

County welcomes new Special District Judge

Deborah Reheard sworn in by Chief Justice Steven Taylor



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Judge Reheard speaks after she receives her robe and taking the Oath of Office.

A historic moment was recognized Friday at the Okmulgee County Courthouse as a new judge was welcomed by the community.

With the addition of Special District Judge Deborah A. Reheard, all three Okmulgee County judges are female.

Pandee Ramirez was appointed to her post as District Judge by Gov. Kevin Stitt, and was sworn in on Sept. 18. Also serving is Associate District Judge Cynthia Pickering, who has served on the bench for a number of years.

Judge Ramirez recommended Reheard for the

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Pictured from left are Judges Cynthia Pickering, Deborah Reheard and Pandee Ramirez.

Anne Moroney Youth Services offering help

A collaboration between Okmulgee Public Schools and Anne Moroney Youth Services is underway. This new program is aimed at helping families and their virtual student(s) who may be having difficulties with class assignments.

According to a representative of AMYS, this program is currently being offered to Okmulgee Primary and Dunbar students only.

“Virtual school is challenging,” the representative

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Filing period announced for County Fair Board positions

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Residents seeking to serve on the Okmulgee County Fair Board will be able to file next month.

Okmulgee County Clerk Becky Thomas announced the filing period for the board to be held Jan.

11-15, 2021. Candidates may file in the County Clerk's Office, on the second floor of the courthouse.

If an election is necessary, it will be held on Feb. 6, 2021.

Agenda items approved during Monday's meeting of the Okmul-

gee County Board of Commissioners were:

- Officer's Report: Sheriff's Office for month of October, \$77,560.73.
- Blanket Purchase Orders: O'Reilly's Auto Parts for parts and supplies as needed for District 3

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Sparkle Spree drawing is Thursday

Chance to win \$500 cash

Okmulgee Main Street's 2020 Sparkle Spree shopping event comes to a close on Thursday as one lucky person will walk away with the grand prize.

The event will begin at 6 p.m. on the north side of the square in front of the Creek Council House.

Before the grand prize is awarded, ticket holders

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OSUIT plans livestreamed graduation



COURTESY PHOTO

OSUIT will livestream its 217th Commencement ceremony Tuesday, Dec. 22 at 2 p.m.

More than 120 career-ready graduates will walk across the stage at OSU Institute of Technology's 217th Commencement ceremony Dec. 22 at 2 p.m. in Covelle Hall.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the celebration of graduates has been modified to deliver an event that holds the same traditions of pomp and circumstance with the safety and well-being of the campus community in mind.

The fall 2020 commencement exercise will be held as a private function only with no guests; Covelle Hall will be closed to the public, and only graduating students and the platform party will be permitted entry.

The ceremony, however, will be streamed live to the OSUIT Facebook page and made available for

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Winners announced for Festival of Lights Parade

Main Street thanks community and volunteers for support

The community turned out in large numbers to get into the holiday spirit at the 2020 Festival of Lights Parade, presented by Okmulgee Main Street. Here are the winners of the various categories:

Business Categories:

- Best Use of Theme - WonderFully Made Therapy Group
- Best Use of Lights - Bravado Wireless
- Best Use of Music - American Legion
- Best Use of Costume - First National Bank

Church/Non-profit Categories:

- Best Use of Theme - Okmulgee Salvation Army
- Best Use of Lights - Preston Volunteer Fire Dept.
- Best Use of Mechanical Movement - Okmulgee Service League
- Best Use of Music - The Refuge Church
- Best Use of Costume - Dewar Indian Community

Committee Choice Award: There was a tie this year between First National Bank and Dewar Indian Community

Congratulations to all of our winners! “We would also like to give a special thanks to our parade committee which includes Kim Priegel, Terry Costanza, Angie Craig, Adrian Tuggle, Tim Creighton and Ken Anderson,” Main Street Director Heather Sumner said. “Thanks to the volunteers that made last Thursday possible. We couldn't have done it without each one of you!”

Other persons and agencies making the event possible include Ben Cordle, volunteer and owner of the 6th Street Hub, which is opening soon in downtown Okmulgee; Emergency Management crews for controlling traffic; Dave Crow & the Nevermore singers and his crew for an awesome pre-show; Brooks Brewer, emcee; Main Street board

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It was a great night for a parade last Thursday as the community enjoyed the Festival of Lights event. Pictured above is the group from Shoe Sensation who enjoyed riding on their float in the parade. See additional photos on pages A7-8.



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Paula Marie McCoy

October 17, 1947 - December 12, 2020

Paula Marie McCoy passed away from this life on Saturday, December 12, 2020, at the age of 73. Paula was born October 17, 1947, in Borger, Texas to Walter and Ruth (Cotton) Barrowman. Paula grew up in Holdenville. She graduated high school and attended college in Ada. Paula started her career at Hartford Insurance in Oklahoma City.

Paula later met and married O.W. "Don" McCoy in 1982 and settled with their family in Beggs. While living in Beggs, they owned and operated McCoy's Arena for nine years. Paula ran the concession at the arena and was known far and wide for her cheeseburgers and brownies. But most of all, Paula was infamous for her "HUGS", she was a hugger. She continued her insurance career and later retired from Tedford and Associates in Jenks. Paula enjoyed many hobbies throughout the years, but her first love was her horses. She competed in team penning, enjoyed trail rides and riding for pleasure. She also loved her dogs dearly. Paula loved being outdoors fishing, sunbathing in her lounge chair, or finding her peace on her riding lawn mower. Don would tease her by saying that the grass was thinking about growing, and off she went to mow the lawn.

Paula relished her time at the beach, while soaking up the sun and feeling the sand between her toes. Her favorite pastime was spending time with family. Whether it be at a cookout, a costume party, a family vacation, or getting together at Thanksgiving or Christmas, it was about gathering the family. Paula and Don later moved to Gore in 2010. Here, Paula and



her sister-in-law Dorothy, aka her best friend, were well known for their daily trip to Sonic for what became known as the "Diet Coke trip". Paula made it a priority to take care of others but more importantly she took care of Don.

Paula is preceded in death by her parents Walter and Ruth Barrowman; a son Gary Lynn McCoy; sisters Mary Russell and JoAnn McGhee; brother Eddie Barrowman; brothers-in-law Paul Donald "Punky" McGhee and Sam "Alec" McCoy; sisters-in-law Christine Miska and Alice Scoggins.

Paula is survived by her husband Don of the home; daughter Liz Beesley and husband David of Beggs; son Jimmy Don McCoy and wife Belinda of the home; brothers Jerry Barrowman and wife Carolyn of Oklahoma City, Larry Barrowman and sister-in-law Barbara Barrowman of Oklahoma City; and sister Linda Barrowman of Kingfisher; sister in law, and best friend Dorothy McMahan; in-laws Gladys Winsel, Lois and Rabbit Hart, Ray McCoy, Larry and Polly McCoy, grandchildren Ashlyn and Hannah Beesley of Beggs, Jerry Don McCoy and wife Jamie of Atoka, Naaman McCoy of Holdenville, Jimmy Don McCoy, Jr. and wife Shannon of El Reno, Bobby Don McCoy of Soper, John Ellis and wife Rosa of El Reno, Dessiree Viefhaus of Durant, Rob McCoy and wife MaRyssa of Atoka, and Tyler McCoy of Shawnee; and a host of nieces and nephews, great-great grandkids and family

and friends.

Casket bearers will be Ashlyn Beesley, Hannah Beesley, David Beesley, Jerry Don McCoy, Phillip McCoy, Adam Lageveen, Jason McWaters, Rodney Demery and Claude Brigrance.

Graveside services will be held at the Cherokee-McCoy Cemetery in Cookson, on Friday, December 18th at 11 a.m. with Pastor Steve Lamberson officiating. Visitation will be at the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home of Beggs on Wednesday, December 16 from 5 to 8 p.m. and Thursday, December 17 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

At the request of the family, a mask is mandatory if attending the visitation or graveside service.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home of Beggs. Memories, condolences, photos and videos may be shared with the family on Paula's Tribute Page at www.mcclendon-winters.com.

Patricia A. Hunnicut

February 2, 1953 - December 15, 2020

Services are pending with Integrity Funeral Service for Patricia A. Hamilton, 67, who died December 15, 2020.

Carl Peavler

December 14, 2020

Services are pending with the Rogers Funeral Home for Carl Peavler, who died December 14, 2020.

VFW to hold drive-thru Children's Christmas Party

Upcoming events announced

VFW Post 1189 will hold their Children's Christmas party this Saturday, Dec. 19, at 1 p.m. This year's event will be different however.

Due to COVID-19, the event is now a drive-thru one.

The line will start at the south

entrance of the building located at 1427 N. Okmulgee.

Drivers will then exit on the north entrance. Signs will be posted directing drivers where to go.

Gifts will be delivered to the car according to the number of children present in the vehicle.

The post also announced this week there will be no bean dinner on the first Friday in January, due to the holiday. Dinners will resume in February.

The next meeting of the VFW Auxiliary will be Jan. 9, 2021, at 10 a.m.

HELP

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said. "There may be students that are behind on their school work or just need a little help, support or encouragement. We are partnering with the school to help these students."

Parents, grandparents, guardians and students, if you are interested in some extra support and help, please contact your site principal or Anne Moroney Youth Services at 918-756-7700 and ask for Vickie Jones or Portia Butler.

AMYS staff have worked with the administrators and teachers at Okmulgee Primary and Dunbar to become familiar with the programs the



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Vickie Jones and Portia Butler of Anne Moroney Youth Services will be assisting Okmulgee Public Schools students and parents with additional aid and support with their assignments and lessons in an effort to ensure they are up-to-date on classwork.

students use for their lessons.

"We will be helping stu-

dents log on, reviewing their assignments, and encouraging students to get caught up," the AMYS representative said.

AMYS staff will be providing help by phone and when possible by video-conference in real time

via doxy.me.

Those interested in this service should either contact their child's principal or Anne Moroney Youth Services.

Okmulgee School board to meet today

A special meeting of the Okmulgee School board will be held today at 4:30 p.m. Monday's regular session was moved until Wednesday.

Agenda items for discussion include:

- Consideration, discussion and action regarding adopting Standards-Based Grading for Student Report Cards at the Okmulgee Primary for SY20-21.
- Consideration, discussion and action regarding adopting the Estimate of Needs as approved by the County Excise Board as the final budget for FY21.
- Consideration, discussion and action regarding an out of state trip to Pitt State for an on-campus student track visit.

A proposed executive session will discuss the resignation of Darryl Willis.

Meetings are held in the Barksdale Board Room of the Administration Building, 316 East 8th Street.

SPARKLE SPREE

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will be able to win Main Street Bucks. Amounts will be two - \$50, two - \$100, two - \$200, and one \$300. The \$500 grand prize will be a cash prize and the winner must be present to claim.

