

PATRICK FORD | NEWS EDITOR

District 2 Commissioner Robert Hardridge (center) is thanked for his service by fellow commissioners Ron Ballard, left, and James Connors.

## County officers honored during session

Board tables two agenda items

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Certificates of Appreciation were given out during Monday's session of the Okmulgee County Board of Commissioners.

The board honored

County Clerk Becky Thomas for 29 years of service to the county. She began her employment in 1991 and will retire on Dec. 30.

"We wish you the best in your future endeavors," Commissioner

Robert Hardridge said on behalf of the board.

Hardridge was presented a certificate from fellow commissioners Ron Ballard and James Connors, for his 14 years of service as District 2 commissioner. Sheriff

Eddy Rice also honored Hardridge with a certificate from his department along with Okmulgee County Emergency Management Director Tim Craighton.

County Commission-

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## MCN Chief Hill announces death of CMN President

Muscogee Nation Principal Chief David Hill announced Sunday on social media the passing of Robert Bible, president of the College of the Muscogee Nation.

"Today, I received the unfortunate news the Muscogee Creek Nation has lost an incredible asset to our tribe, and the cabinet and leadership group has lost a tremendous friend with the passing of Mr. Robert Bible," the chief stated in his post.



Robert Bible

"Mr. Bible's legacy will live on with generations of graduates and the con-

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## Additional charge filed for child sexual abuse

Lester Lay already serving prison sentence

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Another count of child sexual abuse has been filed against a county man already serving a prison sentence.

Lester "Larry" Lay, 76, has been charged in CF-2020-292 for one count of Child Sexual Abuse. The charge was filed in Okmulgee County district court on Dec. 15.

In January, Lay was sentenced to 25 years in the Oklahoma Department of Corrections, with all suspended except the first 10 years, a \$5,000 fine, \$1,000 Victims Compensation Assessment fund, \$250 to Oklahoma Indigent Defense System, court costs, and at least two years DOC supervision. He must also reg-

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## Traditional vs. Standards-based Report Cards

School board discusses grading issue

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A lengthy discussion on Traditional vs. Standards-based Report Cards was held during the Okmulgee School board meeting last week.

Superintendent Renee Dove invited Okmulgee Primary School Principal Jennifer Neal to update the board on a proposal to move

her school to the standards-based method of grading (1st through 4th). Also in attendance at the meeting were principals and administrators from the other district sites.

Neal pointed out that Kindergarten was also using the Standards Based Report Card for quite some time.

On traditional report cards, stu-

dents receive one grade for reading, one for math, one for science, and so on.

A standards-based report card, however, lists the most important skills students should learn in each subject at a particular grade level. For example, in mathematics, a report card might list these skills:

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## Holiday closings, trash routes announced

Okmulgee's City Hall offices and Public Works operations will be closed on Thursday and Friday, Dec. 24-25, in observance of the Christmas holiday.

Sanitation service through Thursday will run as usual. Crews are working on Christmas Eve. Friday's sanitation route will run on Thursday.

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## Tons of Toys Delivered to DHS

Lots of children will have a brighter holiday this year thanks to the Harlan Ford Toy Drive, in conjunction with the Okmulgee Fraternal Order of Police. The community donated toys and bikes at Harlan Ford, Jandebeur Motor-

sports Park, Tavern 56 Okmulgee, McIntosh Tumbling of Henryetta, and The Ranch Bar and Grill of Beggs. Nine truck loads of toys and bikes were delivered Monday to the Okmulgee County DHS to distribute to foster children.

Harlan Ford and the Okmulgee FOP thanks everyone for their support in this successful endeavor.





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**Perry Gene Booker**

February 19, 1935 - December 20, 2020

Perry Gene Booker passed away on Sunday December 20, 2020, at the age of 85. Perry was born February 19, 1935, in Hulbert, to the Late Homer and Hazel (Croslin) Booker. He graduated from Liberty Morris in 1953. Perry met Pat Marquardt Booker, the love of his life in 1956. They would meet and go skating every weekend. He was drafted into the United States Army in 1958. Perry would often hitchhike home to see Pat on the weekends. Perry married Patricia Ann Marquardt October 8, 1960, at the Justice of the Peace in Henryetta. He was honorably discharged in 1963. He enjoyed coon hunting with his father in law, fishing and riding his bike. Perry worked several jobs including Pepsi, Red Sewell, and Ball Brothers Glass. He worked at Ball Brothers until he retired in 1991. After the retirement, he and Pat moved to Eufaula and spent their days fishing and watching their grandchildren grow up. Perry enjoyed fishing, hunting for arrowheads, and aggravating Pat or anyone else he could give a hard time. They moved back to Okmulgee in 2002 to be closer to their grandkids. He was always well known for his amazing gardens, rather it be his delicious tomatoes or large cabbages, everyone was always amazed.



Perry is preceded in death by both his parents, Homer and Hazel; his mother and father-in-law, Leo F. and Leo Marquardt; sister Genine Brown; brothers Anthony, Robert, Jackie, Doyle, and John (Dewayne) Booker; and his great granddaughter Kaydence Golightly. Perry leaves behind his loving wife Patricia Booker; a son Phil Booker and wife Ruby of Bixby; daughter Cindi Golightly and husband Wayne of Morris; a nephew that was like a son Rick Wolfe; two grandsons Duston Golightly and wife Lindsey of Morris, Brooks Booker of Tulsa; two granddaughters Jamie Golightly and husband Wesley Steph of Okmulgee, Desiree Hall and husband Brook of Tulsa; five great grandchildren Jaiden, Jasey, Leighton, Ryan, and Abel; sisters Linda Osburn and husband Henry of Preston, Darlene Ray and husband Delbert of Preston, Joyce Cash and husband Ed of Texas, and Bernice Snelson and husband Bob of Preston; brother Paul Booker. He gained many honorary children and grandchildren over the years and had many special nieces and nephews. We will always carry your memory in our heart.

A funeral service will be held 10 a.m. Wednesday, December 23, 2020, at the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation was Tuesday, December 22, 2020, from 1-5 p.m. Pallbearers will be Michael Morton, Matt Wasson, Clint Wilson, Jason Ray, Dustin Golightly, and Ronnie Orsburn. Honorary Pallbearers will be Brooks Booker, Rick Wolfe, and Wesley Steph.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home of Okmulgee. Memories, condolences, photos and videos may be shared with the family on Perry's Tribute Page at [www.mcclendon-winters.com](http://www.mcclendon-winters.com).

**Wanda Sue Pope**

March 11, 1935 - December 5, 2020

Wanda Sue Pope, 85, a longtime resident of Okmulgee passed away on December 5, 2020, in Glenpool.

Wanda was born on March 11, 1935, to Gladys and John Lippard in Hoffman.

She attended Okmulgee High School and graduated in 1953. Wanda married James Pope on May 16, 1954.

Together, they had a daughter, Susan Pope; one granddaughter, Kimberly Bourassa; and five great grandchildren, Tori Elkin, Zackary Nagel, Steven Jones, Jr., Andrew Jones and Jacob Jones; and many nieces and nephews.

