexandria Varnell.

Firststar Bank vs. Alayna Holcomb.

Firststar Bank vs. Tony Langley.

Security Finance #269 vs. Monica Garcia.

Anthony Green vs. John Knight.

Brittany D. Middleton vs. Rebecca L. Hamby.

Red River Credit vs. Errica Keith.

Red River Credit vs. Amanda Poirier.

Red River Credit vs. Aaron Swann.

Marriages

Randy E. Cowart and Tracy A. Barton.

Caleb A. Fischer and Hannah M. Peterson.

Justin T. Taylor and Ashley D. Humphrey.

Paul Strohmeyer, Jr. and Dorothy M. White.

Divorces

Stella Breedlove vs. Richard D. Friddle.

Amy L. Huskey vs. Richard S. Huskey.

Amber L. Jordan vs. Cody A. Jordan.

Thomesene R. Kotlarek vs. Roberta L. Kotlarek.

Mark A. McGraw vs. Holly A. McGraw.

Steven N. Ohler, Sr. vs. Kelly V. Ohler.

Michael R. Patterson vs. Chrystal M. Patterson.

Legion gives final notice on flag fees

American Legion Post 27 is giving final notice to family members with flags on veterans headstones at the Sallisaw City Cemetery that the annual flag maintenance fees are due.

The notice concerns all families with flags that have either been posted by and/or are main-

tained by the American Legion Post 27. The fees were due on Jan. 1 in the amount of \$20.

Post officials said the fees are used to assist with the high cost of maintaining and replacing the flags on headstones throughout the year.

Failure to pay these

fees, which was part of the agreement when the flags were installed at the family's request, may be grounds for the American Legion to discontinue maintenance or even remove the flags from the loved one's gravesite the next time replacement is necessary.

The \$20 payment can

be sent to American Legion, P.O. Box 935, Sallisaw, Ok., 74955. Be sure to send your name and address for future billing notices, the veteran's name and family member's relationship.

The Post appreciates your attention to this matter and thank you for your quick response.



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Performing Arts Center Ribbon Cutting Held

The Sallisaw Chamber of Commerce welcomed the Sallisaw Performing Arts Center to the membership with a ribbon cutting on April 19. Front row from the left is, Bobby Washington, Trina Washington, Carol Kuelbs, Rachel Rogers, Josh Rogers, Glenda Callahan, Amy Morgan, Gorky Morgan, Sheila Cullum and Dale Bates. Second

row, Robin Akers, Tom Kuelbs, Marley Abell, Justin Sharp, Reba Bishop, Ron Bishop, Nikki Garrett, Michelle Mings, Chelsea Marr and George Bormann. Third row, Sheila Riddle, Dawn Maust, Lesa Steiner, Carol Baker, Carrie Carberry, Jan Herod, Jennifer Taylor, Lacey Prentice, Amanda Bright and Marty Green.

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.

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 DWI: Driving while intoxicated
 DUS: Driving under suspension
 CDS: Controlled dangerous substance
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Area News

Gore takes State in Academic Bowl

LYNN MCCULLEY SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Gore eighth and ninth grade students competed their way to the top as state champs in Class B of the OJABA (Oklahoma Junior Academic Bowl Association) state tournament held April 24 at Dale High School in McCloud.

The team went into the competition as the number two seed after winning in districts and regionals at matches held at LeFlore High School in February and March, Calvert Reading, Gore Academic Coach, said.

"They received a bye in the first round then matched against Wynnewood for round two with the score as 270-140. Round 3 was against Colbert with a score of 220-210. Round 4 against Colcord A was a score of 250-110. Colcord worked back through the conso-

lation bracket to play in the finals. Gore won the final match 210-180.

"It was just exhilarating to see these kids compete. They all compliment one another with their knowledge on facts and trivia," Reading said.

"One kid is great in knowing about government and history while another is great with geography and another in math. They just all work well together as a team. They're a great bunch of kids to work with and I'm just very proud of them," Reading said.

Reading said he was not sure if this is the first time in the history of the school's win as state champs in the academic competition.

"It's the first time since I've been here," he said.

The students were awarded medals and a special plaque for their entire team.



SUBMITTED

State Champs in the recent OJABA (Oklahoma Junior Academic Bowl Association) tournament held April 24 at Dale High School in McCloud, from the left, are Gracelynn Brown, Emma Casinger, Bryson Thouvenel, Hallie Kinion and Nash Thouvenel. The team is coached by Calvert Reading at Gore School. The official scorekeeper and timekeeper was Mrs. Julie Kinion.



Rep. Jim Olsen, left, is shown prior to the dedication of the monument with Jimmie Owens, center, and Vian Mayor Dennis Fletcher.

AMIE CATO-REMER | NEWS



A 21 gun salute was done in honor of Capt. Neil S. Bynum by Frank Gladd American Legion Post 20 Honor Guard team and local veterans.



Vian resident Myron Venable puts a hand on the memorial truck that was painted in honor of Capt. Neil S. Bynum, which keeps his memory alive from coast to coast. Bynum's niece, Kim Teehee is shown with Venable.

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Vian Honor Graduates

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Alexa Armstrong is the daughter of Richard and D'Lynn Armstrong. She enjoys spending time with friends and family, playing with her pets, reading, and hanging out on Lake Tenkiller. Her memberships and clubs include; President of NHS, Yearbook club, Talent Search, Positive Tomorrow, a concurrent student at Carl Albert State College, basketball, and track. She plans to attend Oklahoma State University and major in animal science and go on to the Oklahoma College of Veterinary Medicine to become a veterinarian.



Valedictorian

Mackenzie Bethel is the daughter of Doug and Amy Bethel. She enjoys reading, baking, spending time with friends and family, taking her dog Bella on walks and cheerleading. Her memberships and clubs include; secretary of NHS, varsity cheerleading, co-captain, class Secretary, Talent Search, Positive Tomorrow, Yearbook member, and is concurrently enrolled at Carl Albert State College. She plans to attend NSU as an Honors student studying biology. Following NSU, she plans to attend the University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy where she has been pre-accepted to become a Clinical Pharmacist.



Valedictorian

Jacob Brockman is the son of John and Danielle Brockman. He enjoys sports, hunting, fishing and hanging with friends and family. He is a member of NHS, Art club, Spanish club, and FCA. He plans to attend college and get a degree in education.



Valedictorian

Kacie Gibbins is the daughter of Don and Dena Gibbins. Her activities and hobbies include; softball, basketball, track, hunting with her dad, shopping with her mom and Kala, and travel softball. She is the FFA secretary and a member of NHS. Her plans include attending Arkansas Tech University to play softball and become a physical therapist.