You can still obtain tickets up to before the event at the following participating merchants: Roses and Lace, Daddy B's BBQ, Roll-n-Up, First Family Federal Credit Union, Herbal

Cure, All For You Hair Salon, Brasier's Bar & Lounge, Miss Mary's Market, The Nutrition Shoppe, Neal's Furniture, East Central Electric, Western Sun Federal Credit Union, TH Rogers, Thread Lightly Studio, Okmulgee Times, The Dowry, Okmulgee Discount Pharmacy, Funky Blessings, Tavern 56, OCHS Thrift Store, Truly Yours, Main Street Customz, and Twisted Confections.

FILING

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for \$250; Unifirst Holdings, for uniforms as needed for District 3, \$700.

- Employee Acknowledgement Forms: 911 Communications Center, Trillia Riley, full time; Kayla Corneal, full-time.
- Lease Purchase for road grader in District 3, pending the district attorney's approval.
- Invitation to Bid #14 for hauling of gravel materials for six-month period.
- Invitation to Bid #15 to prepare Hazard Mitigation Plan for Okmulgee County.
- Claims: American Security Cabinets, lock box, \$2,608; Quad Med, \$10,013.50; Okmulgee County EMS, gloves and mask, \$3,867.20.

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Schools return to distance learning due to COVID-19

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Several Okmulgee County school districts transitioned to virtual learning due to increasing COVID-19 cases.

Okmulgee, Wilson and Henryetta Schools were already in distance learning through this week, and are now joined by Morris, Preston and Twin Hills. School will resume for in-person learning after the new year begins.

Schulter Schools returned to in-person learning on Tuesday.

All schools will begin Christmas break next week. Though there were a few cancellations for athletic

activities around the county, Morris School was scheduled to host basketball games on Tuesday against Kellyville and Friday against Warner.

The latest statistics from the Oklahoma State Department show cases continue to rise, with a 7-day rolling average of 3,044 for new cases reported.

Yesterday, 14 additional deaths were reported in state, bringing that number to 2,086.

Nationally, there have been 300,479 deaths attributed to coronavirus.

Hope is on the horizon though, as the first doses of the vaccine arrived in Oklahoma and distribution began to front-line workers.

COVID-19 WATCH

LOCAL COVERAGE BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE OKMULGEE TIMES

Here are the latest results from the Oklahoma State Department of Health as of Dec. 15.

Oklahoma
Total Cases: 241,991 - Increase of 2,224
Active Cases: 33,009
Total Recovered: 206,896
Total Deaths: 2,086 - Increase of 14

United States
Total Deaths: 300,479 -

Increase of 1,311

Okmulgee County
Total Cases: 2,121
Total Recovered: 1,827
Total Deaths: 25

City / Deaths / Recovered
Beggs: 210/3/176
Dewar: 54/0/47
Henryetta: 593/9/517
Morris: 216/0/199
Okmulgee: 849/13/718
Schulter: 28/0/21

Henryettan injured in motorcycle accident

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NEWS EDITOR

A Henryetta man was injured in an accident last Thursday which sent him to the hospital with injuries.

According to the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, the crash took place around 6 p.m. Dec. 10, on Interstate

40 westbound at mile marker 237, one mile west of Henryetta.

Larry Gene Baucom, 78, was operating a 2004 Honda motorcycle when it crashed.

Baucom was transported by EMS with trunk internal injuries to Henryetta Hillcrest Hospital where he

was admitted in stable condition.

The crash is under investigation by OHP Trooper Thomas Giulioli of the Okmulgee County Detachment of Troop B. Assisting at the scene was the Henryetta Police Department.

JUDGE

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judge's position, which was overwhelmingly approved.

"It is a new chapter for Okmulgee County and I look forward to working with Judge Reheard and Judge Pickering to restore trust and honor to Okmulgee County," Ramirez said.

Judge Ramirez welcomed a number of distinguished guests to the swearing in Friday afternoon.

In attendance were Deborah Barnes, Court of Civil Appeals Judge; Mike Hogan, District Judge, District 18; James Bland, District Judge, retired, member of the Judicial Nominating Commission (JNC); Tim Mills, Associate District Judge for Pittsburg County; Mindy Beare, Special District Judge for Pittsburg County; Brian Henderson, Associate District Judge for Haskell County; Linda Thomas, District Judge, District 11, and Past President of the Oklahoma Bar Association; Susan Shields, President of the Oklahoma Bar Association; Melissa DeLacerda, Editor of the Oklahoma Bar Journal, member of the JNC and Past President of the Oklahoma Bar Association; Renee Demoss, Executive Director and Past President of the Oklahoma Bar Association; and Gena Hen-

drix, General Counsel.

Judge Reheard has practiced law for 33 years; 29 years in private practice in McIntosh County with an emphasis in trial work in family, criminal and civil cases. For five years, she was a prosecutor; and is a former municipal judge in Eufaula and Checotah.

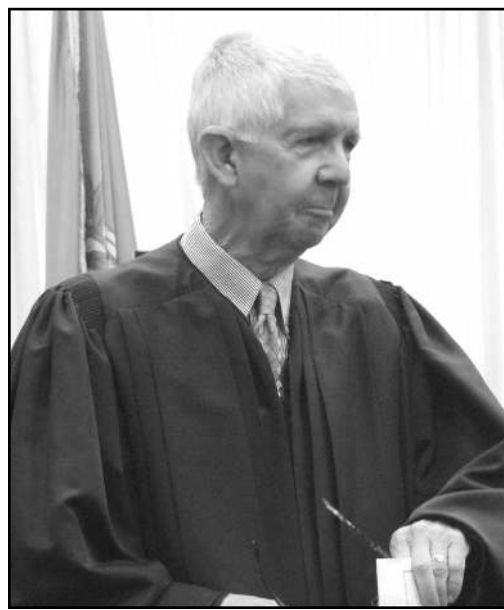
Reheard is the first female attorney elected to the JNC, where she served a total of 11 years, and is the second longest serving member in its 50 plus year history.

She also served as President of the Oklahoma Bar association in 2011.

As president, she led the formation of the Oklahoma Lawyers for America's Heroes, a coalition of volunteer attorneys who provide free legal assistance to active duty, reserve and veterans. That program, entering its 10th year, has provided several million dollars in free legal services to citizens.

Reheard served on the Oklahoma Bar Association Board of Governors for seven years.

She is the recipient of the OBA Earl Sneed Award for outstanding contributions to the education of attorneys; and received the Oklahoma Criminal Defense Attorneys Association President's Award for contributions to the judicial selection process in Oklahoma.



Supreme Court Justice Steven Taylor, retired



District Judge Pandee Ramirez

She is married to Dale Gill and they live West of Checotah.

Judge Ramirez welcomed special guest Steven Taylor, retired Chief Justice of the Oklahoma Supreme Court, who gave the Oath of Office to Judge Reheard.

Chief Justice Taylor served as Associate District Judge for Pittsburg County and District Judge for Pittsburg and McIntosh Counties. As district judge, he presided over the Oklahoma City bombing trial in 2004.

Chief Taylor served on the Oklahoma Supreme Court from 2004-2016 and as Chief Justice from 2011-2013.

Judge Reheard thanked Chief Justice Taylor for his assistance through the years.

"He's right, it was 30 years ago I wandered into his courtroom, as a brand new lawyer, and he certainly taught me how to practice law," Reheard said. "He

taught me about the rules of evidence, he taught me about civility, he taught me how to try a case. So, I'm humbled to join this profession ... and I hope I do you proud."

She also thanked Judge Ramirez for nominating her for the post.

"You've entrusted me with an amazing opportunity.

"Judge Pickering, I want to thank you, she's already taken me under her wings," Reheard said. "She has given me her insight and guidance from her years as Special Judge and Associate Judge."

Reheard thanked the courthouse staff and the district attorney's office, other judges and lawyers, and her husband for their support.

Steve Trammel will serve as bailiff for Judge Reheard, who began her post on Monday.



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Sales tax revenue increases reported for most county towns

The Oklahoma Tax Commission recently released city sales tax collection figures that primarily represent local tax receipts from October business. The monies they reported this period represent sales from October 16 to 31 and estimated sales from November 1 to 15.

Statewide, the disbursement of \$154,648,811 in sales tax collections returned to the cities and towns reflected an increase of \$4,830,778 from the \$159,479,589 distributed to the cities and towns in December last year. The use tax disbursement to cities and towns was \$26,747,038 according to the Oklahoma Tax Commission.

In county returns, the counties shared in a \$25,051,185 sales tax disbursement and a \$4,960,128 use tax disbursement.

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

City	2020			2019			Change from 2019 to 2020
	Oct/Nov 2020 tax rate	Tax collection through Nov 15	Taxable sales through Nov 15	Oct/Nov 2019 tax rate	Tax collection through Nov 15	Taxable sales through Nov 15	
Beggs	4.5%	\$43,339.54	\$963,100.89	4.5%	\$33,993.68	\$755,415.11	27%
Dewar	4%	\$11,831.13	\$295,778.25	4%	\$10,820.08	\$270,502.00	9%
Grayson	4%	\$1,533.70	\$38,342.50	4%	\$457.79	\$11,444.75	235%
Henryetta	4%	\$252,881.79	\$6,322,044.75	4%	\$232,750.76	\$5,818,769.00	9%
Morris	4%	\$20,098.57	\$502,464.25	4%	\$26,253.67	\$656,341.75	-23%
Okmulgee	4%	\$588,392.66	\$14,709,816.50	4%	\$541,429.24	\$13,535,731.00	9%
Schulter	5%	\$271.46	\$5,429.20	5%	\$329.78	\$6,595.60	-18%
Glenpool	5.1%	\$885,424.18	\$17,361,258.43	5.1%	\$850,054.85	\$16,667,742.16	4%
Jenks	3.55%	\$629,835.76	\$17,741,852.39	3.55%	\$558,890.57	\$15,743,396.34	13%
Muskogee	4%	\$2,148,699.57	\$53,717,489.25	4%	\$2,119,449.30	\$52,986,232.50	1%
County							
Okmulgee	1.583%	\$411,378.50	\$25,987,271.00	1.583%	\$387,493.32	\$24,478,415.67	6%
McIntosh	2%	\$365,286.10	\$18,264,305.00	2%	\$361,507.06	\$18,075,353.00	1%
Muskogee	0.650%	\$445,498.00	\$68,538,153.85	0.650%	\$435,686.85	\$67,028,746.15	2%
Okfuskee	2.00%	\$106,401.77	\$5,320,088.50	2.00%	\$110,449.39	\$5,522,469.50	-4%
Tulsa	0.367%	\$3,435,724.73	\$936,164,776.57	0.367%	\$3,644,617.31	\$993,083,735.69	-6%

SOURCE: Oklahoma Tax Commission



CALENDAR of EVENTS



December 17
MCN Drive Thru Food Giveaway | MCN will hold a food giveaway for its citizens Thursday, Dec. 17, from 4 to 6:30 p.m. A Tribal Citizenship Card is required. The event will take place at the Mvskoke Dome in Okmulgee and the Dewar Community Center.