James and Wanda were longtime members of the First Baptist Church of Okmulgee. Wanda spent years serving on the Okmulgee County Election Board. She was a longtime lover of animals and a supportive OU fan.

No services are planned at this time. A memorial service will be held at a later date. The family was cared for by Serenity Funerals and Crematory of Tulsa.



**Louie C. Moore Jr.**

September 15, 1925 - December 19, 2020

Louie C. Moore Jr. of Okmulgee, departed this life on Dec. 19, 2020, at the age of 95. He was born on September 15, 1925, to Louie and Bertha (Durning) in Russellville, Ark. He grew up in Eastern Oklahoma and graduated from Porum High School in 1943. He enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps after graduation and served in the Pacific Theater in World War II. While home on leave from the service, he was united in marriage on February 3, 1945, to his high school sweetheart, Emma Jean Pratchard. They celebrated sixty-five wonderful years of marriage. He was employed by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company and worked in the Okmulgee office for forty years. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Okmulgee for over seventy years and was active in the Methodist Men's group.

He was a proud member of American Legion Post 317 in Porum, and Post 10 in Okmulgee for sixty-two years.

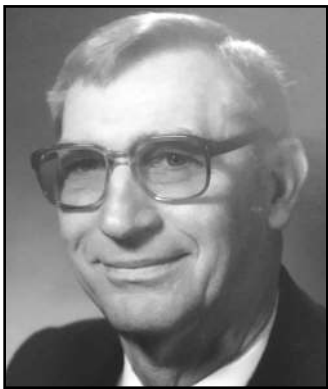
Louie will be remembered for many things: kindness, gentlemanly manners, quiet nature, perfect posture, politeness, love of Emma Jean's cooking, never missing a sporting game of Jack and Joe, crafting beautiful woodworking gifts for his granddaughter Nicole, and spending time with his children and their families. Louie was especially pleased to become a grandparent and later a great grandparent. At ninety-four years of age, he would still make the drive to celebrate their special birthdays. Louie was indeed from the "Greatest Generation".

Louie is predeceased by his beloved wife Emma Jean; parents Louie and Bertha; and his sister Miriam (Moore) Pratchard. He is survived by son, Jack L. Moore and wife Jana of Stillwater; son Joe B. Moore and wife Sharon Bogard of Rowlett, Texas; granddaughter Nicole Moore Henry and husband Matthew Tyler Henry of Richardson, Texas; grandson Ryan D. Goltz and wife Keri of Edmond; great grandchildren Jack and Emma Henry and Lauren and Andrew Goltz; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be given in Louie's name to the Food Pantry at the First United Methodist Church, 302 South Seminole Avenue, Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447.

Family graveside services are planned at Oakwood Cemetery in Okmulgee. Memorial Services have been entrusted to the care of McClendon-Winters Funeral Home of Okmulgee. A celebration of Louie's life will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Okmulgee, at a future date.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home of Okmulgee. Memories, condolences, photos and videos may be shared with the family on Louie's Tribute Page at [www.mcclendon-winters.com](http://www.mcclendon-winters.com).



**Dortha Ione Kilgore**

December 12, 1957 - December 15, 2020

Dortha Ione Kilgore, a resident of Okmulgee, passed from this life on December 15, 2020, at the age of 63. She was born December 12, 1957, to the late Elvin Bernard Morrow and Mary (Daniels) Morrow. Dortha was known for her love of all. Her love of people was only matched by her love of animals. She was a selfless person that would do anything for anyone without expecting anything in return. Dortha never met a stranger and loved taking care of others. Dortha was known as mom to many in the community. She enjoyed reading, sewing, basketball and supporting people. Dortha was a proud member of the First Freewill Baptist Church and worked for Randy's Frozen Foods and East Central Electric.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother Laverle Morrow; and ex-husband Randy Kilgore.

Those left to cherish the memories of Dortha are her sons Clinton Kilgore and Skylar Wapato; brother Larry Morrow; special friend Debbie Morrow; nephews Shane Morrow and wife Tia, Chris and Staci Morrow; nieces Amy Way and husband Darrell, Angel Knight, Crystal Bryson; great nieces and nephews, Ella and Lexi Morrow, Brooke Way, Garret Bryson, Mia Knight, and Olivia Edwards; friends Shelly Moore, Belinda Kilgore, Barbara Diggs, Teena McElroy, Cheryl McDonald and Betty Swearingen.

A graveside service will be held 2 p.m. Wednesday, December 23, 2020, at the Okmulgee Cemetery. Visitation was held at the funeral home Tuesday, December 22, 2020, from 1-5 p.m. Honorary Casket bearers will be Darrell Way, Zack Jennings, Todd Hunter, Shane Morrow, Josh Knobloch, and Logan Nelson.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home of Okmulgee. Memories, condolences, photos and videos may be shared with the family on Dortha's Tribute Page at [www.mcclendon-winters.com](http://www.mcclendon-winters.com).



**Laverle Elvin Morrow**

July 21, 1955 - December 15, 2020

Laverle Elvin Morrow passed away in Tulsa on Tuesday, December 15, 2020. He was born on July 21, 1955, in Huntsville, Texas to Elvin B. and Mary (Daniels) Morrow. Laverle married Judy (Lowery) in Okmulgee, on January 3, 1976. He was an electrical engineer who owned and operated an engineering firm for many years. Laverle enjoyed flying, never found anything he was not able to fix, enjoyed his family, and nothing made him happier than spending the holidays with those he loved. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Sapulpa, but had been a long-time member of First Baptist Church here in Okmulgee.

Laverle is preceded in death by his parents Elvin and Mary; a daughter Mandi LaVerle Morrow; sister Dortha Kilgore; and a grandchild Cameron Morrow.

He is survived by his wife, Judy of 45 years; son Chris Morrow; daughter Staci Edwards and husband Shane; brother Larry Morrow; niece Tammra Musselman and husband Tim; grandchildren Mason Morrow and Olivia Edwards.

Honorary pallbearers are Clinton Kilgore, Shane Morrow, Darrell Way and Austin Musselman. Graveside services were held Tuesday, December 22, 2020, at 2 p.m. at Okmulgee Cemetery with Dr. Dennis Taylor officiating. Visitation was Monday, December 21, from 3-6 p.m. at the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home Chapel.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home of Okmulgee. Memories, condolences, photos and videos may be shared with the family on Laverle's Tribute Page at [www.mcclendon-winters.com](http://www.mcclendon-winters.com).



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Lindell Keith Berryhill, Jr.  
September 8, 1971 - October 8, 2020

Lindell Keith “Bull-head” Berryhill, Jr. was born September 8, 1971, in Claremore to Lindell Keith Berryhill, Sr. and Christine (Willie) Berryhill. He passed away October 8, 2020, in Okmulgee at 48 years of age. Lindell grew up in Morris and attended Morris Schools. He married Ki-Cupkoce McKinney on March 16, 2016, in Branson, Mo. Lindell enjoyed playing basketball and pool and riding his Harley. His greatest love was spending time with his family.



Lindell was preceded in death by his mother, Christine Berryhill; maternal grandparents, George Toosley Willie and Maryland (Harjo) Willie; and paternal grandfather, William Raymond Berryhill.