Valedictorian

Adam Holt is the son of Kyle and Lisa Holt. His activities and hobbies include; baseball, football, hunting, and fishing. He is a member of the Spanish club, SWAT, FCA, and NHS. He plans to get an associates degree at Carl Albert State College and then transfer to UAFS.



Valedictorian

Ali Holt is the daughter of Kyle and Lisa Holt. Her activities and hobbies include; cheerleading, painting, and spending time with friends and family. She is the class President, a member of student council and NHS. She plans to attend UAFS and major in nursing.



Valedictorian

Hanna Russell is the daughter of Joni and Shane Couch and James Russell. Her activities and hobbies include; reading, babysitting, attending church services and activities, and spending time with friends and family. Her memberships and clubs include; co-captain of VHS cheer, treasurer of NHS, class representative on student council, member of the yearbook club and a member of Talent Search. She is also a concurrently enrolled student at Carl Albert State College. She plans to attend NSU in the fall as a member of the Honors Program and major in biology. She eventually plans to pursue a career in medicine or dentistry.



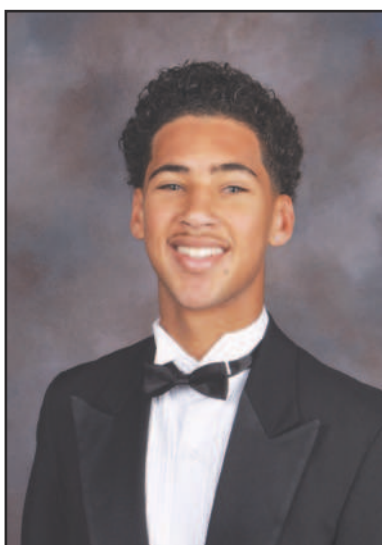
Salutatorian

Hannah Ellis is the daughter of Johnathon and Tiffany Ellis. She enjoys tumbling, hanging out with friends and relaxing with her dogs at home. Her memberships and clubs include; NHS, FFA, yearbook, FCA, class officer, and she is a concurrent student at Carl Albert State College. She plans to attend the University of Arkansas and later apply to become a physical therapist.



Salutatorian

Braylen Rodgers is the child of Micki Tevbaugh and Saudi Rodgers. Activities and hobbies include; wrestling. Memberships and clubs include NHS and Spanish club. Braylen plans to attend the University of the Ozarks and get an associates degree and then transfer to Oklahoma State University to get a degree and become a Mechanical Engineer.



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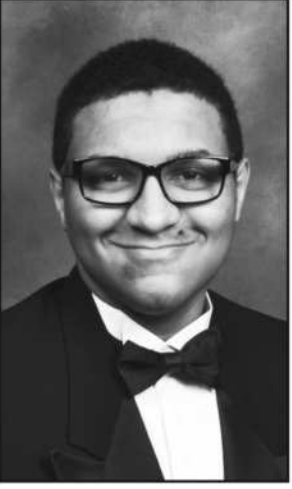

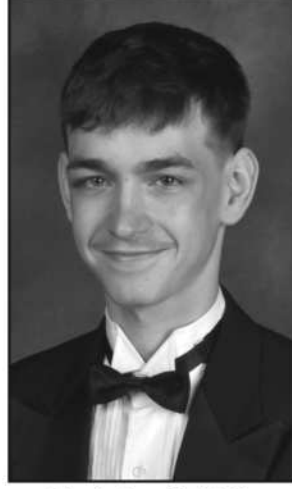

Kacie Gibbins is graduating from Vian High School, she is the daughter of Jon and Dena Gibbins.

Kacie loves being involved with FFA where she is an Officer (Secretary) and enjoys Land judging with her teammates.


She is a member of the National Honor Society and one of the Senior Class Valedictorian's this year. While attending Vian she played many sports including Fastpitch, Slowpitch, Basketball and Track. Fast pitch was her favorite, she made the OHSFSCA Middle East All State Team in Fastpitch and will also get to play college softball while attending Arkansas Tech University in Russellville, Arkansas where she has earned academic and athletic scholarships while pursuing a degree in Physical Therapy.




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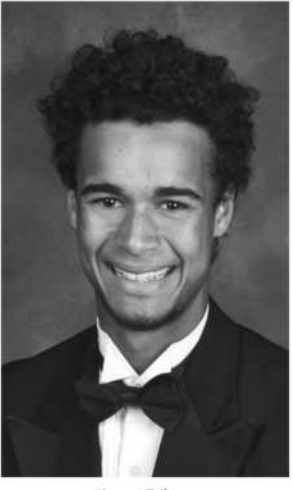

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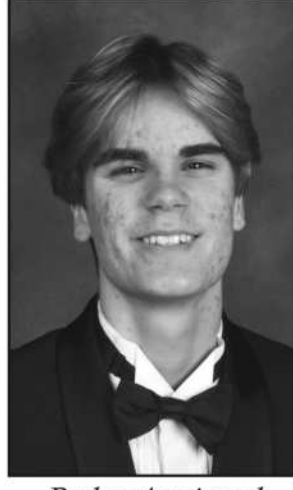



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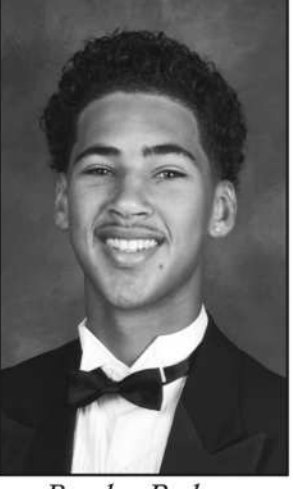

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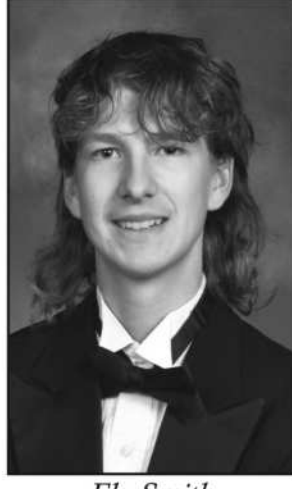
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Ryleigh Gordon is the daughter of Delania Taylor and Matthew Clark Hunter. Her activities and hobbies include hiking, reading, writing, wrestling and crystal collecting. Her membership and clubs included; Random Acts of Kindness, LGBTQ-Straight Alliance, Link Crew, Speech & Debate. She plans to attend Rose State to get an associates in Earth & Environmental Science under the Engineering Program, then hopefully attend OU for a Zoology/Animal Biology Bachelors to become a Wildlife Biologist.

Shania Mendenhall is the daughter of Jody and Malarie Mendenhall. She enjoys painting. Shania plans to become a neonatal nurse.