December 19
VFW Children's Christmas Party | VFW Post 1189 will

hold a Children's Christmas Party Saturday, Dec. 19. More details on the drive-thru event are forthcoming.

December 23
Community Christmas Dinner | A Community Christmas Dinner will be held at the Okmulgee Community Center Wednesday, Dec. 23, at 1 p.m. The free meal will be provided thanks to the efforts of Pa-

tricia Thompson and Cheryl Baldrige. If you are interested in helping or donating items for the meal, contact Cheryl Baldrige via Facebook. The Okmulgee Community Center is located at 7th & Kern.

Ongoing Events
Morris FFA Coat Drive | Donate new or slightly used coats and jackets to Morris FFA through Friday, Dec. 18. Drop

off at the Ag. Building.

MCN Hospital Gift Shop Closeout Sale | The MCN Hospital Gift Shop is holding a closeout sale. All items 75%. The gift shop is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and temperature checks are held at the front desk. CDC measures are being followed.

COVID-19 Testing | The Okmulgee County Health Department will continue COVID-19 testing Friday from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Appointments are needed. Please call 918-756-1883 with questions or to schedule an appointment. Testing is conducted in the tent in the parking lot behind the health department, located near the hospital at 1304 R.D. Miller Dr.

American Legion Post 10 Meetings | Okmulgee's American Legion Post 10 has commenced regular monthly meetings each 2nd Thursday at 5 p.m. at the hut, located at the southeast corner of 6th & Oklahoma. Meals are served at 5:30 p.m. and business meetings begin at 6 p.m.

Okmulgee County Republicans Meeting | The Okmulgee County Republicans meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at the American Legion, located at 6th & Oklahoma.

Medication Disposal | The Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics has a bin inside the Okmulgee County Sheriff's office where items can be disposed of safely. Pills should be in a medication bottle (all kinds can be combined in one container). Liquids should be in leak-proof, sealed containers and needles

should also be in sealed containers for safe disposal. Items can be taken to the office Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Adult Basic Education | OSUIT is offering free Adult Basic Education classes for GED test preparation at the following sites: Beggs Crossroads Baptist Church, OSUIT at the old workforce building, Dewar City Hall and by arrangement at Henryetta High School. For information on class times, contact Fran Colombin at 918-293-4917 from 1 to 5 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous Group Meetings | Lost & Found Group will meet at First United Methodist in Okmulgee. Go down the ramp between the two buildings into the fellowship hall on the north side. The schedule is as follows: Mondays - Closed (book study); Wednesdays & Fridays at 7 p.m. - Open; first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. - Open (Candlelight Meeting). Group Conscience is held the first Monday of each month and birthday meetings are held the last Friday of each month. For any questions, feel free to contact Stephanie Maddon at 918-758-9618, Cody Hendrickson at 918-777-8450, Deborah Dawson at 539-286-4355 or Ashley Bryant at 918-995-9372.

County Veterans Memorial | Donations are still being accepted to help build an Okmulgee County Veterans Memorial. All donations are qualified as Tax Exempt. Donations can be made to the Okmulgee County Veterans Memorial at GoFundMe.com or directly to the DFCFA, Inc. with the memo stating for the Okmulgee County Veterans Memorial. The address is P.O. Box 670, Okmulgee, OK 74447.

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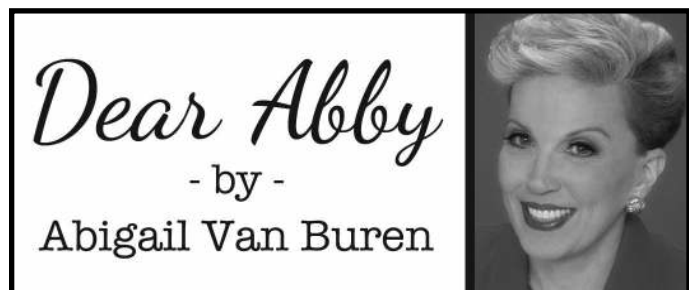
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Man says machismo made him give in to divorce



DEAR ABBY: I was married to my wife for 29 years, and I have now been divorced for two. I have tried to move on, but I can't because I still love her. She initiated the divorce because she thought I cheated on her. I didn't fight her because I was too macho. I don't know if I miss her or feel sorry for myself because I haven't been with a woman in more than two years. I'm attracted to women who are at least 15 years younger than me or who are married. I have been on two dating sites for almost a year and even moved back to the state where my ex-wife lives hoping one day she will ask me out. I've been throwing hints her way and have even written her letters, but she still thinks I cheated. I ache for her. What should I do? -- FIGHTING CHANCE IN THE EAST

DEAR FIGHTING CHANCE: Your marriage is history, and your "exaggerated masculinity" caused it. I am struck by the fact that nowhere in your letter did you deny what your ex-wife thought was true. I don't understand what being "macho" has to do with not denying you cheated. What you should do now is learn from it, grow from it and move on.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and his father had a falling out. My husband's father has now hired a lawyer to get the pictures and Vietnam medals back he had given my husband as a gift years ago. This is his only son. We have two sons whom my husband would like to pass the medals down to. He knows if he gives the medals back he may never see them again because his dad has a girlfriend now who wants them. She's behind him pursuing the issue with a lawyer. How can I help my husband? Should he give in to his father's demands and return the medals and pictures, or should he fight to keep them? -- MIDDLE OF A MESS

DEAR MIDDLE: How old are your sons? Because of this rift, do they still have a relationship with their grandfather? Would they appreciate the war medals and understand what they stand for?

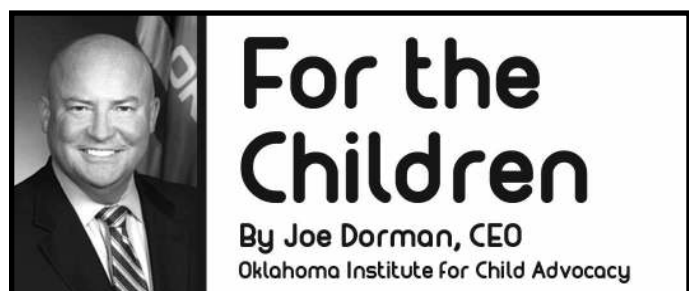
My feeling is you should stay out of the line of fire and allow your husband and his own lawyer to fight this battle. However, you may be able to sway the outcome if you or your sons write your father-in-law a warm letter telling him how sad you feel about the situation and that his medals are heirlooms they and their children would treasure in the future. Then, cross your fingers.

DEAR ABBY: At what age does a person stop calling an older neighbor "Mrs." or "Mr."? I was born next door and still live here, so I don't know what to call my neighbors anymore. -- GROWN UP NORTH

DEAR GROWN: Before children reach adulthood, it is considered respectful to call adults "Mr." and "Mrs." Not knowing your neighbors, I can't guess how formal they may be. Because using their first names has not been your practice and you don't want to risk offending them, ask them what they would like to be called in light of the fact you are all adults. Erring on the side of respect will never be wrong.

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OICA seeks transparency during 2021 legislature even if COVID keeps capitol off-limits to citizens



The members of the 58th Oklahoma Legislature have taken their oaths of office and hit their first deadline: requesting bills and resolutions for 2021.

Last Friday, state senators and representatives turned in their requests for the legislative staff to begin researching their ideas and writing legislation for the lawmakers. The legislative staff will work long hours over the next few weeks to get lawmakers their bills to review and finalize before 4 p.m. Jan. 21, when bills must be filed for the 2021 session.

The Legislature will convene before that on January 5 at noon for a one-day organizational day. During that session, which must end by 5 p.m., the House of Representatives and Senate will officially elect their leadership and approve internal rules to govern the session.

Lawmakers generally do not consider bills on that opening day. Even so, we at the Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy (OICA) hope the Joint Committee on Appropriations and Budget (JCAB) will meet. JCAB should take steps to allow public bodies to continue meeting virtually until the pandemic subsides.

We also ask lawmakers to respect Gov. Kevin Stitt's

mask mandate for public buildings. Legislative leaders have applied that mandate to the State Capitol. We know many of these additional suggestions are already being implemented. Still, OICA supports the following proposals to strengthen both transparency and citizen participation when lawmakers meet this year:

- 1) **Transparency in Legislative Decision-making**
 - Publish notice on changes made to the Legislature's rules, protocols, and proceedings, including the time and manner in which those changes will be implemented.
 - Broadcast live hearings and other meetings traditionally open to the public and post information such as documents being discussed and testimonial materials shared by witnesses for public access.
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 - Utilize technology with sufficient bandwidth that permits large numbers of Oklahomans to access online hearings and other public meetings simultaneously. In those cases when audio or video coverage of a proceeding or meeting is interrupted, the committee chair or presiding official should suspend discussion until audio/video is restored.
- 2) **Public Participation in Legislative Process**
 - Committees should establish a process for receiving invited and public testimony during hearings. The process should be equitable and not create separate protocols for invited, professional, and public testi-

- mony.
 - Committees should allow citizens electronic registration for citizens who wish to weigh in on legislation being considered by committees, regardless of whether they intend to allow oral or written testimony.
 - Use technology to facilitate and not limit public participation. When technology is the sole means of providing public input, accommodations must be made for individuals with disabilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act or those unable to attend due to illness.
 - If the Capitol is opened to the public, then the Legislature make sure appropriate personal protective equipment is available. This step is crucial to allow citizens, lawmakers, and the staff to interact safely.
- We appreciate their consideration of these ideas and any additional standards to provide safe meetings for those joining together. We look forward to working with each lawmaker during a safe, transparent, participatory, and robust legislative session by whatever means is established.

About OICA: The Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy was established in 1983 by a group of citizens seeking to create a strong advocacy network that would provide a voice for the needs of children and youth in Oklahoma, particularly those in the state's care and those growing up amid poverty, violence, abuse and neglect, disparities, or other situations that put their lives and future at risk. Our mission statement: "Creating awareness, taking action and changing policy to improve the health, safety, and well-being of Oklahoma's children."



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GRADUATION

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on-demand viewing on OState.TV and the OSUIT website so friends and family may see their graduate crossing the stage and share in that moment.

Changes to the staging and processions will also be made to enforce social distancing, such as spaced seating and the requirement of facial coverings. All graduates will be provided an OSUIT facial covering for the ceremony. Other contactless options will be integrated into the overall experience.