Survivors include his wife, Ki-Cupkoce “Ekaese” Berryhill; father, Lindell Keith Berryhill, Sr.; children and step-children, Krystal Berryhill, Elijah James Berryhill, Dustin Rumpfelt, Mekhia Mendoza, Sv-Le-Kv McKinney, Jonas Kaulaitis, and Kunawv Kaulaitis; siblings, Angela Berryhill and Brandon “Eco” Berryhill and wife Sally; five grandchildren; nine nephews; seven nieces; five great nephews; and eleven great nieces.

A memorial service will be held 2 p.m. Monday, December 28, 2020, at the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home Chapel.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home of Okmulgee. Memories, condolences, photos and videos may be shared with the family on Lindell’s Tribute Page at [www.mcclendon-winters.com](http://www.mcclendon-winters.com).

Kathryn Ruth Brown

May 13, 1953 - December 18, 2020

Kathryn Ruth Brown, a resident of Davis, died December 18, 2020, at the age of 67. She was born May 13, 1953, in Okemah, to Roy and Marie (DeWebber) Wilbourn. Visitation for Kathryn will be Wednesday, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Rogers Funeral Home.

Mona Diane (Pollard) Tarkington

December 3, 1959 - December 20, 2020

Mona Diane Pollard Tarkington, a resident of rural Henryetta (Dewar) passed away Sunday, December 20, 2020, at the age of 61. She was born December 3, 1959, in Okmulgee to Bobby G. Britt and Velma (Brison) Britt.

Funeral services are scheduled for 2 p.m., Wednesday, December 23, 2020, at Dewar United Pentecostal Church with Rev. Matthew Martin officiating. Interment will follow in New Sonora Cemetery under direction of Integrity Funeral Service.

Aphia Baker

July 28, 1932 - December 17, 2020

Aphia Baker of Waco, Texas passed away Thursday, December 17, 2020, at the age of 88. Aphia was born on July 28, 1932, in Kansas City, Mo. to her parents, Arthur and Aphia (Lyons) Brown. Services will be held in the near future.

Arrangements are entrusted to Schaudt’s Okmulgee Funeral Service. Family and friends may leave kind words of comfort, special memories and condolences to the family online at [www.schaudtfuneralservice.com](http://www.schaudtfuneralservice.com).

Reva Blevins

October 20, 1929 - December 21, 2020

Services are pending for Reva Blevins, 91, of Henryetta, with Integrity Funeral Service. She passed away on Monday, December 21, 2020, in Henryetta.

Steve Pearson

December 4, 1970 - December 18, 2020

Stephen Boyd Pearson was born December 4, 1970, in Henryetta to Wade Arthur Pearson and Sandra Kay Fox. He died December 18, 2020. Service was held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 22, 2020, at the Rogers Funeral Home Chapel. Interment followed at the Westlawn Cemetery under the direction of the Rogers Funeral Home.

Okmulgee County  
COVID-19 death  
toll is 26

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Okmulgee County reported another COVID-19 related death, bringing the total to 26. The death was of a female between ages 50 to 64. It was reported in the latest statistics from the Oklahoma State Department of Health.

A total of 2,240 have died, which was an increase of 22 from the previous day.

The seven-day rolling average for new cases reported was 3,376, the state health department said. A total of 15,404 Oklahomans have been hospitalized due to the virus with 1,623 currently in acute care OSDH licensed facilities and 136 currently in other types of facilities. As of Tuesday morning, 2,251,317 tests have returned negative since testing began in February.

Newman Thompson, Jr.

March 7, 1938 - December 21, 2020

Services are pending for Newman Thompson Jr., 82, of Henryetta, with Integrity Funeral Service. He passed away on Monday, December 21, 2020, in Ft. Smith, Ark.



12/01/2020

7:17 a.m. 21st/Creek. Suspicious person - male on purple bike looking in cars.

10:16 a.m. 600 block of East 14th. Animal control - puppies need picked up.

11:06 a.m. Creek Village. Burglary of auto - Gun stolen out of vehicle.

11:27 a.m. 1200 block of East 7th. Tenant refusing to let city turn off water.

11:43 a.m. Southbound on Muskogee/8th Street. White crew cab truck, possible drunk driver.

12:42 p.m. 600 block of North Griffin. Burglary - building broken into.

12:50 p.m. Shoe Sensation. RP advised a subject is littering.

2:33 p.m. Outside El Charro. Robbery - outside wireless associate robbed by black male, demanded money and fled in direction of Love’s.

4:20 p.m. Banyan/Mission Road. Reckless driver - driver in gray Civic ran RP off the road, driving in wrong lane.

12/02/2020

12:22 p.m. 800 block of South Rogers. Animal control - aggressive tan dog.

12:27 p.m. Briarwood Apts. in front of office. Suspicious vehicle - tan

Dodge sitting there for approximately a week.

1:37 p.m. Johnny Applesseed. Aggravated assault - co-worker assaulted the RP.

1:41 p.m. 900 block of East 5th. Reference to a stolen vehicle.

1:53 p.m. Melrose/Alabama. Animal control - aggressive dog cornered RP in her car.

2:24 p.m. Mazzio’s. RP advised delivery drivers racing, driving recklessly.

4:56 p.m. 600 block of South Florida. Suspicious vehicle - RP advised of a white van parked in the empty lot since 4 a.m.

6:02 p.m. Alley behind Tavern 56. Suspicious person - RP advised of male subject, dark clothes, keeps walking up to different vehicles.

8:07 p.m. 5th/Kern. Suspicious vehicle - RP advised a white 4-door pickup possibly hit something. May have hit a vehicle in the church parking lot. Vehicle then left going backwards down 5th Street.

12/03/2020

2:41 a.m. 8th/Wood Circle K. Shoplifter. RP advised a female subject stole a bunch of items, then put her phone and

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COURTESY PHOTO

Rotary Club Celebrates Christmas with Donation

Members of the Rotary Club are pictured at Harlan Ford last week for their Christmas Party as the group made a donation to the Harlan Ford Toy Drive.

REPORT CARDS

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- I can define a number sentence.
- I can solve number sentences that have brackets.
- I can find the sum of two 2-digit numbers.
- I can find the product of two 2-digit numbers.
- I can find the quotient of two 2-digit numbers.

Instead of letter grades, students receive marks or a code that show how well they have mastered the skills. The marks might show whether the student is advanced, proficient, basic or below basic for each standard or they might be numbers representing whether students meet, exceed, or approach each standard.

Standards-based report cards should provide more consistency between

teachers than traditional report cards because all students are evaluated on the same grade-level skills. Parents can see exactly which skills and knowledge their child has acquired.

“The teacher instead of assigning one letter grade for a subject, they focus on each piece of learning and each skill those kids are needing to learn,” Neal said.

By the end of the school years, there is hope the student has made progress in learning a particular skill.

Teachers record whether a student is proficient in the subject, have mastered it, or needs work, Neal stated.

Neal and district leaders have been working on what standards should be used.

Also being considered is whether to use a numbered system, either 3 or 4-prong, with the higher number showing a mastering or proficiency in the re-

quired standard.

Neal stated the district already works with pacing grade which shows parents and students what skills have been taught, and where improvement is needed.