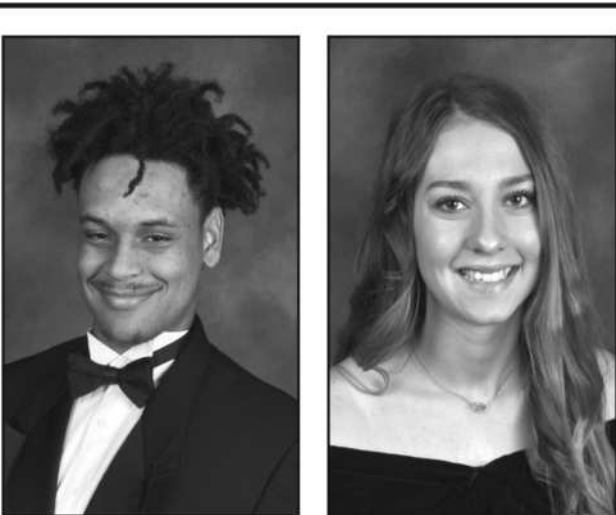
Mitchell Moore is the son of Laurie Moore, Ro Gamble and Joseph Gamble. He likes working on vehicles and fishing. His memberships and clubs include; Spanish club, art club and fishing club. He plans to have an automotive career and a good family owned shop.



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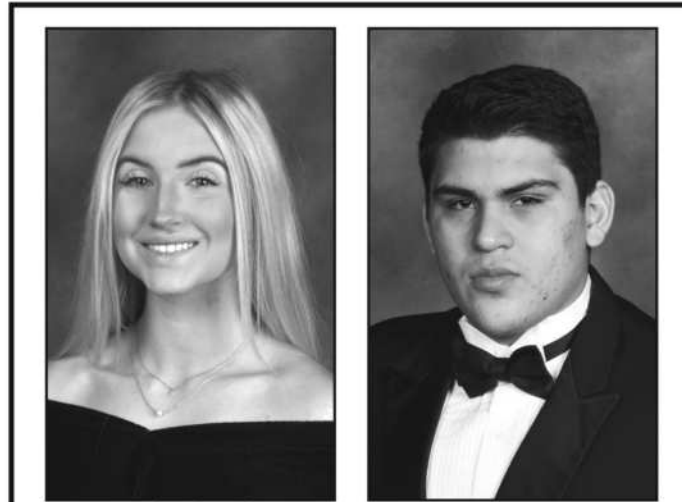
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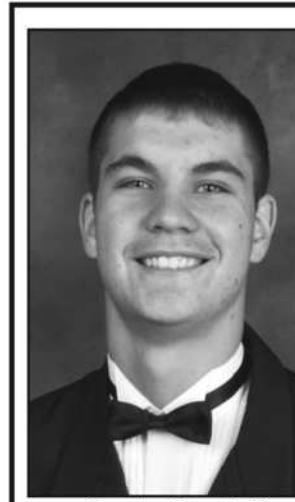
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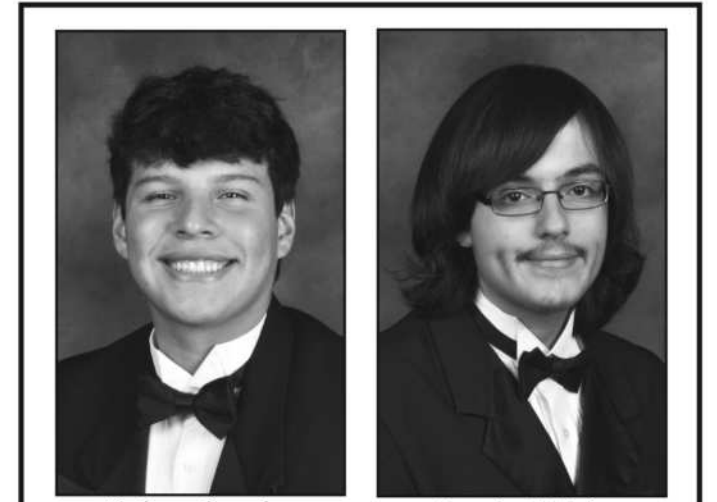
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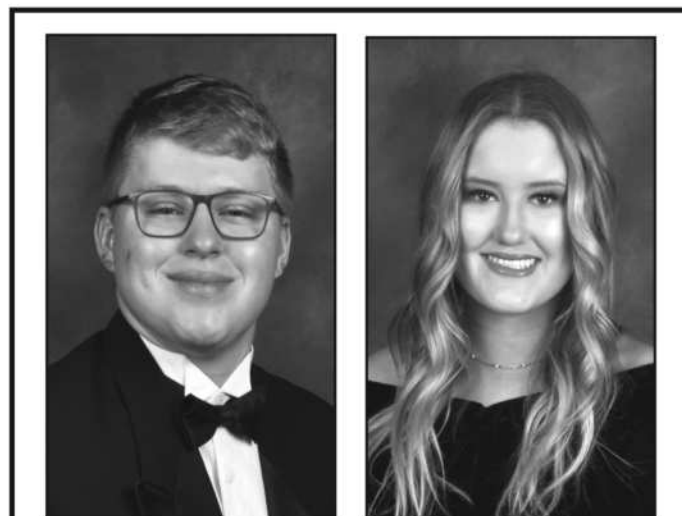


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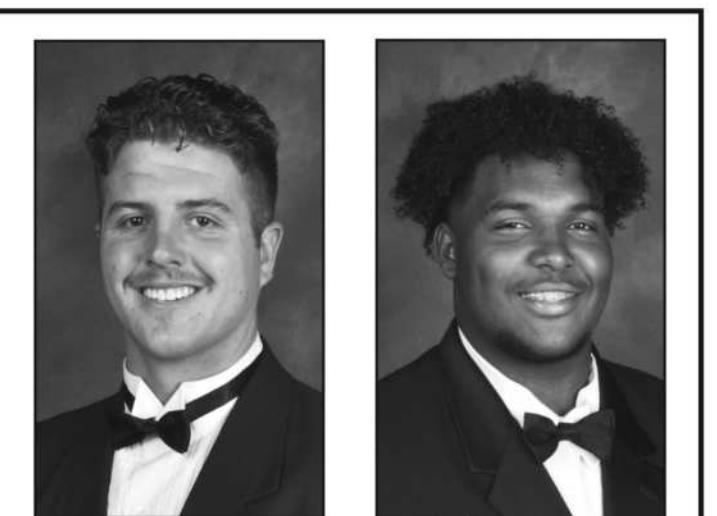
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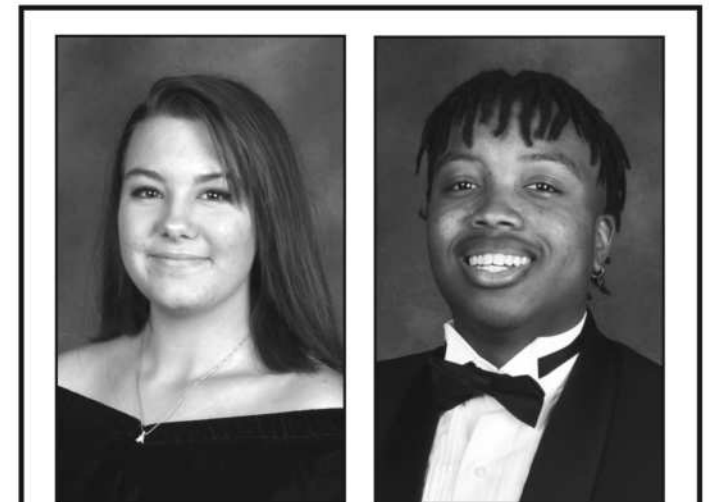
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Lauren Millard is the daughter of Laura Millard and Terry Millard. Her activities and hobbies include; playing fast-pitch softball, slow-pitch softball and travel softball. She loves to go fishing with her mom, dad, dog Rondo and girlfriend Kaileigh. She also likes to hangout with friends in free time. Her memberships and clubs include; Spanish club and NHS. She is enrolled at Indian Capital Technology Center in Sallisaw and is in the Health Career and Certification class. Lauren plans to further her education and softball career at Carl Albert State College. She plans to major in Sports Med, and physical therapy. She plans to become a coach in the future and hopefully can return to Vian and coach the Wolverines.