Tara Cole, OSUIT Communications faculty, will serve as this year's keynote speaker. Cole has been with OSUIT for four years but has taught communications and writing courses since 2007 at various universities in Oklahoma. She received the NISOD Award for Teaching Excellence in 2019 and the Regents Distinguished Teaching

Award in 2020. Along with her teaching experience, she has also published several books including "Abide: 40 Ways to Focus on Jesus Daily," that included a cover design by one of OSUIT's Graphic Design Technology students.

"I love working with and supporting my students to enable them to get one step closer to their goals," said Cole. "I am honored to be chosen as the December graduation speaker. It is my privilege to address our students one more time before they leave our campus."

Cole has a Bachelor of Arts in English from Freed-Hardeman University and a Master of Arts in Composition and Rhetoric from the University of Central Oklahoma.

Jyson Jeri (Jay) Bryson, who will serve as this year's student respondent, is graduating from the School of Creative & Information Technologies with a Bachelor of Technology in Information Technologies with a discipline in Cy-

bersecurity Digital Forensics and Network Infrastructure and an Associate in Science in Information Technologies.

While attending OSUIT, he was a member of the Student Government Organization, Association of Information Technology Professionals, Phi Theta Kappa and Student Transitional Development Xtreme.

Bryson currently works for NTech Collaborative, a local IT company that provides direct services for the Tulsa Area United Way. There, he assists multiple agencies with IT solutions so they can help support individuals who are less fortunate.

"I've enjoyed my time at OSUIT, especially the environment," said Bryson. "I was surrounded by positive people all the time. People on the campus made me feel like I was at home."

Bryson said he chose to attend OSUIT for the small classroom structure, one-on-one time with faculty experts and

the overall positive energy he experiences every time he is on campus.

"I hope my speech inspires people to take that extra step in life," he said. "Whether it's to achieve another degree, to start a new business or something that doesn't seem possible at all. Take that chance and don't have regrets about it."

Jay plans to continue his educational pathway and seek a master's in Management and Information Systems at OSU Stillwater.

OSUIT's Institutional Event Planning Committee, in coordination with the Pandemic Response Team, is meeting regularly to monitor and assess the situation in accordance with local and national health guidance.

For more information or updates regarding the 217th commencement ceremonies, please visit osuit.edu/commencement.

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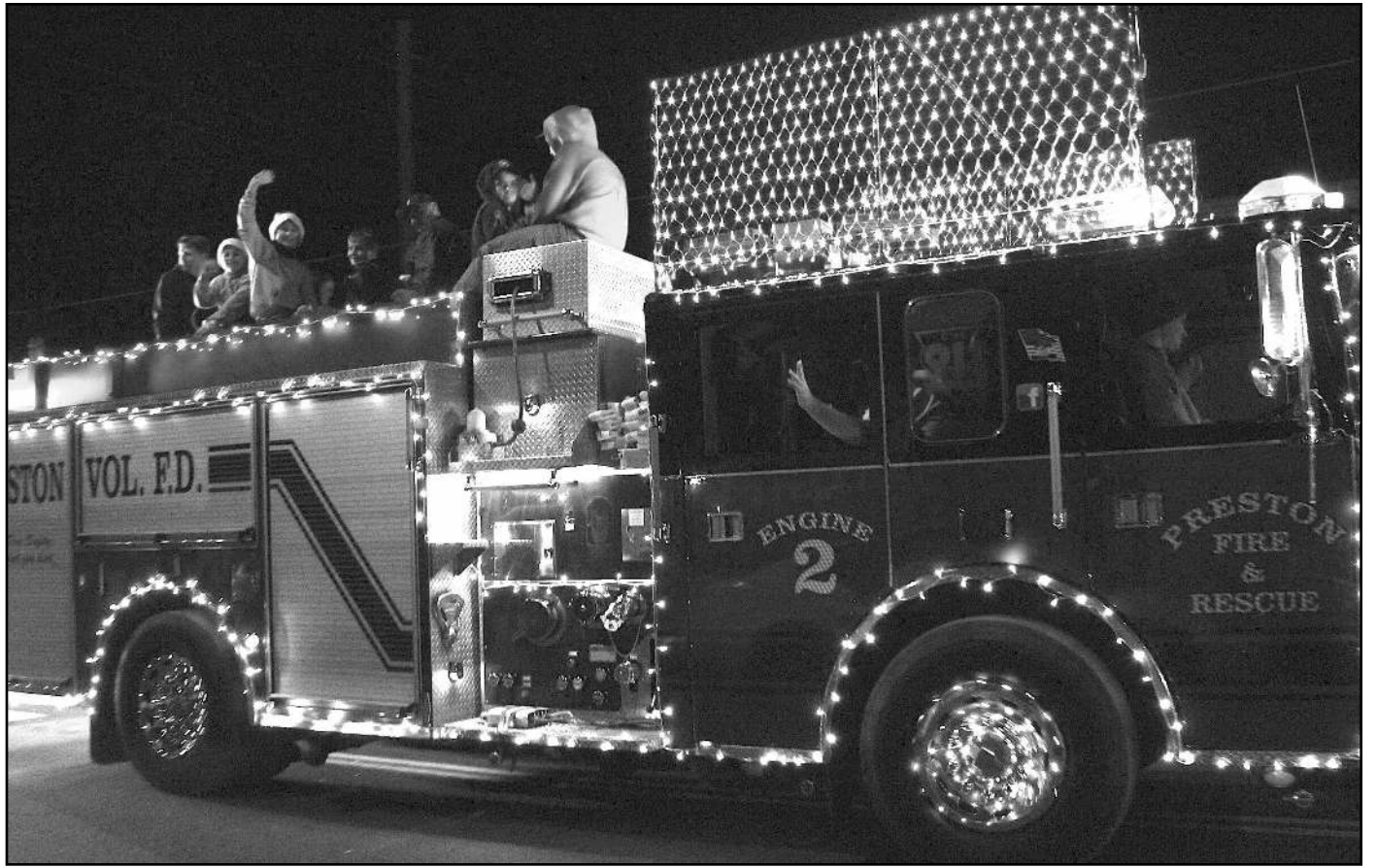
PARADE

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members Christie Baldrige and Mark Tuggle; Muscogee Creek Nation for their help and partnership; the Goodnight family for decorating the hay around the Square for winter; Anthony Nieto, Main Street President, for setting up the stage area and driving in the parade; the City of Okmulgee for making sure 6th Street was open and available for use; and Covington Aircraft for decorating trash bins and collecting trash immediately following the parade.

Okmulgee Main Street also thanks the Okmulgee Young Professionals for cleaning the parade area the weekend before and Neal's Furniture for coming to the rescue last minute and livestreaming the parade.

"Last, but not least, thank you to everyone who participated & attended," Sumner said. "We know it looked a little different this year, but it was fun nonetheless."



PATRICK FORD | NEWS EDITOR



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Beggs Jingle Bell Days 2020 Winners

1st Place Float - Beggs Pre-K, "My Favorite Things;"
2nd Place Float - Beggs Technology, Student Association;
3rd Place Float - Shawn Tennyson, "Country Christmas;" Best Car - James McKay, Red Firebird; Best

Truck - Jerry Bibby, 1950 Ford; Best Motorcycle - William McGee;
Best ATU/UTV - Chris Sparks, "Army ATV;" Best Dressed Pet - Chazz Anderson & Piper; Best Santa - Roger Merrill.





PATRICK FORD | NEWS EDITOR

A Christmas of Hope

The annual Festival of Lights Parade was held last Thursday in downtown Okmulgee. This year's theme was "A Christmas of Hope." Lots of residents came out to the event which drew a large number of entrants for the parade.



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Dragons overtake Shattuck

Dewar heads to state championship



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Joey Fowler makes a tackle against Shattuck in Dewar's semifinal game.

JACOB FACTOR
SPORTS EDITOR

Dewar Dragons are headed to their first state championship appearance in 13 years.

The Dragons dominated against long-time rivals Shattuck in their semifinal game and took the win 54-14.

"Who they are and what they've done, it just feels good to beat (Shattuck) like that and so convincingly," head coach Josh Been said after the game. "I

couldn't be prouder of these guys."

For the past two years, Shattuck has knocked Dewar out of the playoffs, but the Dragons with a stand-out team this year easily edged out the win.

Dewar scored first on a 58-yard run, but Shattuck answered with a TD run of their own. In the second quarter, Dewar jumped ahead with two TDs while Shattuck only scored one.

The second half of the game is when the Dragons really sealed their win.

They scored three TDs while keeping Shattuck scoreless.

"The difference between this team and any other team I've coached here: our offensive line is unbelievably aggressive," Been said. "We've never had anyone who believed in consistently pushing people off the line, and our players Micah Cloud, Baylor Selby and Ryan Beel, they set the tone in games like that."

The Dragons will travel to Alva Sat-

urday at 2 p.m. for the championship game against Laverne, who also beat Shattuck in the district and has one loss.

Touchdowns:

Marshall Been 5-yard pass from Joey Fowler

Fowler 22-yard run

Thomas Brownfield 6-yard pass from Fowler

Shawn Maxwell 1-yard run

Brownfield 15-yard pass from Fowler

Marshall Been 40-yard fumble return



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Top left: Nevin Corbin runs through a gap the offensive line created.
Top right/bottom left: The Dragons show sportsmanship with Shattuck after the game by praying with them.
Bottom right: Shawn Maxwell sweeps past the Shattuck defensive line.

Beggs taken down in semifinals by Washington

Demons finish season 9-3

JACOB FACTOR
SPORTS EDITOR

Beggs Golden Demons' season came to a bitter end in the semifinals once again.

The Demons faced Washington, who is undefeated in Class 2A, and fell in a close 38-22 game.

By the end of the first half, the Demons were behind 12-6, but they came back from halftime with a touchdown in the first minutes of the half.

It was a ping-pong match with Washington and Beggs scoring one after the other until the fourth quarter, when penalty calls cost them the game.

The score was 31-22 and Beggs had the ball.

Senior Kendal Daniels caught a jaw-dropping deep pass from Jameson Ross, but the play was called back because of a penalty block.

Also in the quarter on kickoff return, the return was called back when a Demon waved off a fair catch but didn't catch the ball himself.

The Demons ended their season with a 9-3 record.