The overall goal is to bring about better conversations with families on their child’s progress. This allows teachers to go back over those subjects that need work, rather than it being a “one and done.”

“Each grade level has chosen about 14 to 17 standards in English/Language Arts and also in Math,” Neal said.

Teachers have also talked to their peers in the next grade level to see what students must be proficient in.

“We will still teach all the standards, but there are few that must be focused on,” Neal said. “Standards based report cards are a working document.”

One question asked by the board was

whether this system would avoid those difficult conversations with parents.

“We will still have to have hard conversations with parents,” Neal said, “but I think it will be better equip our teachers for those conversations.”

A decision on the proposal was tabled until a future date, as district staff works on finalizing the actual grading process and how the reports would be made, explaining it to parents.

“It is a shift and it is a change, but it is a good move in the right direction,” Supt. Dove said, “and we can get the piece to this so you can see the strength of it.”

Neal added the district is looking at using a Letter system instead of a numbered one, which is what the Pre-K and Kindergarten already uses.

“We just haven’t settled on that yet, but we will share that with you,” Neal said.



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A Friendly Wager

Oscar Higgs and Aaron Swayze of the Okmulgee County Sheriff’s Office placed a small wager on the recent OU vs. OSU bedlam game. Higgs, a graduate and ‘super fan’ of OSU lost the bet, so he had to wear an OU jersey as payment. Though it pained him to have to do so, he was a good sport and posed with Swayze for this photo. The back of the shirt did plainly state that he was only wearing the shirt because he lost a bet.



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**Holiday Closings**  
**Hoffman Fellowship** | The Hoffman Fellowship will be closed the next two weeks and will reopen Saturday, Jan. 9. Special guests that evening will be Gospel Way. Join us for an evening of worshipful music. All are welcome!

**Okmulgee Chamber of Commerce** | The Okmulgee Chamber of Commerce will close at noon Thursday, Dec. 24, and will reopen Tuesday, Jan. 5.

**Okmulgee Times** | The Okmulgee Times will be closed Dec. 24-25 for Christmas. The office will reopen Monday, Dec. 28.

**December 23**  
**Community Christmas Dinner** | A Community Christ-

mas 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 Patricia 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**  
**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.

**HOLIDAY**  
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Emergency service, police and fire departments, will remain operational during the holiday.

City offices and Public Works operations will resume on Monday, Dec. 28.  
The Okmulgee County Courthouse will also be closed Thursday and Friday.

**PRESIDENT**  
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tinued advancement of our College of the Muscogee Nation, where he served as President," Chief Hill wrote.  
Bible played a crucial role in the construction, development, growth and ultimately, the national accreditation of the College of the Muscogee Nation, according to Chief Hill.  
"His impact is immeasurable as is the effect his work has had on the education and lives of so many students," Chief Hill stated. "Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and his CMN family today. God bless them."  
"Mr. Bible, we will continue your commitment to providing education and opportunity to our tribal citizens and advancing the growth of our tribal college like you would want. Mvto!"

**COUNTY**  
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ers' Office employee Dawn Longan also gave Hardridge a photo memento of his staff and crew at District 2.  
"I've been blessed with another career, and when I came here, even Senator Ballenger ... I've spent these years with these guys up here that I fought fires with many, many years before being a member of this commission," Hardridge said. "But I have been so blessed to have served the area ... I plan on sticking around. I just want you to know I am a proud, proud person to have served Okmulgee County."  
Agenda items approved were:

- Purchase Orders: ComData Network from Emergency Management, fuel as needed, \$500; S&H Auto Care, parts and supplies as needed for District 1, \$1000; O'Reilly Auto for parts and supplies as needed for District 2, \$250; Autozone for parts and supplies as needed for District 2, \$250.
- Employee Acknowledgement Forms: Jessica Creason, District 1, full-time.
- Awarded Bid #13 for weekly/monthly rental of smooth drum roller and/or trackhoe for six-month period based on availability.
- Declaration of Surplus of graders for District 1.
- Intergovernmental Cross-deputization Agreement with Muscogee Nation and Okmulgee County Sheriff's Office.
- Proclamation naming Okmulgee County School Choice Week Jan. 24-30, 2021.
- Invitation to Bid #16 for election ballots for a 12-month period.
- Claims

The board tabled a decision on a Gas Sales Agreement with Clearwater Enterprises and the Okmulgee County Personnel Police Handbook.



PATRICK FORD | NEWS EDITOR  
During Monday's meeting of the Okmulgee County Board of Commissioners, Certificates of Appreciation were given to two officials who will be retiring at the end of the year. Commissioner Robert Hardridge presents a Certificate of Appreciation to County Clerk Becky Thomas.



District 2 Commissioner Robert Hardridge is presented a plaque thanking him for his service from Okmulgee County Emergency Management Director Tim Craighton.



Sheriff Eddy Rice presents a Certificate of Appreciation to retiring District 2 Commissioner Robert Hardridge.



Okmulgee County Commissioner Secretary Dawn Longan presents Robert Hardridge with a memento of photos from District 2, including staff members.

**ABUSE**  
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ister as a sex offender.  
Lay was arrested Oct. 29, 2019, by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation. Lay was accused of making sexual contact with an underage female at a residence northeast of Okmulgee in July 2019. The investigation began after the Okmulgee County Sheriff's Office requested OSBI assistance in investigating allegations Lay sexually assaulted a 13-year-old female.  
No date has been set for a court appearance in this case.

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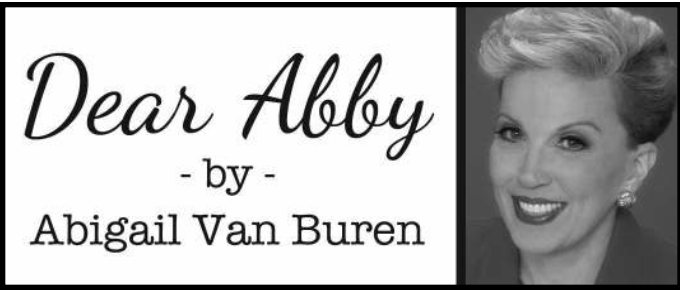
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Due to the COVID-19 Virus product availability may be limited. At this time there will be no Rain Checks Given. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.



# Change in guest list draws angry response



**DEAR ABBY:** I’ve known my friend “Ashley” for a lot of years. She is single. Several years ago, I introduced her to another couple, the “Smiths.” We all have a lot in common and take turns inviting each other for dinner. This group and a couple of other couples are the only people in my social circle I have seen periodically during this pandemic.

Two weeks ago, Ashley invited my husband and me and the Smiths for dinner. Three days before the dinner, Ashley sent me a text the Smiths will be bringing another couple, and she wanted to be sure it was OK with us. I called her immediately and told her with the spike in COVID cases, I wasn’t comfortable having a close dinner with a couple who wasn’t in my social circle. She said she was “sorry,” meaning if I didn’t like it, my husband and I could stay home.