Justice Retzlaff is the son of Gene and Angie Retzlaff. His activities and hobbies include football, basketball, fishing, and hanging with friends. He plans to become a lineman at Lake Region.

Katie Lane is the daughter of Larry and LaLinda Lane. Her activities and hobbies include; cheerleading, going to the lake and hanging with friends. Her memberships and clubs include; yearbook, art club and VHS cheer. She plans to attend college but is undecided about her major.

McKenna Matthews is the daughter of Lisa Wright and Clayton Matthews. Her activities and hobbies include; shopping, getting her nails done, going out to eat at her favorite places and hanging out with her boyfriend. She plans to use her cosmetology degree that she earned at ICTC.

Dil'n Murchison is the son of Shannon Johnson.

He enjoys sports, fishing and hunting. He plans to go to college.

Aubrey Pack is the daughter of Josh and Lesa Pack. She enjoys working with little children at Camille's Kids. She likes helping with odd jobs for her neighbors, and shopping with family and friends. She is a member of FCCLA. She plans to go to college.

Cruz Partain is the son of Becky Partain. He enjoys all things outdoors, wood-working, listening to music, wrestling, folkstyle freestyle and Greco. His memberships and clubs include; FFA, FCCLA, wrestling and track. He plans to attend and wrestle for the University of the Ozarks.

Ashley Pirrie is the daughter of Arthur and Elizabeth Pirrie. She likes playing with her nephews and niece. She plans to finish school to become an RN.

Eric Porter is the son of Anthony Porter and Meghan Kirkland. His activities and hobbies include; basketball, playing video games, and hanging with friends. He plans to go to ICTC for HVAC and get rich.

Brooklin Reason is the daughter of Terri Hammonds Green, Timothy Ryan Reason. Her activities and hobbies include; reading, painting, poetry, crafts, studying, botany, horticulture, psychology, chemistry, physics, and philosophy. She plans to work as a cosmetologist while going to school for botany and horticulture.

Jeremiah Riley is the son of Cynthia Riley. He likes playing video games, soccer and basketball. He plans to be a professional gamer, a professional soccer player, a

marine biologist, a paleontologist and join the Marine Corps.

Kaden Ruiz is the grandson of Ernest O'Neal. He likes to tumble and ride his scooter. He wants to see people happily and enjoy the time he has. He might join the Army after working a little after high school.

Chevy Ryan is the granddaughter of Karen Mathis. She enjoys reading, painting, and hiking. She is a member of band and choir. She plans to take a gap year and then go to college to become a general surgeon or something else.

Dakota Robert Sanchez is the son of Robert John Sanchez and Bobbie Lynn Stick-Barr. He enjoys hunting, fishing, camping, and boating. He also likes earning money and spending time with his family. He plans to continue his education by enrolling in classes at ICTC. Welding is what he is interested in and he plans to build a future around that.

Christian Schielke is the son of Scott Schielke. He likes to play games in his free time. He plans to go to school for HVAC.

Ely Wayne Smith is the son of Jeremy and Stephanie Smith. His activities and hobbies include; coon hunting, duck hunting, deer hunting, bow fishing, and any kind of fishing, showing hogs, spending time with buddies and training his hounds. His memberships and clubs include; FFA, skeet shooting, and livestock team. He plans to get his own rig and start hot-shotting. If that does not work out, he has been in ICTC for HVAC and so he can pursue a career in that.

Isaiah Teehee is the son of Michael and Amy Teehee. He enjoys playing video games and fishing. He was a member of Vian football. He wants to become a football coach or a trainer.

Tuff Trotter is the son of Trent and Charlotte Trotter. His activities and hobbies include; Landmark Youth Group, showing livestock, hunting and fishing, and hanging out with friends. He is a member of FFA and NHS. He plans to pursue a career in Agricultural Education and become an Ag teacher.

Laniah Washum is the daughter of Karan Nance and Justin Constant. She likes sleeping. She is a member of the yearbook club. She plans to become a flight attendant.

Dustin Wright is the son of Heath and Holly Wright. He likes hanging out with friends, playing video games, and being a public nuisance sometimes. He is a member of the band and has been a member of FFA, Spanish Club and Art Club. He plans to attend either NSU or OSU after graduating and obtain a degree in business. After that he plans to open a consumer electronics retail, IT, repair shop.

Javyn Wright is the son of Tam Wright and Darius Allison. His activities and hobbies include; football, basketball and baseball. He likes to fish and hunt. His memberships and clubs include; Spanish Club, FCA, and student council President. He plans to attend the University of Central Oklahoma and play on a football scholarship and get a degree.

Solomon Wright is the son of Kenyatta and Amber Wright. He likes to play

football and game. He is a member of FCA. He plans to marry the girl of his dreams, have eight children, play in the league and have a heard of cows.

Shasha Gibson is the granddaughter of Ila Gibson. She likes laying the sun with her dog Luna and riding scooters with friends. She is in the Yearbook club. She plans to go to college and pursue a bachelors degree in psychology.

Xavier Glass is the son of Jennifer Glass and Abby Glass. He likes fishing, playing baseball and spending time with family. He is a member of the Spanish club. He plans to further his education at Eastern State College.

Destiney Gordon is the daughter of John Gordon and Debra Thompson-Gordon. She plans to attend trade school.