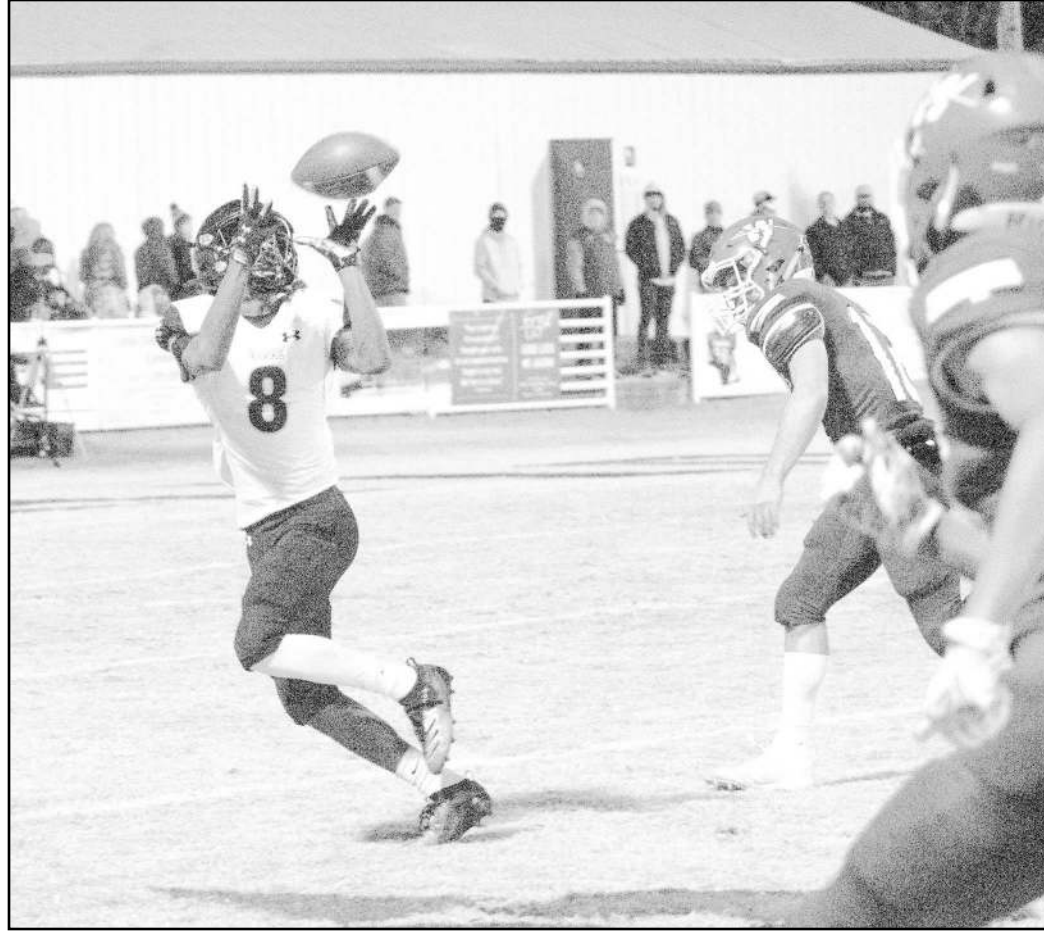
They were 5-1 in the district with second-place ranking.

Their only losses were to Lincoln Christian from 3A, Metro Christian and Washington.



Kyron Grayson tries to outrun a Washington defender in Beggs' semifinal game.

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Jameson Ross looks for a pass against Washington.

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Business Briefs - Week of Dec. 13

Film company gets lease at Cox Center

Prairie Surf Media will get eight years to use the Cox Center as a soundstage for film production, according to terms of a lease agreement approved by the Oklahoma City Council. If all goes well, by then the city will have fostered thousands of jobs, and Prairie Surf Media will have grown to the point where it can move out of the Cox Center into a new facility. If the plan doesn't work out, the city won't really lose anything, Mayor David Holt said. The agreement gives PSM a five-year lease with the option for three more.

OSU gets USDA biosecurity grants

Oklahoma State University has received two grants from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service meant to strengthen the nation's livestock security. The funds also will further planning on how to handle any major animal disease outbreak. In one grant, OSU will help survey cow-calf producers about biosecurity in the state's beef cattle industry. The award of \$128,375 from the National Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Program stems from a major effort to address animal welfare and security in the nation. OSU also received \$112,111 to study the level of infection viruses in decomposing tissues.

As crisis worsens, health experts urge vigilance

Available ICU beds are quickly diminishing and health care professionals are worn to near their breaking point, risking their lives and disrupting their families to continue providing care for the sick and contagious. Still, there are those in the community who can't be bothered to put on a mask and take the coronavirus seriously, according to two public health experts who spoke during

a JR/NOW webinar on Dec. 4. Patti Davis, president of the Oklahoma Hospital Association, and Phil Maytubby, chief operating officer at the Oklahoma City-County Health Department, met by teleconference with Journal Record Interim Editor Joe Dowd to discuss the situation in Oklahoma and Oklahoma County regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

Banks begin to welcome cannabis industry

Offering bank accounts to the cannabis industry is not only good business; it also may make the community safer, said Mel Barnes, executive vice president and chief operating officer of Oklahoma State Bank. Barnes' bank is one of a handful that have opened doors to cannabis dispensaries, growers and other related businesses since medical marijuana was legalized in Oklahoma in 2018. For many in the industry, the thawing relationship between banks and cannabis is a welcome relief from the harrowing days of using safes, lockboxes and even shoe boxes to store thousands in cash. However, most Oklahoma banks are still unwilling to offer services to growers and dispensaries, citing stringent federal regulations and legal liability.

OUHSC receives pain management research grant

Chronic pain can be common among older adults as they face conditions such as arthritis and neuropathy. Treating it requires special considerations, especially when it comes to opioids. The University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center recently received a \$2.5 million federal grant to study tailored methods of treating chronic pain in older adults, with emphasis on decreasing use of opioids. What's learned is to be

shared with primary care clinics across Oklahoma.

Small business COVID-19 fund nearly dry

About \$5 million is all that remains from a \$37.75 million pot of money Oklahoma City has been distributing to small businesses harmed by the COVID-19 pandemic. The remaining money has to be spent by Dec. 30, Alliance for the Economic Development of Oklahoma City President Cathy O'Connor reminded members of the Oklahoma City Council when she presented them with an update at Tuesday's council meeting.

SBA names new Oklahoma district director

John D. Veal Jr. has been named the Oklahoma district director for the U.S. Small Business Administration. Veal said a goal will be to help small businesses bounce back from a particularly difficult 2020. Veal previously served as deputy district director. He will replace Dorothy "Dottie" Overal, who retired after more than 50 years of federal service.

OKC to press for water payments

The city of Oklahoma City will resume water shut-offs for residents in arrears beginning in February - months before a COVID-19 vaccine becomes widely available. Although the need for increased handwashing and enhanced hygiene protocols during the pandemic was first cited as the reason shut-offs were suspended back in March, officials now say the city cannot afford to continue the policy.

SSM Health to assume operations of MWC hospital

SSM Health Oklahoma and affiliates of Community Health Systems Inc. have reached an agreement for SSM

Health to assume operations of AllianceHealth Midwest Hospital in Midwest City. A definitive agreement was finalized on Tuesday. Under terms, SSM Health will be responsible for hospital operations, medical group operations and ambulance service. As part of the transaction, it will work closely with the city of Midwest City to enter into a new long-term lease for the hospital and will collaborate with the city on future operations and services for eastern Oklahoma County residents. The hospital will be renamed SSM Health St. Anthony Hospital - Midwest.

OKC to demolish Old City Jail

After years of searching for another alternative, Oklahoma City is finally going to demolish the Old City Jail at 200 N. Shartel Ave. During Tuesday's Oklahoma City Council meeting, council members authorized city staff to submit an application to obtain the proper certification for demolishing the building. Built with bonds approved in 1935 that were also used to construct the Civic Center Auditorium, City Hall and the Oklahoma County Courthouse, the Old City Jail building bore architectural details of historic significance city officials for decades strove in vain to preserve. However, the antiquated structure included several features that do not meet current building codes. For instance, the top three floors of the building have a ceiling clearance of just 6'10", making the structure difficult and expensive to renovate. A request for proposals looking for a redeveloper went out in 2017. A few developers have responded, but none were able to find an economically viable way of redeveloping the building.

Oklahoma on pace to break Affordable Care Act Enrollment Record



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More Oklahomans than ever might sign up for a health care plan on the Affordable Care Act exchange for the upcoming year.

Federal data released Wednesday shows Oklahoma is on pace to topple the record the state set last year when almost 160,000 signed up for plans that took effect for this year.

As of Dec. 5, the latest date with data available, 68,133 have selected 2021 plans on the federal exchange, commonly known as Obamacare. That is thousands more than had signed up in each of the past two years at this point in the enrollment period, which ended Tuesday, Dec. 15.

In 2019, for example, 63,333 Oklahomans had enrolled with plans on the exchange when the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Service released the weekly snapshot numbers last year on Dec. 7 - two days later than they reported this year. This year's running total is more than 7% higher.

The surge of sign-ups comes as insurers are offering more plans, and at cheaper prices, than in past years.

The three insurers - Blue Cross Blue Shield of Oklahoma, Bright Health and Medica Insurance Company - that offered individual health plans on the exchange for the current year are doing so again for the plans to take effect Jan. 1.

In addition, there will be new entries for selected areas of the state: Oscar Health and UnitedHealthcare.

Before 2019, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Oklahoma was the only insurer that offered plans.

After years of seeing costs rise, monthly benchmark premiums on the federal exchange for the coming year are also down more than 20% from a record high in 2019.

The stakes for ensuring residents sign up for the often-heavily subsidized health insurance is especially high in Oklahoma, whose 14.3% uninsured rate is the nation's second highest.

Expanded offerings and lower prices could attract more buyers than normal, health care experts said earlier this year. It is unclear how the COVID-19 pandemic might complicate enrollment, particularly for those who previously relied on in-person assistance.

The bulk of the sign-ups come during the final days of the enrollment period. The federal government is expected to release its preliminary enrollment totals later this month and then publish the final figures in early January.



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St. Michael Catholic Church

4th Advent Sunday (B)
(2 Sam. 7: 1-5, 8-11/Rom. 16: 25-27/
Lk. 1: 26-38)

As the birth of Jesus we celebrate this year draws near, naturally all attention focuses on the mother. We are nearing the celebration of the Birth of Christ Jesus where God became flesh like human beings. Hence, it should come as no surprise to find Mary, his mother, is the center of today's Gospel. Mary was a very humble person. A mere "handmaid of the Lord" was how she saw herself. Her only concern was to do the will of God in her life. Mary will help us to do it also.

In the first reading, this fourth Sunday of Advent was picked from the 2nd Book of Samuel. David is determined to build a house for God. But the prophet Nathan tells him instead God would build a royal house, a dynasty, for him. Even after the failure of David's descendants as kings, the Jews believed the Messiah would come from the line of David.

And the passage from Luke's Gospel today, we discover the house the Lord settles on is the womb of the young woman, Mary. The angel tells Mary her child will be "Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of David, his father. He will rule over the house of Jacob forever and his reign will be without end." This announcement in the Gospel again shows God approaches us with love first.