I’m extremely hurt and angry and am losing sleep

over this. I feel Ashley should have asked us before adding this other couple to our dinner. I feel like sending her a letter saying no friend should treat another friend like this, I guess she’s not really a friend and end the relationship. My husband is stopping me from sending such a letter. Am I overreacting? -- **ANGRY IN OREGON**

**DEAR ANGRY:** Yes, you are. You have blown this out of proportion. Be glad you have a husband who advised you as he did. Ashley did the right thing by telling you the guest list for the dinner had grown so you could opt out if you wished. Because she was the host, she was not obligated to ask permission to include the extras.

**DEAR ABBY:** I’m a truck driver who is on the road for weeks at a time. My girlfriend got a new job and is working every day. On the weekends, she goes out to bars.

I feel jealous because I’m working and even when I can get a weekend to be with her, she doesn’t want to be intimate. Also, she promises to call me but rarely does. Should I just end it? I’ve been married twice and thought we would be a couple and marry. I don’t know what I should do. -- **ON THE ROAD**

**DEAR ON THE ROAD:** Allow me to steer you in the right direction. You are apart from this woman weeks at a time, and when you do manage to be together, she isn’t interested in intimacy. After promising to stay in closer touch with you, she fails to follow through. This should tell you when you’re out of sight, you’re not on her mind.

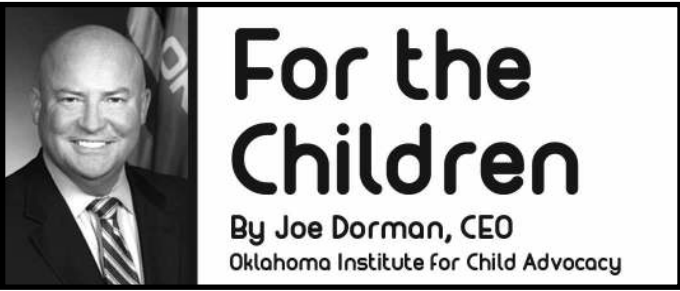
Take the hint. End the “romance” -- what little there is of it. Then, thank your lucky stars she isn’t your wife, and you’re not heading to divorce court for a third time.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a step-grandma whose 4-year-old grandson desperately needs a haircut. Is it OK for Santa to get him a gift card for a haircut? -- **CLEAN CUT IN FLORIDA**

**DEAR CLEAN CUT:** The child’s parents may like their son’s hair the way it is. If the reason they are leaving it long is financial, a gift card might be appreciated. However, if that’s not the case, your gesture would be interpreted as judgmental, and it would not be appreciated.

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# More light in the days ahead despite the darkness



Let me begin by wishing you all a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa, Happy Festivus and lastly, Winter Solstice. Reaching the Winter Solstice means each day will be a bit brighter than the last; we have made it through literally the darkest part of the year. Figuratively, we still have just a bit longer before the darkness grows brighter.

That thought of impending improvement has helped me because, let me be honest: It was a struggle writing a column this week. It has been hard to get into the “Christmas spirit” this year. I know there is hope on the horizon with the end of 2020 and a vaccine for COVID-19 being distributed in the first delivery stage to healthcare workers. The vaccine won’t be a quick fix, and we still have months where we will have to fight this dreaded disease, but at least we have, hopefully, turned a corner.

In normal years, the Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy is spearheading OK Foster Wishes and assisting with the fulfillment of wish lists submitted by foster youth. This year, we had to adjust the mission to collect gift cards for foster parents and those running group homes to help them buy the gifts for the youth. This was done to limit volunteers and DHS staff to exposure to COVID-19. Needless to say, it was just not the same as witnessing an entire warehouse of toys and knowing thousands of young Oklahomans would

see their desired gifts end up with them.

Despite that letdown, I need to look to the positives. We had hundreds of supporters this year supply donations to help those in need and those young people will still have a happy morning when they wake up and open presents. We helped make that happen, and so did those who contributed to our mission. Likewise, the same can be said about the many other programs out there doing similar work and their donors.

As we enter a new year, with new challenges yet unknown, we will still be battling the COVID-19 virus and all it has caused. This season is meant to remind us there is light even in darkness - no matter your faith tradition. Even if you don’t have one, the fact that each day will have more light for the next six months is another tangible reminder there is light even in darkness. We must also sometimes intentionally focus on that light to help move away from the dark.

So, let me close this column with that wish for you: no matter how dark times may be, there is light, there is hope. We Oklahomans have always been able to make a brighter future, no matter the darkness that has fallen, and I am confident we will again. So, I wish “Happy Holidays” to you all.

*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.”*

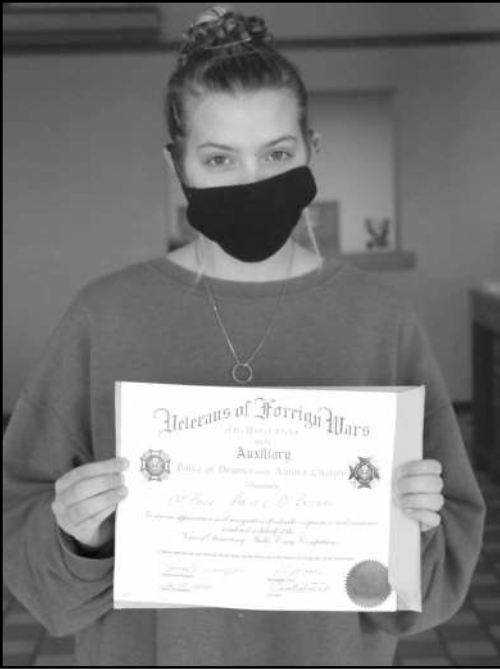


Merry Christmas to all in our community. We appreciate your support in this last difficult year. With your help, we have spayed and neutered many feral cats and stray dogs. With the help of Rhonda McCurdy and her girls Flower and Gypsy, we have received over \$140 in the sales of our winter doggie clothes and many donations for our foster pets from the Pet Angel tree.

We are currently taking donations of new or used dog houses in GOOD shape. We can pick up from you, just give us a call. All money donations can be mailed to Okmulgee County Humane Society P.O. 663, Okmulgee OK 74447.

At the City Pound right now, we have a sweet little male Beagle mix. Barney is approximately 10 weeks old. He needs a foster or forever home soon. Please email us for an application. okmhumsoc@sbcglobal.net.

Okmulgee Humane Society • 918-759-2000



Ariel Brown - 1st place



Grace Bowcut - 2nd place



Malik Wilson - 3rd place



Justice Holman - 4th place

ANTHONY NIETO | GENERAL MANAGER

## VFW Voice of Democracy Essay Contest Winners Announced

The annual Voice of Democracy Essay Contest was a little different this year due to COVID-19. Students were required to record their essays and entry into the contest. Okmulgee High School students placing were Ariel Brown, 1st place; Grace Bowcut, 2nd place; Malik Wilson, 3rd place; and Justice Holman, 4th place.

## POLICE

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keys in another customer’s vehicle. Subject at pump looking for phone and keys. RP advised he has her keys.

7:45 a.m. Hwy. 62. Traffic accident, hit and run. RP

advised of a possible hit and run. Maroon vehicle struck another vehicle in front of the Creek Nation Medical Clinic and drove off into Creek Forest.

11:06 a.m. 1300 block of East 11th. Suspicious vehicle. Black Mustang in alleyway. RP advised it’s been parked since about 5 a.m.