Victoria Guthrie is the daughter of Devin and Crystal Guthrie. She enjoys riding ATV's and spending time with family and friends. She is a member of FFA and FCCLA officer. She plans to attend college and acquire a business degree while continuing to work as an HR professional and accountant at 59 Auto Sales.

Julien Harris is the son of Mary Anne Harris and Ron Harris. He enjoys gaming. He is a member of band, choir and the Art club. He plans to learn how to 3D model and work on video games.

Kaybreeanne Bobson is the daughter of Lucas Hobson and Jodi Buttery. She enjoys reading and hanging out with friends. She plans to attend phlebotomy class in October.

Nick Hughes is the son of Tresha and Jeff Hughes. His activities and hobbies include; baseball, football, fishing, hunting, and golfing. He is a member of Spanish Club, FCA and NHS. He plans to attend UCO and play football and get a degree in physical therapy or pharmacy.

Brennen Jiles is the daughter of DeLandy Russell and Chuck Jiles. She is in choir and is a member or FCCLA. She plans to be a nurse at the Cherokee hospital.


Noah Kimble is the son of Travis and Bethany Kimble. He enjoys sketching and drawing and spending time with family. He plans to serve in the military and attend college afterward.

Jessica Lamb is the daughter of Matthew and Donna Lamb. She enjoys drawing, playing games, painting, and singing. She is in band, choir and botany. She plans to attend college for computer science and join a software development team.

Kaygan Anderson is the daughter of Michael Anderson and Stacie Rogers. She enjoys baking with both of her grandmothers, riding side-by-sides, and spending time with friends and family. She plans to pursue a nursing career and hopes to become a nurse practitioner and travel the world.

Julius Aguino is the son of Alexandra Sanchez. His activities and hobbies include; football, track and video games. He plans to pursue a future in real estate.

Parker Armistead is the son of David and Jessica Armistead. He enjoys being outside, playing video games, soccer, and hanging out with friends. He plans a career in the military.



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Marcus Butler Jr. is the son of Naticia Drew and Marcus Butler Sr. he enjoys spending times with his girlfriend and family. He likes fishing and playing Play Station. He was in FFA and is currently enrolled in ICTC. He plans to attend ICTC for one more year and get certified as a carpenter and then go to work.

Bailey Byers is the daughter of Aaron and Jennifer Byers. Her hobbies include hanging with friends and her boyfriend. She likes bowling, eating and napping. She

plans to continue her path of becoming a RN.

Kadee Cookcobb is the daughter of Holley Gaylene Cook and Mike Cobb. She likes listening to music, hanging out with friends and family and she works at a day-care. She is a member of FCCLA, FFA, track and basketball. She plans to attend Carl Albert State College and get a teaching degree.

Colby Drum is the son of Eric and Tina

Drum. He likes hanging out with friends and annoying his dad. He plans to attend ICTC for Phlebotomy.

Jaselind Ecker is the daughter of John and Jennifer Ecker. She enjoys reading, painting, running, spending time with her dogs and family time. She is a member of the cheerleading team, FFA, NHS, and SWAT. She plans to pursue a career in the Navy defending our country's freedom.

Sierra Emerson is the daughter of Donna

Stowe and Jeff Emerson. She likes hanging out with friends at the mall, going to as many church activities as possible and spending time with friends. She is in choir, band and FCCLA. She plans to attend college and get a degree in education.

Addie Everett is the daughter of Bobby and Dawn Everett. She enjoys drawing and spending time with family and friends. She plans to attend college and acquire a social worker degree.

Gore Honor Grads

Valedictorian

Josie Kay Moore is the daughter of Jimmy and Brandy Moore. Her activities and hobbies include; school, fishing, swimming at the lake, adventuring in nature, playing guitar, and spending time making memories with friends and family. Her memberships and clubs include; being involved in FFA since eighth grade and am acting as this year's 2020-2021 Vice President, student council, yearbook, Gifted and Talented, NHS, Cross Country, Academic Team, and Cherokee Challenge/Language Bowl. Josie plans to go to Connors State College to get her general education and pursue a degree in wildlife or agriculture.



Valedictorian

Addison Sheffield is the daughter of Jonathan and Tanya Sheffield. Her activities and hobbies include playing softball and basketball. She is a member of Gifted and Talented and NHS. Addison plans to attend SWOSU to get a bachelors and become a physical therapist.



Valedictorian

Karlianne Elizabeth Springer is the daughter of Kevin and Tiffani Springer and Christina Springer. Her memberships and clubs include; basketball, FCCLA, STUCO, fast-pitch softball, slow-pitch softball, class President, Cornerstone Tabernacle youth group. Karlianne plans to attend SWOSU and receive a Physical Therapy Degree.



Valedictorian

Brock Tex Warren is the Son of Nada Sinclair and Bob Warren. He enjoys spending time with family, his girlfriend and friends as well as anything that involves basketball. He like to have a good time. He is a member of the varsity basketball, Gifted and Talented, NHS, and NSHSS. Brock plans to attend Carl Albert State College and then further his education at the University of Arkansas-Fort Smith.



Valedictorian

Courtney Mae Huckbay is the daughter of Richard and Ronda Huckbay. Her activities and hobbies include; spending time with family and friends, reading, and spending time with her cat. Her memberships and clubs include; cheer, NHS, student council, Gifted and Talented, and FCCLA. Courtney plans to attend Connors State College and eventually study animal science.