Mary did not understand all things of God's plan of Salvation. But she trusts God! She finally said "Fiat" which means "Yes." Each of us has said yes when we have undertaken commitments and responsibilities. When we said yes, we took a leap in the dark, for we did not know the full implications of what we were undertaking. This was gradually revealed to us as we went along. It unfolded before us like a winding path. Hence, we too have to confirm our yes to God, not once but often in our lives, and ask God to help us to remain faithful.

It was in this way Mary brought Christ Jesus to birth. It is by following the same path he will be brought to birth in us. May Mary and Joseph help us to prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ, the Incarnation with love and fiat to trust in almighty God.

Second Baptist Church

Second Baptist Church has resumed services. It is our prayer at Second Baptist Church that anyone who does not know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior will come and discover how they can have eternal life in Him.

Sundays at 9:30 a.m., we gather in the auditorium where one of our teachers will deliver the Sunday School lesson. We then take a short break and begin Worship Service at 10:05 a.m. with music and the Word of God. Both events are livestreamed.

Wednesdays, the youth meet at 6 p.m. and the prayer meeting is livestreamed.

Dr. Steve Gallagher is our pastor, Renee Dove leads our music program, Wade Lackey leads the youth and Courtney Norton leads our children.

We have a bus ministry that runs on Sundays, so if you need a ride or have a need to contact the church office, please

call 918-756-6027.

Our office is currently open Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The office phone line is available Monday - Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Second Baptist Church is located at 1003 N. Alabama and is "Where God's Love Comes First."

You can find our livestream on Facebook at OK2BAP, and our phone number to livestream is 918-400-9855.

Henryetta First Christian Church

Sunday School begins at 9 a.m. followed by worship service at 10 a.m. Come join us for worship! Everyone is welcome and invited to attend. Henryetta First Christian Church is located at 412 N. 5th Street.

"Jail Break" by Mary Morris

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget none of His benefits; Who pardons all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases; Who redeems your life from the pit, Who crowns you with loving kindness and compassion; Who satisfies your years with good things, so your youth is renewed like the eagle. The Lord performs righteous deeds and judgments for all who are oppressed. The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in loving kindness. He will not always strive with us, nor will He keep His anger forever. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His loving kindness toward those who fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. Just as a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him. For He Himself knows our frame; He is mindful we are but dust. As for man, his days are like grass; as a flower of the field, so he flourishes. When the wind has passed over it, it is no more, and its place acknowledges it no longer. But the loving kindness of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children's children, to those who keep His covenant and remember His precepts to do them." (Psalms 103:1-6, 8-18)

God Himself has told us and shown us over and again His love is infinite, His forgiveness is more expansive than we can wrap our heads around. If we lived ten times longer than any other human, we would still find it difficult to grasp. And yet, there it is.

With a love and compassion beyond our comprehension, God sees His creation in a completely different light from how we see it. And we often go so far as to judge who is worthy to receive God's gifts. How very pompous, arrogant, and mistaken we are!

There is an excellent response: **Not one of us is worthy.** We have all fallen short of God's glory and perfection, no matter how warped is our perception of self. We must consider, except for His grace, God has every right to throw us all into the deepest of pits and forget about us.

But these words tell us He won't. He will, instead, wait patiently for us to turn ever to Him and reject the world about us. As we draw our last breath - the time

of which we have no idea - we can come to Him. His love is that boundless!

Have we made our own prison of sin? God hasn't put us there - we have done that ourselves. But He does hold the key that can unlock any door. All we have to do is ask. He will blast those doors off and lead us into the light of His wondrous love and forgiveness.

So what do you say - are you ready for a jail break?

Trinity Lutheran Church

Pastor Rev. Dr. Christian C. Tiews and Trinity Lutheran, a congregation of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, cordially invite you to attend services.

Trinity Lutheran is located at 2014 E. 6th Street in Okmulgee. The office phone number is 918-756-6046 and office hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 1 to 5 p.m. Friday.

First United Methodist Church

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First United Methodist Church invites you to join us this coming Sunday morning. Traditional Worship Service begins at 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary, followed by Sunday School at 10 a.m. for all ages. Children's Church is held at 11 a.m. every Sunday (except the first Sunday of the month). Contemporary Praise & Worship Service is held at 11 a.m. in the Rowe Family Life Center. The youth meet Sunday in the EPI Center from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

Opportunities of the Week:**Wednesday**

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Food Pantry
7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7 p.m. Lost & Found Group - Basement

Thursday

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Food Pantry

Friday

7 p.m. Lost & Found Group - Basement

New Life Apostolic Church

New Life Apostolic Church has relocated. Come join us at 4900 N. Wood Drive in Okmulgee. Elect Lady Anna Lewis is the pastor.

Sunday morning prayer is at 9 a.m.
Sunday morning service is at 10 a.m. followed by Live Apostolic Holiness Broadcasting from Iowa, with Bishop Terry Gilmore.

Bible Study is Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m.

Wednesday evening prayer is at 6 p.m. and Bible Study is at 7 p.m. (Live Apostolic Holiness Broadcasting).

Crossroads Baptist Church

Crossroads Baptist Church, located at Alt. 75 and Happy Camp Rd. in Beggs, would like to welcome you to join us! As a church family, our purpose is to connect people, grow believers and serve others. Senior Pastor: Brayden Buss, Worship Pastor: Bro. Justin Wells and Student Minister: Bro. Gary Honeycutt.

Service times are as follows:
Sundays
9:30 a.m. - Sunday Connect Groups
10:35 a.m. - Worship Service & Children's Church
6 p.m. Sunday Evening Worship
Wednesdays
6:30 p.m. - Adult Bible Study, Youth Bible Study, Crossroads Kids
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younger is provided for all services. For more information, please call 918-267-4720 or check us out at www.crossroadsbaptistbeggs.org.

The Refuge

The congregation of the Refuge (Crosstown) invites you to experience the truth of God's Word. Find livestreams and podcasts at www.crosstownphc.org and like us on Facebook.

Sunday Services: 10:45 a.m. Life Enrichment Classes: 9:45 a.m. Senior's Sunday School: 10 a.m. Dynamic Praise & Worship: 10:45 a.m. Dynamic Praise & Worship ushers in the presence of the Lord. The anointed Word of God follows, presented by the Holy Ghost and Pastor Rocky Ausbrooks. Children's Church for ages 3-5 and 6-12 is held after Praise & Worship.

Wednesday Service: 7 p.m. Prayer Focus: 6-7 p.m. After Praise & Worship: KOTM (Kids in Motion) for ages 3-5 and 6-12. L.E.D. Youth / Teens: 7 p.m.

For more information, please call the church office at 918-756-2442 from 9 to 12 noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Shorter Chapel AME Church

Shorter Chapel AME Church is located at 405 N. Central Ave. in Okmulgee. Freeman Culver is the pastor. Services are every Sunday at 11:30 a.m. Come to pray, and come as you are!

Henryetta New Life Assembly of God

Come join us Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Pastor Lewis will be preaching.

WMs will be Thursday night at 6 p.m. Sunday will be a great day at 10 and 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. at New Life Assembly of God, located at the corner of C St. and New Lake Rd. In Henryetta. The Holy Spirit is really moving in this church. Everyone is welcome.

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This new and original program will be presented by the CBC Praise Teams, members of the CBC Youth, College & Career Class, Sunday school and D.O.C.K. in the Calvary Baptist Church Worship Center, 1327 E. 13th St. 918-756-4887 • cbcokmulgee.org

Church of the Living God

Church of the Living God, 1301 W. Eufaula, invites the public to come and worship with them every Sunday. Services begin with Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. and morning worship at 11 a.m. Wednesday evening Bible Study begins at 5 p.m. Elder Marcus Long is pastor.

What would you write in a Christmas letter to God?



I asked children to write a letter to God about what Christmas means to them as part of the Kids' Christmas Art Contest. Here are excerpts of their letters:

"Dear God: Every Christmas Day, I always get up first. I look to see if the cookies are gone. One time, I saw a footprint. We also have hot cocoa. Your child, Anthony (age 10)."

"Dear God: I know it's more than just getting presents, but I'm just a kid right now. So, do you think I should ask for an angel or a game cube? Wait a minute. I'm going a little off the subject. Anyways, thanks for making Christmas. Sincerely yours, Chip (age unknown)."

"Dear God: Christmas is my favorite holiday. It is the one day my family gets together (including Thanksgiving and New Year's, but Christmas is my favorite). I also like to hang out with my cousins, especially the big ones.

"When I say 'family,' God, I include the dogs as well. My family has a lot of dogs including a labrador, a bor-

der collie and a beagle. I love to be with my family so much, I would rather be with them than get a hundred video games and toys. Your child and follower, Ranjit."

"Dear God: Christmas is my favorite holiday. I am very happy for you because it is your birthday. I also get to be with all of my family on Christmas. Another reason is because I get a long time off from school. I love to tell the world about you being born. Last year, I was Joseph in my church Christmas play. Sincerely, Nick."

"Dear God: Though I know Christmas is about the birth of Jesus, I still like to get presents. It's fun to unwrap presents in a surprise. You don't even know what you're going to get. I give a lot of my toys away. I get sad sometimes getting rid of things. I'm OK with it later. Love, Leigh Ann."

"Dear God: I love the smell of the house and the tree on Christmas morning. I love the feeling of Christmas on its way. Your friend, Jon (age 10)."

"Dear God: How are you doing? Is heaven OK? I just wanted you to know what Christmas means to me.

"Christmas means a time of joy, peace on Earth and rejoicing the day your Son, Christ came down to Earth. That one night was the most holy night on Earth. The presents I get every year are OK, but the greatest present you gave to the world was Jesus. Sincerely, Howard (age 10)."

"Dear God: I know that a lot of people forget about you and think Christmas is all about gifts. However, it is all about you and Jesus. I am really thankful you

sent down your one and only Son. That was such a great gift from you. Also, I am thankful for Jesus dying for us and our sins so we could experience your love in heaven. Happy Birthday, Jesus! Love, Lorenzo."

"Dear God: I am a new person when I get close to you when I pray. I see the lights on homes that represent Christmas. I get happy. I always get presents during Christmas. The Christmas lights inside my house and the tree ornaments are the best thing I like to put up. They are very nice cause they represent you, God. Sincerely your best friend, E.J."

"Dear God: This time of the year where many give gifts to each other, I want to give my heart to Jesus. For me, this is the real meaning of Christmas, not giving among us, but to give your Son back what should be His. Jezrel."

"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!" (II Corinthians 9:15).

Merry Christmas!