1:30 p.m. 100 block of North Taft. Unwanted person

- owner wants gone.

3:06 p.m. 10th/Taft. Suspicious person. Male looks like he’s attempting to break into a window.

5:10 p.m. 20th/Belmont. Traffic accident, no injury, just west of hospital.

6:58 p.m. 600 block of West 15th Street. Motor vehicle theft.

**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.

**“The Meaning of Christmas”**  
*by Mary Morris*

“And there were, in the same country, shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.’” (Luke 2:8-14)

Back in the day, the Holy Bible (and only one version, the King James, was used) was a teaching tool. Not only were children taught to read from it, but they also learned portions of it by heart. This small section was memorized and recited by my second grade class as part of our Christmas program. I can still repeat it (almost) flawlessly, these 62 years later.

The words capture the essence of Christ’s birth. He came so ALL people - great, small, rich, poor, widely renowned, or completely unknown - would be acceptable in heaven, despite their ignobility on earth. No matter that Christ was a prince, He was born in a barn, so He was reachable to both royals and commoners. Christ’s birth brought about a level playing field.

Nothing has changed about that in twenty centuries. Christmas is a time of love and wonder and miracles. If ever we needed to be reminded of that, it is now. Become a part of that even if, at first, it has to be forced. You will find the more love and cheer you give away, ten times as much comes back to you.

My prayer for you is that you find the joy only Christ can bring. Become like the shepherds and seek Him of whom

the angels spoke. “Peace, good will toward men.”

**St. Michael Catholic Church**  
***Feast of Holy Family (B)***  
(Sirach 3:2-6/Col. 3: 12-21/Lk. 2 22-40)

This Sunday, the Church invites us to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family: Mary + Joseph + Jesus. Right after Christmas, the Church focuses on celebrating the Holy Family because she and we realize family is the basic, the center, and the navel of society! Without family, we lack a lot of fun and love and a lot of things when we grow up.

If you look at a landscape, it may be covered with snow or with green grass and wildflowers. It all depends on the presence or absence of the sun. In the same ways, if you look into a home where there are young children, you will find signs of neglect or signs of care, depending on the presence or absence of love especially from their parents.

God can become a human person without parents; but he did not do it that way! He was born in Bethlehem with his parents, Joseph his father and Mary his mother. He chose a human way in which he created on earth, family. A good family life will be marked by simplicity, solidarity, intimacy and loyalty. But most of all it will bring out the best in us. It will reveal to us our hidden beauty and grandeur, our untapped power and capacities. When we are loved by our family, we discover resources and strengths we never dreamed of, much as Joseph did in the gospel when his wife Mary and his child Jesus were threatened.

We thank God for giving each of us family. We ask for those, especially children who have been abandoned from their families. May God bless all families on earth with God’s love and care.

Let us also pray for Marriage life. Because it is a basic of the family. May God help all people in the world to sanctify our families, show us the value of family life, and help us to live in peace and love in our families.

May God bless all families in the world.

**Cornerstone Foursquare**  
***A Place to Worship the King***  
“Be our guest as we’ve embarked in a study, ‘Worship the King.’ The Cornerstone Fourquare (CF) family would love

for you to discover with us the Language of the Wisemen this season,” Rev. Mickey Baldwin, lead pastor, said. He continues, saying, “Letting our lives be filled with worship, we start by having eyes to see God’s goodness and hearts moved by faith to go. Join us each Sunday in December or be a part of our online family during our LIVEstream on Facebook.

The CF campus is located at 617 N. Oklahoma Ave. in Okmulgee at the intersection of Oklahoma & Trent. Our service streams LIVE on Facebook at 10:30 a.m. Sundays and 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays to connect with our Facebook family.

The doors open at 10 a.m. for connecting and Café Hope, followed by passionate music, children’s programming and encouragement from God’s Word at 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Baldwin concluded, saying, “This season, maybe more than others, as we deal with changes brought on by the COVID pandemic, we must move past cynical views, our complacent lives and commercial focus so we can learn the language of being a true worshiper. Maybe we should ask, like the Wisemen, ‘Where is the newborn King?’ May we also be so bold to find and worship the King.”

Other ways to connect with us can be found at these social media sites: Instagram - CornerstoneOkmulgee, Twitter - @CornerstoneOK and Youtube. For more information, call 918-756-4787 or find us at www.okmulgeefoursquare.org. #worshiptheking #hopeishere #givethanks #seeyousunday

**First United Methodist Church**  
8th & Seminole • Okmulgee  
www.fumcokmulgee.org

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, Dec. 23***  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Food Pantry

12 p.m. Lost & Found NA - Basement  
7 p.m. No Choir Rehearsal  
7 p.m. Lost & Found NA - Basement  
***Thursday, Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve***  
6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Holy Communion  
***Friday, Dec. 25 - Merry Christmas!***  
No Lost & Found NA Meeting

**Catholic Community of Okmulgee**  
St. Anthony’s Catholic Church  
515 S. Morton Ave. • 918-756-4385  
All services will be at St. Anthony’s Catholic Church

**CHRISTmas Services**  
***Thursday, Dec. 24***  
4 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass  
7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass  
***Friday, Dec. 25***  
12 a.m. Midnight Mass  
9 a.m. Christmas Morning Mass  
This mass will also be livestreamed on the Catholic Community of Okmulgee Facebook page.

**New Year’s Day - Mary the Holy Mother of God**  
***Thursday, Dec. 31***  
5 p.m. New Year’s Day Vigil Mass  
***Friday, Jan. 1***  
9 a.m. New Year’s Day Mass  
This mass will also be livestreamed on the Catholic Community of Okmulgee Facebook page.

For more information, please contact the Community Office at 918-756-4385 or saumchurches@gmail.com. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**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!

**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.



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Thursday, Dec. 24  
& Friday, Dec. 25

Okmulgee  
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# WORSHIP DIRECTORY