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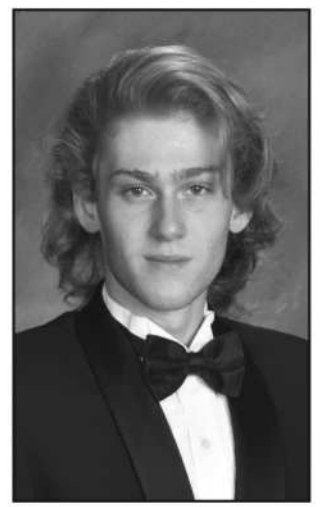
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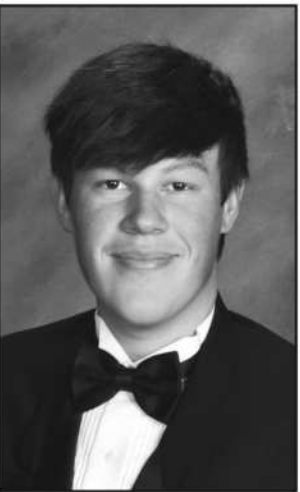
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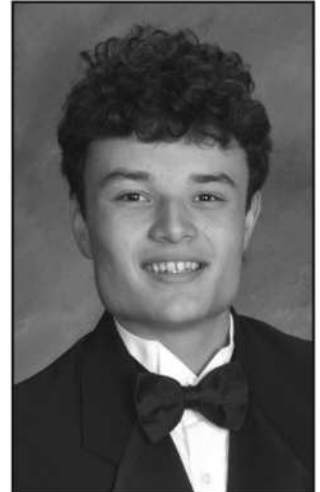
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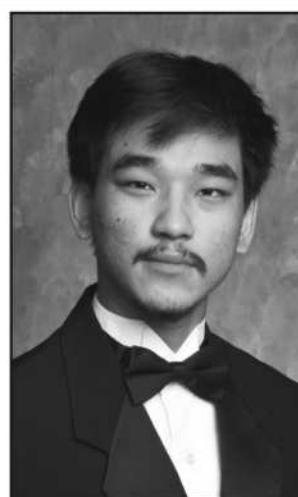
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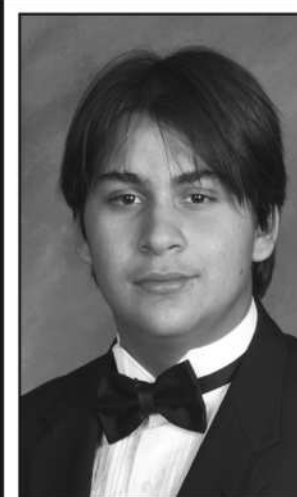
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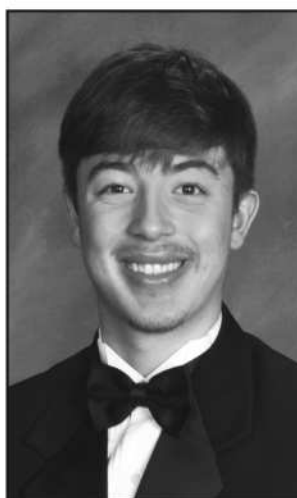
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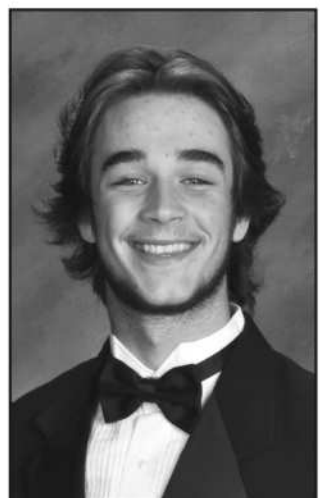
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Serenity Campbell is the daughter of Sherry and Greg Benham. Her memberships and clubs include; Gifted and Talented, STUCO, and NHS. She plans to attend Connor State College for two years to get an associates in Pre-Education (Elementary) and then go somewhere else to get her bachelors and masters degrees.



Alan Flint



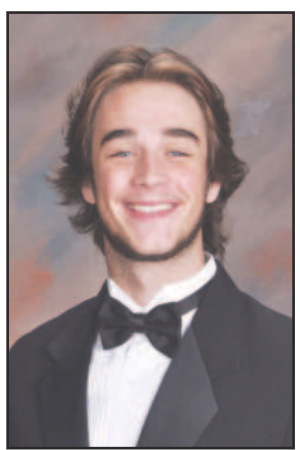
Quinnlan Morris



Chase Rector is the son of Rocky and Lisa Rector. He likes to read, hike and drive. He is a member of NHS and FFA. Chase plans to go to college and explore his interests.



Kodi Groth is the daughter of Gayle Derby.



Weston Cooper Shanks is the son of Ricky and Amber Shanks. His activities and hobbies include; football, basketball, baseball, hanging out with friends, his girlfriend and family. His memberships and clubs include; National Honor Society, Gifted and Talented, Honor roll, and J.O.M. Weston plans to attend college.

Wade Martin Ellis is the son of Shelia Ellis and Marcus Ellis. He enjoys hanging out with friends. His memberships and clubs include; FFA, NHS and INHS. Wade plans to attend Connors State College for two years and then go on to continue his education at Oklahoma State to pursue a medical career.

Jackilynn Irene Lehnick is the daughter of Kelly and Melinda Lehnick. Her hobbies and activities include; painting, doing puzzles, hanging out with friends and family, and going to Starbucks. She is a member of the Cherokee Nation college readiness program Positive Tomorrow and has been a member since 10th grade. Jackilynn plans to take a gap year to figure out herself and to save money.

Bryahna Martin is the daughter of Nick and Jamie Martin. Her activities and hobbies include riding four wheelers, fishing, hunting, painting, and drawing. Her memberships and clubs include; being an active member of FFA for six years, a member of FCCLA for four years, and cheerleading for one year. She plans to attend Connors State College for two years to get an associates in pre-education and then further her education at a university where she will receive a bachelors and masters degrees.

Grant David Bennett is the son of Tena and The Late Glenn Bennett. His activities and hobbies include hanging out with friends and family. He is a member of FFA. Grant plans to go to Connors State College and have some fun.

Xavier Lance Hauer is the son of Christina and Keary Hauer.

Colton Spears is the son of Rachel Fox and the grandson of Jim and Beth Fox. He enjoys gaming, fishing, camping, and spending time with family. Colton has attended ICTC the past two years and earned a certification in welding. He plans to obtain a welding job and furthering his education.

Skylar Lott is the daughter of Rhonda Mummert and Curtis Lott and step-daughter of John Mummert and Faye Lott. She likes to hang out with her friends, cosplay, and is starting a resin business. Skylar is a member of choir. She plans to use her resin business to help her achieve her dream of becoming a big youtuber, and cosplayer.

Erika Sikes is the daughter of Dennis Sikes and Pat Walden Sikes. Her hobbies and activities include; hunting,

fishing, and playing corn-hole with family and friends. She is a member of the Gore softball team. Erika plans to go to Connors State College to get an associates degree, then transfer to Oklahoma State University and enroll in the veterinary medicine program.

Annie JoMarie Scott-Tackett is the daughter of Rebecca Scott-Tackett and Kassie Tackett. Her activities and hobbies include going shopping and exploring new places. She plays basketball with her siblings and trying new things with friends and family. Her favorite hobby of all is going to new places and spending time with her family. She is a member of FCCLA and 4-H. Annie plans to go to NSU and get an RN license so she can go help people.

Skye Brooksher is the daughter of Chace Brooksher, Kristy and Stanley Holt Jr. Her activities include; fast and slow-pitch softball and playing basketball. Skye plans to continue her education and play softball on a scholarship at Connors State College.

PFC. Ethan T. Ward is the son of Tyler and Vickey Ward. His activities and hobbies include being in the US Army reserves and playing football and being in power lifting. He enjoys shooting, hunting, fishing and just being outdoors. other times he likes relaxing and play video games. He plans to further a career in the Army by switching from reserves to active duty. He hopes to become the best soldier he can be and complete many accomplishments such as airborne and ranger. He hopes to make a career in it and when he retires he plans on settling down back in his small town.