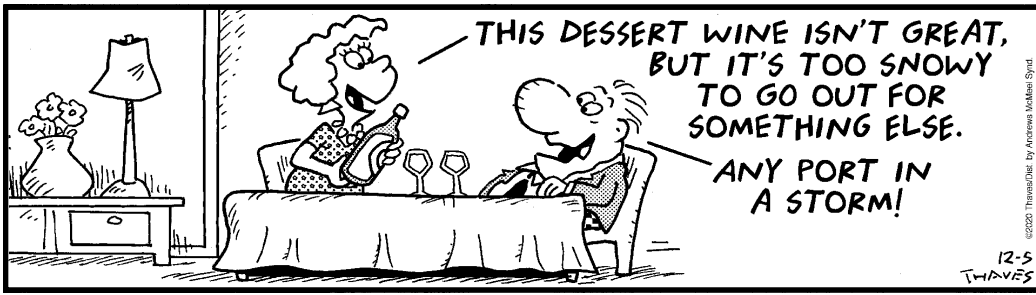
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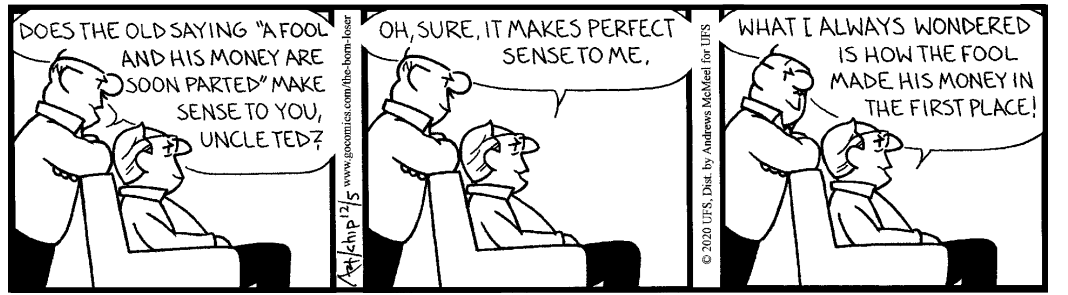
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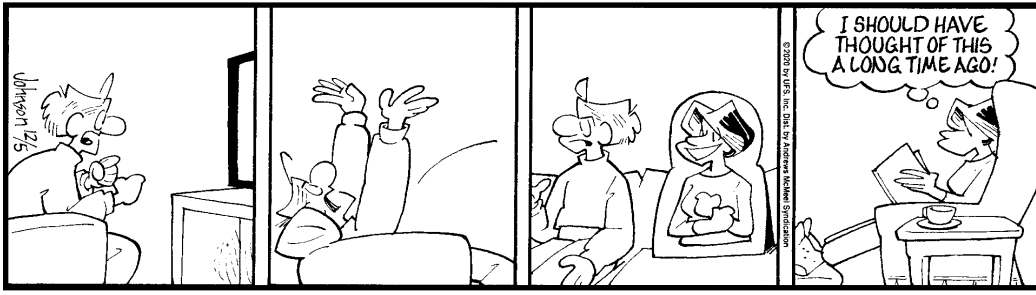
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ASTROGRAPH

Make health and well-being your priorities this year. It's time to let go of old habits and people who lead you astray. Look to the future with hope, enthusiasm and the desire to be and do your very best. Added discipline will encourage greater stability and security.

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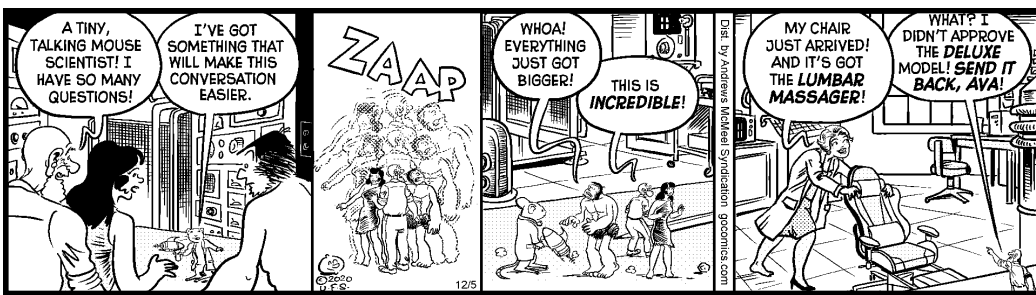
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Be careful when dealing with joint ventures or shared expenses. Keeping things equal will help you avoid tension and get things done on time. Keep a reasonable schedule.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Keep busy and keep the peace. Channel your energy into something concrete. If you are smart and goal-oriented, success will come your way. You must work hard to be reasonable.

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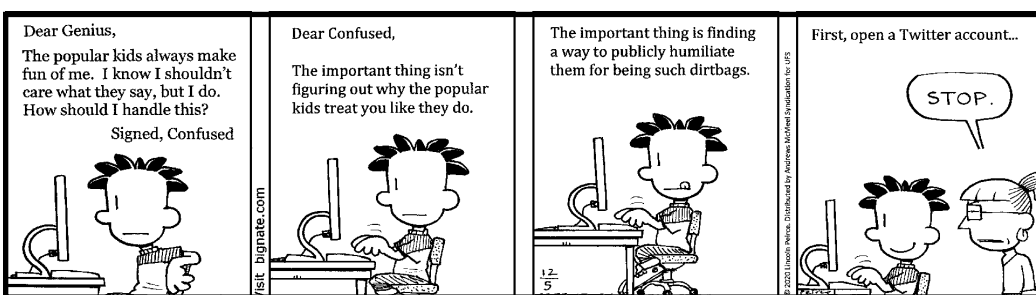
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)

Keep an open mind and listen to what others say, but don't let anyone meddle in your affairs. Work hard to uphold your beliefs and help a cause that matters to you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

Look at your objective and map out a realistic, affordable plan. Don't let a last-minute change lead to uncertainty. Consider what's best for you and head in that direction.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

What you want to do and what you are supposed to do will be in conflict. Stop stressing out and start working hard. Get your responsibilities out of the way early. Romance is favored.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

If you focus on success, you will be happy with the results. Invest more time, effort and money in learning, honing your skills and making your dreams come true. Embrace change.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Talk matters through to get good results. A partnership looks promising, but it will require honesty from the start. Fess up to anything that has the potential to become a problem.

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CANCER (June 21-July 22)

A financial change will take you by surprise. Be wary of anyone asking personal questions or wanting access to sensitive information. A partnership will take an exciting turn.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

You will thrive in settings that require physical endurance and competition. Be honest with yourself regarding what you can do, and plan your strategy to fit your ability. Don't worry about others' actions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Refuse to let personal problems drag you down. Your success will depend on how much you are willing to put in to reach your goal. Strive for perfection and embrace new possibilities.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Listen to your heart, fulfill your dreams and let go of what is no longer working for you. Problems at home will leave you feeling torn between what you want and how to go about getting your way.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Stop laboring over what's holding you back, put your ducks in a row and make a move. You know what's best for you and what you have to do to reach your objective. More initiative may be required.

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- Use hip boots
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- Book of maps
- Log home
- Makes tracks
- Filly's mother
- Rock-band booking
- Freddy Krueger's street
- Maize unit
- College stat
- Above, to Tennyson
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- Check for prints
- This or that
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December 7, 2020

Pursuant to the Notice of Regular Meeting properly filed and posted as required by law, a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Okmulgee County was held December 7, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. in the County Commissioners Office at the Okmulgee County Courthouse. Present were Robert Hardridge, Chairman; Ron Ballard, Vice-Chairman; James Connors, Member. Becky Thomas, County Clerk, was present to take minutes. The Board approved the minutes of November 30, 2020. Motion, Connors; Second, Ballard. Vote: Ballard, yes; Connors, yes; Hardridge, yes.

Under Input by the Public: Court Newkirk, Executive Director of the Okmulgee Area Development Corporation, was present to inform the Board about Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) financing. C-PACE is a financing mechanism designed to encourage energy and water efficiency improvements, renewable energy systems, and building resiliency projects for commercial properties. The Board thanked Mr. Newkirk for the information.

The Board approved the monthly reports for the following: Sheriff's Office for the months of June, July, August and September, 2020; County Clerk's Office, Court Clerk's Office and the Health Department for the month of November 2020. Motion, Ballard; Second, Connors. Vote: Ballard, yes; Connors, yes; Hardridge, yes.

The Board approved the Freedom Meadows Subdivision/Plat, located in Section 25, Township 15 North, Range 13 East in District #1. Motion, Ballard; Second, Connors. Vote: Ballard, yes; Connors, yes; Hardridge, yes.

The Board approved the Schedule of Regular Meetings for the Board of County Commissioners for the 2021 calendar year. Motion, Connors; Second, Ballard. Vote: Ballard, yes; Connors, yes; Hardridge, yes.

The Board approved the reimbursement claim for expenditures of the District Attorney's Office for the month of November 2020, in the amount of \$812.99. Motion, Connors; Second, Ballard. Vote: Ballard, yes; Connors, yes; Hardridge, yes.

The Board approved the reimbursement claim for the Election Board Secretary's salary for the month of November 2020, in the amount of \$4,032.68. Motion, Connors; Second, Ballard. Vote: Ballard, yes; Connors, yes; Hardridge, yes.

The Board approved the following Transfers of Funds: Transferring \$25,281.50 out of the E-911 Fund and into the General Fund; transferring \$51,485.48 out of the General Fund and into the E-911 Fund; transferring \$171.21 from CD interest into the General Fund; transferring \$49,401.00 out of CIRB-MV 1103 Fund and into the CIRB-MV 1102 Fund. Motion, Ballard; Second, Connors. Vote: Ballard, yes; Connors, yes; Hardridge, yes.

The Board approved Invitation to Bid #13 for the weekly/monthly rental of a smooth drum roller and/or track-hoe for a six-month period, to be opened December 21, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. Motion, Connors; Second, Ballard. Vote: Ballard, yes; Connors, yes; Hardridge, yes.

Under New Business: The Board approved the Lease Purchase Agreements with Yellowhouse Machinery for five (5) 2020 John Deere motor graders, pending approval by the District Attorney. Motion, Ballard; Second, Connors. Vote: Ballard, yes; Connors, yes; Hardridge, yes.

Under New Business: The Board approved the Application and Funding Agreement with the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security for reimbursement for Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) purchased in response to the Coronavirus 2019 pandemic. Motion, Ballard; Second, Connors. Vote: Ballard, yes; Connors, yes; Hardridge, yes.

At 10:03 a.m. the Board voted to go into Executive Session to discuss a confidential communication matter with the Board of County Commissioners' Attorney. Motion, Ballard; Second, Connors. Vote: Ballard, yes; Connors, yes; Hardridge, yes.

At 10:31 a.m. the Board voted to return from Executive Session and back to the regular meeting. Let the record show that no action was taken by the Board in Executive Session. Motion, Ballard; Second, Connors. Vote: Ballard, yes; Connors, yes; Hardridge, yes.

The meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m. with a motion by Connors and a second by Ballard. Vote: Ballard, yes; Connors, yes; Hardridge, yes. /s/Becky Thomas BECKY THOMAS, COUNTY CLERK

/s/Robert Hardridge ROBERT HARDRIDGE, CHAIRMAN BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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DISTRICT COURT OF OKMULGEE COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JULIENE MAE STONE, Deceased.

Case No. PB-2020-91
ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING

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On November 17, 2020, Robert Thomas Stone filed a Petition For Letters Of Administration, For Appointment Of Personal Representative, For Determination Of Heirs And For Appointment Of Special Administrator in this case.

IT IS ORDERED that said Petition is set for hearing at **9:00 A.M. on January 12, 2021**, in District Courtroom No. 1, at the Okmulgee County Courthouse, Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

This Order shall constitute the notice of this hearing.
December 11, 2020.

/s/Cynthia D Pickering
CYNTHIA D. PICKERING
ASSOCIATE DISTRICT JUDGE
The Barksdale Law Firm, P.C.
310 East Seventh Street
Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447

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NOTICE (Non-Commercial Disposal or Injection Well) OKLAHOMA CORPORATION COMMISSION

Oil and Gas Conservation Division
Jim Thorpe Building
P.O. BOX 52000
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73152-2000

Application No. 2101201001 STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: All persons, owners, producers, operators purchasers, and takers of oil and gas, and all other interested persons, particularly in OKMULGEE County, Oklahoma:

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TULSA, OK 74135

is requesting that the Commission, pursuant to OCC-OG Rules 165:10- 5-5 and 165:10-5-6 and ROP 165:5-7-30 administratively authorize the approval of disposal/injection of saltwater into a well as follows:

WELL NAME AND LOCATION: TIGER FLATS DUTCHER UNIT 5-7 NW ¼ SW ¼ NE ¼ SW ¼ SEC 13-T13N-R11E

*NOTE: (Lease name, well number and location of well to nearest 10 acre spot OR footages from section line; top and bottom hole locations are given for a directional or horizontal well)

NAME OF DISPOSAL ZONE AND DEPTH: DUTCHER TOP: 2502' BOTTOM 2520' DISPOSAL RATE AND PRESSURE: 100 MCF/day 500 Psi/Surface

Objections may be filed with the Oklahoma Corporation Commission within fifteen (15) days after the publication of this notice. Objections, if any, should be mailed to Oil and Gas Conservation Division, Pollution Abatement Department, Jim Thorpe Building, P. O. Box 52000, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73152-2000

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NOTICE OF FILING FOR FAIR BOARD ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the election of directors of the Okmulgee County Fair Board shall be held on February 6, 2021. The filing period for said election shall commence at 8:00 a.m. on January 11, 2021, and end at 4:30 p.m. on January 15, 2021.

Those persons wishing to file shall do so on the Declaration of Candidacy form that may be obtained from the office of the Okmulgee County Clerk during normal Courthouse business hours.

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Notice of Significant Non-compliance

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to federal regulations contained in 40 CFR 403.8.f(2), the City of Okmulgee is required to publish the names of all significant industrial users (SIU) of the Okmulgee Municipal Authority that were determined to be in significant non-compliance with applicable pretreatment standards during the 2019 calendar year.

Discharge Quality Violations

The following SIU was found to be in violation of permitted discharge requirements to the sanitary sewer system

Industrial User: Polyvision
Nature of Violation: multiple exceedances of Ni from June 2019 to January 2020 with a maximum level of 14.6 mg/L above their allowed 0.9 mg/L

One exceedance of Cr of 2.28 mg/L, their allowed level is 0.15 mg/L
Action taken: Notices of violation were issued to the user. No negative effects resulted with the sanitary sewer system due to these violations.

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OKMULGEE (COUNTY PURCHASING OFFICE)
County, Oklahoma
OKMULGEE County Court House
OKMULGEE, Oklahoma
Phone Number +1 (918) 758-1255
Invitation to Bid
Date Issued: Dec 14, 2020
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PLEASE REVIEW TERMS AND CONDITIONS ON REVERSE SIDE RELATING TO SUBMISSION OF THIS BID. Notarized Affidavit completions and signature required on reverse side.

BID NUMBER: #15 BID CLOSING DATE AND HOUR: Monday 12/28/2020 at 9:00 A.M.

REQUIRED DELIVERY DATE: TERMS: DATE OF DELIVERY:

DESCRIPTION
Okmulgee Emergency Management of Okmulgee County, Oklahoma wishes to advertise for sealed bids on the following:

To Prepare Hazard Mitigation Plan for Okmulgee County (See Specifications)
Bid packets may be picked up at the County Clerk's Office located in the Okmulgee County Courthouse, or call 918-758-1255.

For contact information, call Tim Craighton, Emergency Management Director at (918) 857-4367. Sealed bids are to be submitted to Becky Thomas, Okmulgee County Clerk at P.O. Box 904, Okmulgee, OK, 74447. Please put "BID NUMBER" and "OPENING DATE" on the outside of your sealed envelope.

Bids will be opened in the County Commissioners Office at their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, December 28, 2020. Bids will not be accepted after 9:00 a.m. The non-collusion affidavit on back of this invitation to bid form must be signed and notarized. Emergency Management reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
APPROVED Date: 12-14-2020
Board of County Commissioners of Okmulgee Co.

/s/ Robert Hardridge, Chairman /s/ Ron Ballard, Member /s/ James Conner, Member

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BID NUMBER: #14 BID CLOSING DATE AND HOUR: Monday 12/28/2020 at 9:00 A.M.

REQUIRED DELIVERY DATE: TERMS: January 1, 2021, UP TO AND INCLUDING June 30, 2021
DATE OF DELIVERY: **DESCRIPTION**

The Board of County Commissioners of Okmulgee County, Okla., wish to advertise for sealed bids for the following:

Hauling of gravel materials for County Highway projects for a period of six months. January 1, 2021, up to and including June 30, 2021. Bids to include hauling per ton from these nine (9) locations. (SEE SPEC SHEETS)

Bid packets can be picked up at the County Clerk's Office located in the Okmulgee County Courthouse or call 918-758-1255.

Sealed bids are to be submitted to Becky Thomas, Okmulgee County Clerk at PO Box 904, Okmulgee, Okla., 74447. Please write "BID NUMBER" and "OPENING DATE" on the outside of your sealed envelope. Bids will be opened at the County Commissioners regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, December 28, 2020. Bids will not be accepted after 9:00 a.m.

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APPROVED Date: 12-14-2020
Board of County Commissioners of Okmulgee Co.
/s/ Robert Hardridge, Chairman /s/ Ron Ballard, Member /s/ James Conner, Member

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DISTRICT COURT OF OKMULGEE COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LLOYD GARLAND LANG, Deceased.

Case No. PB 2020-28
ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT, PETITION FOR ORDER ALLOWING FINAL ACCOUNT, DETERMINING HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES, DISTRIBUTING ESTATE AND DISCHARGING PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

On December 09, 2020, Abbie Lang filed herein a Final Account and Petition for Order Allowing Final Account, Determining Heirs, Devisees and Legatees, Distributing Estate and Discharging Personal Representative in the above referenced case.

IT IS ORDERED that said Final Account and Petition for Order Allowing Final Account, Determining Heirs, Devisees and Legatees, Distributing Estate and Discharging Personal Representative is set for hearing at 9:00 A.M. on the 12th day of January, 2021, in the Okmulgee County District Court, at the Okmulgee County Courthouse, in Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

This Order shall constitute the notice of this hearing.
Dated: 9th day of December, 2020.

/s/Cynthia D Pickering CYNTHIA D. PICKERING Associate District Judge /s/ Hugh M Robinson HUGH M. ROBINSON, OBA NO. 12188
114 North Grand Ave., Suite 200 Okmulgee, OK 74447
918-756-2200 Telephone
918-756-3860 Fax

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DISTRICT COURT OF OKMULGEE COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SHELTON B. RAY, Deceased.
Case No. PB-2020-85

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DISTRICT COURT OF OKMULGEE COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA PROBATE DIVISION
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All persons having claims against Shelton B. Ray, deceased, are required to present the same with a description of all security interest and all other collateral, if any, held by each creditor with respect to such claim to Debra Ann Gardenhire, Personal Representative at the offices of her attorneys, The Barksdale Law Firm, P.C., 310 East Seventh Street, Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447, by the following presentation date: January 19, 2020 or same will be forever barred.

All persons interested in said Estate are hereby notified that on **February 2, 2021, at 9:00 A.M.** in Courtroom No. 1 of the Okmulgee County Courthouse, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, the Final Account And Petition For Order Allowing Final Account, Determining Heirs, Devisees And Legatees, Distributing Estate And Discharging Personal Representative will be heard and ordered and all persons interested in said estate are notified to then and there appear and show cause, if any they have, why the same should not be done. The Final Account And Petition will be filed on or before January 20, 2021.

December 11, 2020.
/s/Cynthia D Pickering CYNTHIA D. PICKERING Associate District Judge The Barksdale Law Firm, P.C. 310 East Seventh Street Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447

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DISTRICT COURT OF OKMULGEE COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA
ROCHELLE BRUNER, Plaintiff

vs. EDMOND ROSS, IF LIVING, OR IF HE IS DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, TRUSTEES, DEVISEES, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, IMMEDIATE AND REMOTE, OF EDMOND ROSS, DECEASED, Defendants.

Case No. CV-20-131
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO:

Edmond Ross if living, or if he is deceased, his heirs, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, successors and assigns, immediate and remote.

GREETINGS: Take notice that you have been sued in the District Court of Okmulgee County, Oklahoma by the Plaintiff, Rochelle Bruner. You must answer the Petition filed by the Plaintiff in the office of the undersigned Court Clerk in Okmulgee, Oklahoma on or before January 14, 2021, or the Court will render judgment against you determining that the Plaintiff owns the property and premises described as:

Lots 4 and 5, Block 11 in the Original Town of Grayson, Okmulgee County, Oklahoma.

The Court will also quiet Plaintiff's title against you and forever bar and foreclose you from claiming any right, title or interest in the above described property. The Court will also render all relief requested in Plaintiff's Petition to which you are referred to for further particulars.

November 24, 2020.
CHARLY CRINER, Court Clerk By: /s/Desiree Underwood Deputy

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Henryetta Police Department is accepting applications and resumes for the position of **police officer**. Members work under a CBA. Pick up applications at the Henryetta Police Department, 115 S. 4th Street, between 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. EOE

United Community Action Program is accepting applications for a Multi-Purpose Aide at Henryetta Head Start/Early Head Start.
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