## APOSTOLIC

**Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ**  
700 S Liberty • Okmulgee  
918-756-2662

**Apostolic Life Church**  
1512 E 13th • Okmulgee  
918-756-0313

**Greater Praise & Worship Center**  
13425 Loop 56 • Okmulgee  
918-756-0965

**Jesus Is Lord Apostolic**  
14th & Oklahoma • Okmulgee

**Mount Calvary Miracle Temple**  
1004 N Osage • Okmulgee  
918-756-1648

**New Life Apostolic Church**  
4900 N Wood • Okmulgee  
918-756-5983

## ASSEMBLY OF GOD

**Compass Assembly of God**  
13425 Loop 56 • Okmulgee  
918-756-0965

**First Assembly of God**  
4th & Seminole • Okmulgee  
918-756-0203

**First Assembly of God (Beggs)**  
400 E Main • Beggs  
918-267-4407

**First Grace Assembly**  
716 N Taft • Okmulgee  
918-756-6544

**Morris Assembly of God**  
206 N Hughes • Morris  
918-733-4200

**Preston Assembly of God**  
14030 Celia Berryhill • Okmulgee  
918-845-3919

## BAPTIST

**Belvin Baptist Church**  
320 N Mission • Okmulgee  
918-990-0215

**Calvary Baptist**  
1327 E 13th • Okmulgee  
918-756-4887

**Cane Creek Baptist**  
Boynton, OK

**Central First Baptist**  
521 N Central • Okmulgee  
918-756-0578

**Clearview Baptist Church**  
16950 Loop 56 • Okmulgee  
918-230-6710

**Cotton Creek Baptist**  
Boynton & Morris  
918-441-3388

**Crossroads Baptist Church**  
6962 Happy Camp • Beggs  
918-267-4720

**Eastside Baptist Church**  
3rd & Osage • Okmulgee  
918-756-1686

**Faith Baptist Church**  
1000 N Grand • Okmulgee  
918-756-1634 • 918-752-0388

**First Baptist Church**  
5th & Seminole • Okmulgee  
918-756-7880

**First Freewill Baptist Church**  
11th & Oklahoma • Okmulgee

**Fundamental Indian Baptist**  
615 S Oklahoma • Okmulgee

**Grovania Freewill Baptist**  
12015 N 230 • Okmulgee  
918-756-5305

**Liberty Baptist Church**  
23570 Liberty • Morris  
918-733-2623

**Macedonia Baptist Church**  
1029 N Sioux • Okmulgee  
918-756-0956

**Morris First Baptist Church**  
2nd & Peking • Morris  
918-733-2340

**Morris Indian Baptist Church**  
Morris

**Mt. Zion Baptist Church**  
1500 N Miami • Okmulgee  
918-756-6553

**Natura Baptist Church**  
7995 N 250 • Beggs

**New Jerusalem Baptist Church**  
11435 Nixon • Preston  
918-695-0361

**New Salem Baptist Church**  
1300 E Lafayette • Okmulgee

**Northwest Baptist Church**  
10455 Smith • Okmulgee  
918-703-9480

**Nuyaka Baptist Church**  
12 miles west of N Hwy 75 &  
3 miles west of Okmulgee

**Okmulgee Indian Baptist**  
W Eufaula • Okmulgee

**Preston First Baptist Church**  
918-756-5979

**Second Baptist Church**  
1103 N Alabama • Okmulgee

**Southside Baptist Church**  
918-756-2065

**St. Matthews Baptist Church**  
1001 E Chicago • Okmulgee

**Trinity Baptist Church**  
West of Morris on Hwy 62  
918-733-2746

**Twin Hills Baptist Church**  
20200 Hwy 16 • Okmulgee

## CATHOLIC

**St. Anthony's Catholic Church**  
515 S Morton • Okmulgee  
918-756-4385

**Uganda Martyrs**  
806 E 3rd • Okmulgee  
918-756-4385

## CHRISTIAN

**First Christian Church**  
8th & Seminole • Okmulgee  
918-756-0994

**First Christian Church (Morris)**  
3rd & Peoria • Morris

**Love International Christian Ministry**  
710 N Hillman • Okmulgee  
918-756-2682

**Osage Avenue Christian Church**  
1101 E Smith • Okmulgee

**Town & Country Christian Church**  
1160 E 13th • Okmulgee  
South of cemetery • 918-756-6107

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Church of Christ**  
3rd & Comanche • Okmulgee  
918-582-9535 • 918-906-4986

**Eastside Church of Christ**  
801 N Miami • Okmulgee  
918-756-6737

**Grand Ave. Church of Christ**  
318 S Grand • Okmulgee  
918-756-7462

**Southside Church of Christ**  
15th & Rogers • Okmulgee  
918-756-6142

## CHURCH OF GOD

**Church of God of Prophecy**  
1st & Cherokee • Beggs

**Eastside Church of God in Christ**  
1500 E McLagan • Okmulgee  
918-756-2811

**Mt. Zion Church of God in Christ**  
707 N Muskogee • Okmulgee

**New Beginnings Church of God**  
13040 Celia Berryhill • Okmulgee  
918-756-2204

**Northside Evangelistic Temple**  
Preston • 918-756-7563

**Trinity Church of God in Christ**  
1701 N Mission • Okmulgee  
918-756-9004 (Leave a Message)

## EPISCOPAL

**Church of the Redeemer**  
213 N Seminole • Okmulgee  
918-756-2384

## LUTHERAN

**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
1314 E 6th • Okmulgee

## METHODIST

**Beggs United Methodist Church**  
6th & Broadway • Beggs  
918-267-3820

**Big Cussetah United Methodist**  
3.5 miles south on Prarie Bell • Morris

**Cleaves Memorial**  
806 E Smith • Okmulgee

**First United Methodist**  
8th & Seminole • Okmulgee  
918-756-6083

**Greater Jones Chapel AME**  
1125 Smith • Okmulgee  
918-756-8296

**Handy Chapel**  
1st & Broadway • Beggs

**Morris First United Methodist**  
601 S Hughes • Morris

**Newtown United Indian Methodist**  
14460 N 210 • Okmulgee  
918-304-1400

**Shorter Chapel AME**  
405 N Central • Okmulgee

## NAZARENE

**Church of the Nazarene**  
711 N Okmulgee • Okmulgee  
918-756-3359

## PENTECOSTAL

**Abundant Life PH**  
10094 Leppard • Okmulgee  
918-650-0232

**The Refuge Okmulgee**  
1206 W 5th • Okmulgee  
918-756-2442 • www.therefuge.us

**United Pentecostal**  
608 W Ozard • Morris  
918-733-2610

## PRESBYTERIAN

**First Presbyterian Church**  
401 S Seminole • Okmulgee

## SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS

**Marantha Seventh Day**  
1213 E Chicago • Okmulgee  
918-521-0482

**Okmulgee Seventh Day**  
Hwy 62 • 3 miles east of Okmulgee

## OTHER

**Bald Hill Community Church**  
N 280 & Bald Hill

**Beggs House of Prayer**  
Broadway & 1st • Beggs

**The Church**  
2501 E 2nd • Okmulgee

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# Winners named for Sparkle Spree

Okmulgee Main Street held the annual Sparkle Spree drawing last week. Here are the winners of the various prizes:

- \$50 Main Street Bucks - Kelley Mishima and Kara Dildine
- \$100 Main Street Bucks - Barbara Waller and Charla Newport-Sadler
- \$200 Main Street Bucks - Christy Vanbrundt and Angie Efurd
- \$250 Main Street Bucks - Jenny Weaver and Sarah Stice
- \$300 Main Street Bucks - Beverly Cazenave
- \$500 Grand Prize - Angie Efurd

Thanks to the community for supporting and shopping at local businesses.



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## LETTERS TO SANTA

**Twin Hills  
Pre-K**

Dear Santa,  
I would like fake finger-  
nails, an Elsa doll and a  
real horse!  
From, Peyton G

Dear Santa,  
I would like a blue tractor,  
a stuffed kangaroo  
and choo choo train with  
a track.  
From, Kaysen S

Dear Santa,  
I would like a real, brown  
dog, a teddy bear and  
a toy mouse - scare my  
daddy!