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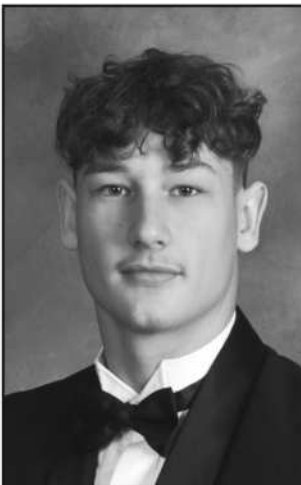

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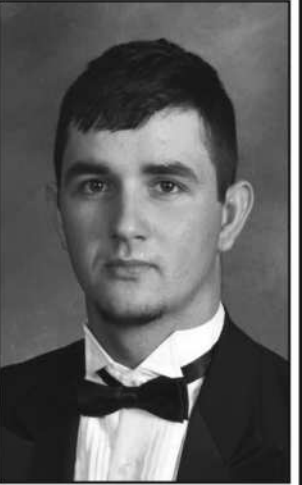
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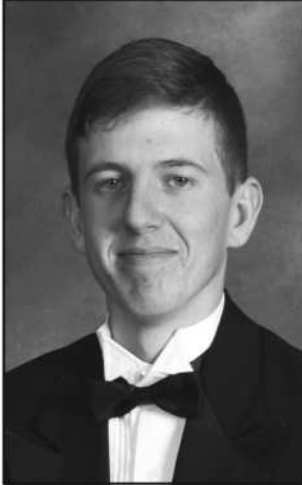
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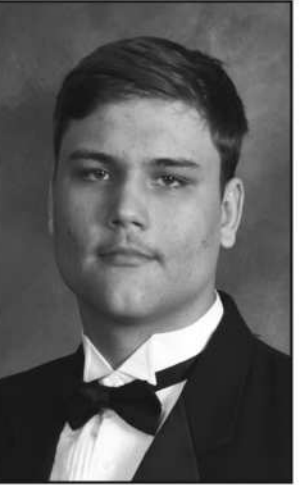


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Miss Rebecca Morton is the daughter of Judy Morton of Webbers Falls and Jayson Morton of South Coffeyville. She is the granddaughter of Louise and the late Jim Carter of Webbers Falls, the late Rex and Pat Morton of Tahlequah, Greg and Dian Lee of Muskogee, and her late Memaw Mary of Muskogee. Rebecca is a member of the First Baptist Church, National Honor Society, and has shown livestock while involved in 4-H and FFA. Rebecca is a full time virtual student this year. Rebecca looks forward to attending Clary Sage College in Tulsa and achieving an online degree in Business.

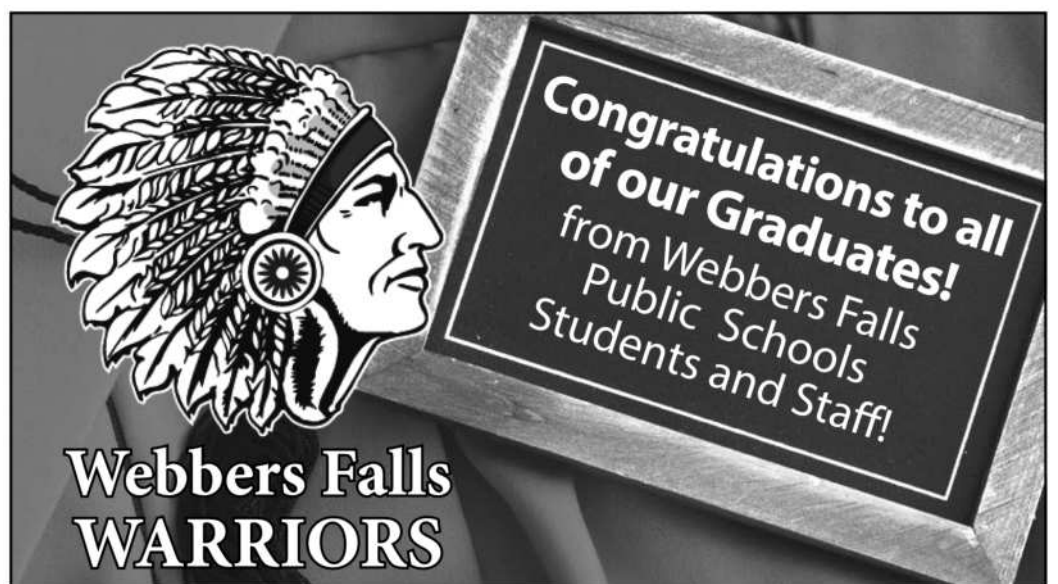


Salutatorian

Miss Lauren Pierce is the daughter of Laura and Justin Pierce and the granddaughter of Bob and Sue Ogg and the late Pam and Tommy Pierce. Lauren has played softball since the 4th grade. Lauren is a member of National Honor Society, FFA, FCCLA, and the Webbers Falls First Baptist Church. Lauren is the secretary of the National Honor Society, the senior class secretary, and the FFA reporter. Lauren has completed 18 hours of college classes, where she has achieved a 4.0 GPA. When Lauren graduates she plans on attending college and earning her Bachelors of Science in Nursing, obtain her Registered Nurse license, earn her Masters of Science in Nursing and become a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, then possibly later in life go back to college and obtain her Doctorate and become a Pediatrician.



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Webbers Falls Senior Bios

Sarah Adams is the daughter of Sam and Melissa Adams. She enjoys painting.

Waylon James Brasuell is the son of Jeremy and Charlene Brasuell. His activities and hobbies include fishing, football and spending time with friends. He is a four-year starter on the football team. Waylon plans to attend OSUIT and work in the auto industry.

Jake Chambers is the son of Brandon and Judy Chambers. His activities and hobbies include playing baseball and basketball. He is a member of FFA, was Student Council President and is a member of the National Honor Society. Jake plans to attend Connors State College and get an Associate degree and go from there.

Colt Chapman is the son of Mark Alan Chapman and Shawna Marie Summerlin Smith. He enjoys playing video games and hanging out with friends. Colt plans to attend ICTC for Precision Machining and maybe attend college later.

Camden Chappell is the son of Nick and Danielle Chappell. His activities and hobbies include playing basketball, baseball, hunting and fishing. He is a member of FFA. Camden plans to attend Connors State College and become a welder and a real cowboy.

Hailey Cole is the daughter of Amanda Cole and Clint Cartwright and the stepdaughter of Nathan Cole. Her activities and hobbies include; watching Netflix, sleeping, and spending time with her boyfriend. She was a member of the National Honor Society, FFA, the Academic team, and the Agronomy team. Hailey plans to attend Tulsa University this fall and continue her career in nursing. During college she plans to work as a CNA part-time. After college she plans to work as a nurse and maybe get married and start a family.

Kayla Frazier is the daughter of Ricky and Melissa Frazier. Her activities and hobbies include; working on her truck and hanging out with her best friend and her boyfriend. She is a member of FFA, fast-pitch and slow-pitch softball, and cheer. Kayla plans to go to OSUIT for the GM Mechanics program and then find a job in a shop or dealership.

Kyle Sides Kimberlin is the son of Aaron and Kim Kimberlin. He enjoys hanging out with friends, hunting, fishing, and working on things. His memberships include; NHS, football and baseball. Kyle plans to attend OSU Tech and graduate from High Voltage class and then continue as a lineman.

Josh Mason is the son of Stephen and Julie Mason. He enjoys fishing, hunting and sleeping. He plans to have a career pipe welding.

Adam May is the son of Adam May and Nicole Potts. He enjoys spending time with friends. Adam plans to join the Army.

JD Moore is the son of James and Judy Moore. He enjoys playing with his dog and spending time with family. He played football and is a member of FFA. JD plans to become a lineman and have a family.

James Moore is the son of Lora Moore and Allen Cowens. He enjoys hunting and fishing. James plans to be an electrician.

Ashlyn Pense is the daughter of Stacy Pense and David Carter. She enjoys hanging out with friends and family. Her memberships include the National Honor Society and FFA. Ashlyn plans to attend college and become an RN.

Lauren Pierce is the daughter of Justin and Laura Pierce. She played softball and was the FFA reporter, a member of FCCLA and the National Honor Society and is the Senior Class Secretary. Lauren

plans to attend College of the Ozarks in the Fall of 2021 and pursue a bachelor's degree in nursing. After earning a BSN, she plans to attend OSU and earn a masters degree and become a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner and then someday own her own clinic.

Kylar Ross is the grandson of Heath and Julie Orabanec. His hobby is flying a Cessna 172 Skyhawk. His memberships and clubs include; FFA, Academic team, Student Council, and the National Honor Society. Kylar plans to continue his education at Spartan College of Aeronautics to obtain his commercial pilot license.

Madisyn Treadwell is the daughter of Gerald and Judy Treadwell. She enjoys spending time with family and friends and her animals. Her memberships, clubs and awards include; President of the FFA, Vice President of the Webbers Falls Honor Society, Senior Class President, Superintendents honor roll, Masonic Lodge Student of Today, and Student of the Month. Madisyn plans to become a dental hygienist and start a family.

Bobby Joe Tripp III is the son of Daniel and Brandi Weston. He enjoys baseball. Bobby plans to work on the road.



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- >> Cycle repeats.
- >> Faster and faster—a 50,000 foot engine of air.
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- >> Then landfall.
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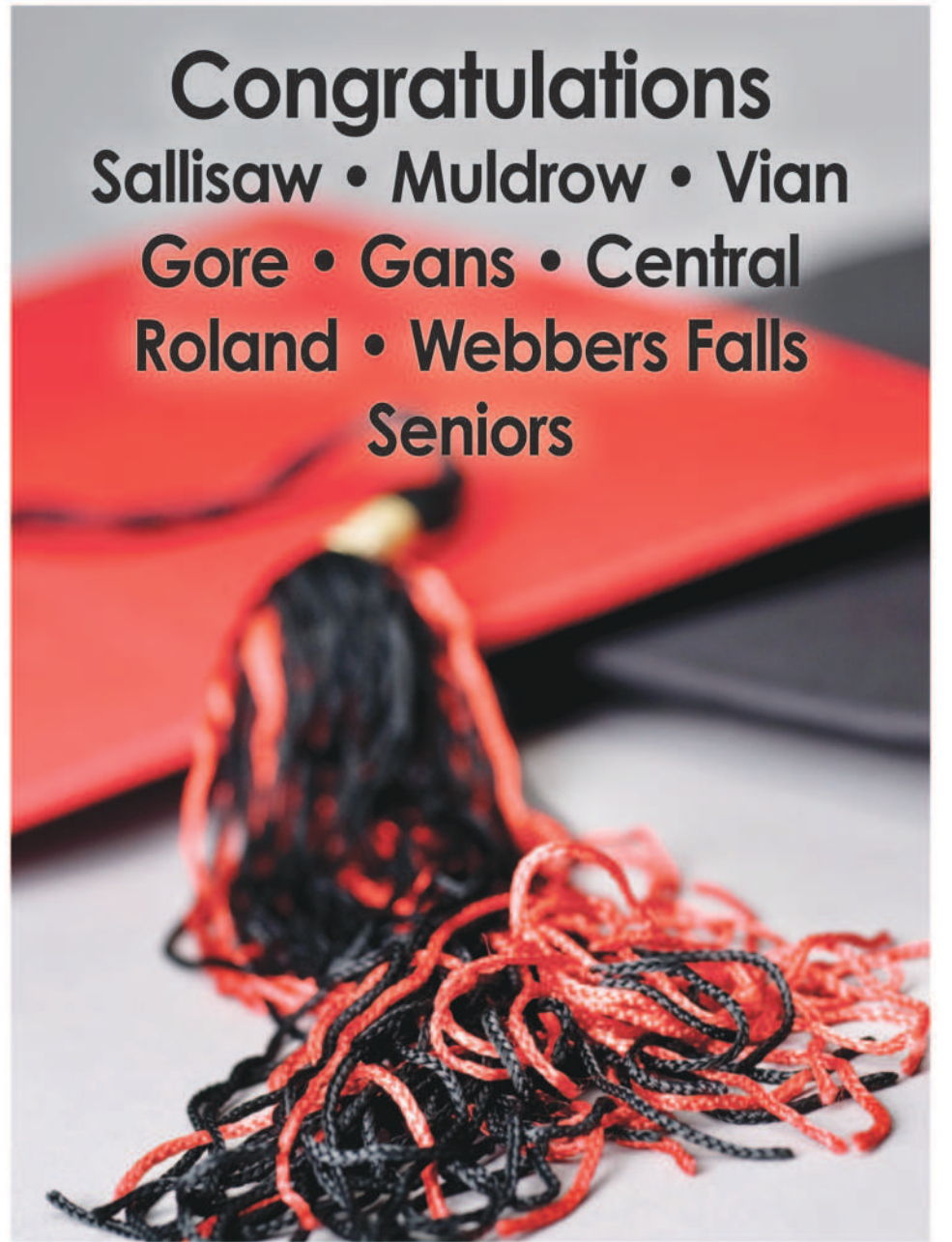
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