From, Kinsley H

Dear Santa,  
I would like a real gui-  
tar and a Nerf gun that  
shoots darts.  
From, Jance R

Dear Santa,  
I would like a green  
monster truck, bey  
blades and new markers.  
From, Jacobi R

Dear Santa,  
I would like a choo choo  
train, a remote control  
airplane and a tiny, yel-  
low car.  
From, Robbie W

Dear Santa,  
I would like a stuffed cat,  
a Barbie doll and a baby  
doll that cries.  
From, Rynlee B

Dear Santa,  
I would like a soft ted-  
dy bear, a baby doll that  
cries and a doll house.  
From, Aubrey W

Dear Santa,  
I would like a real horse,  
a pink Barbie horse, and  
a baby stroller.  
From, Savanna

Dear Santa,  
I would like an Elsa doll  
that is as big as me!

From, Aven W

Dear Santa,  
I would like a rainbow  
teddy bear, a blue puppy  
and a red tractor.  
From, Serena F

Dear Santa,  
I would like a blue teddy  
bear, a train on a track  
and a race car.  
From, Elijah L

Dear Santa,  
I would like a big, green  
car and a blue monster  
truck.  
From, Conner N



COURTESY PHOTOS

## VFW Post 1189 Holds Children's Christmas Party

Okmulgee VFW Post 1189 hosted their Annual Children's Christmas Party on Saturday with a drive-thru event at the post home. VFW and Auxiliary members are shown with the gifts that were distributed. The members delivered the gifts to the cars according to the number of children present. A big thanks to the post for making Christmas brighter for area children.



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# Dragons win!



SCOTT DELK | FREE-LANCE REPORTER

Dewar Dragons won their first state championship Saturday against Laverne Tigers.

## Dewar wins first state championship in undefeated season

**JACOB FACTOR**  
SPORTS EDITOR

Saturday was a day of celebration for the undefeated Dewar Dragons.

The Dragons won their first state title in their first championship appearance since 2007 Saturday against the Laverne Tigers in a 38-20 victory.

“The kids played really hard, they just outplayed (Laverne),” head coach Josh Been said. “It was all them! They deserve all the credit; they worked their tails off this year.”

At the start of the game, Laverne took an early lead with a one-yard touch-down after a drive down the field, but Dewar’s Shawn Maxwell answered with

his own three-yard TD.

Laverne then countered with another TD after a 36-yard run to finish the first quarter in the lead.

Dewar picked up their defense the rest of the game to keep Laverne scoreless for most of the game.

In the meantime, Dewar’s offense landed four more TDs to take the 38-20 win.

Thomas Brownfield caught a 53-yard pass from Joey Fowler for the Dragons’ second TD to make the score 14-12 in Dewar’s favor, and the Dragons’ rode that lead all the way to the gold ball.

Fowler ran an 18-yard run to score Dewar’s next TD, then ran a ten-yarder

to score again.

Maxwell with a one-yard run secured the final TD for the Dragons.

Laverne got one last TD in the final minutes of the game on a 20-yard run.

Fowler completed 13 of 17 passes for 171 yards in the game.

Maxwell had 210 rushing yards in the game and two TDs, and Fowler ran for 139 yards and also had two TDs.

On the receiving side, Brownfield had 97 yards and a TD, with his longest reception for 53 yards.

James Brison had 57 receiving yards, and Maxwell had 16.

Four Dragons made double-digit tackles on defense.

Fowler led the defense with 20 tackles, followed by Maxwell who made 15 tackles.

Tyler Maldonado made 14 tackles and Brownfield had 10 of them.

Also assisting the defense with tackles were Baylor Selby with eight, Kaelem Carter with seven, Brison with five, Kaedyn Harrison with on and Brett Hays with one.

Fowler also caught two interceptions.

The Dragons had an outstanding season, averaging 54 points per game until the championship.

In the regular season, they only had 52 points scored against them.

## Beggs seniors have memorable high school careers

The Golden Demons finished their season two weeks ago.

Their four seniors finished outstanding high school football careers.

Beggs Senior J.J. Roe has probably played in more high school football games than anyone in the state of Oklahoma. He has been a part of 57 games in the past four years.

From the 2017-2018 season until now, the Beggs football team is a four-time Oklahoma State Semi-Finalist and a two-time State Runner-Up.

The Demons four-year record is an impressive 48-9.

“The entire community of Beggs can be proud of the 2020 football team,” said Head Coach David Tenison. “With a 10-3 record, we overcame so much adversity with Covid, injuries and several other obstacles.”

“This is a relatively young team as we only graduate four seniors,” he said. “These young men worked hard

to be good and their efforts will always be appreciated.”

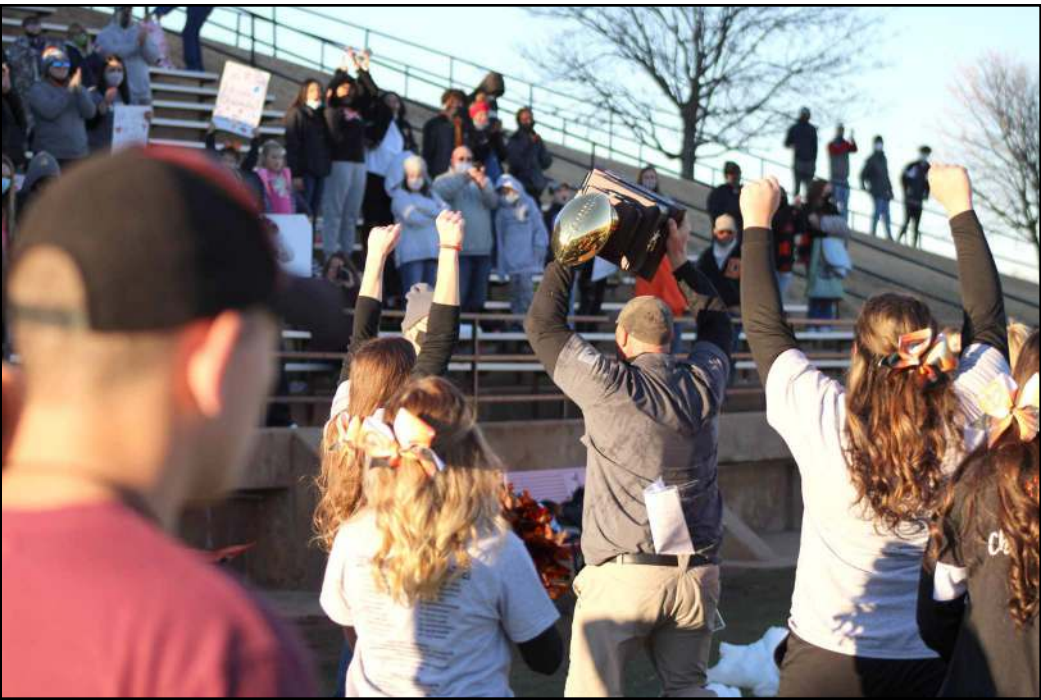
“Our four seniors, Roe, Kendal Daniels, Trey Gaines, and Jesse Pendergrass did an outstanding job of leading and mentoring several young players who played a key role in our success this year,” Tenison said.

Beggs Golden Demons seniors from left to right: Kendal Daniels, Jesse Pendergrass, Trey Gaines and J.J. Roe.

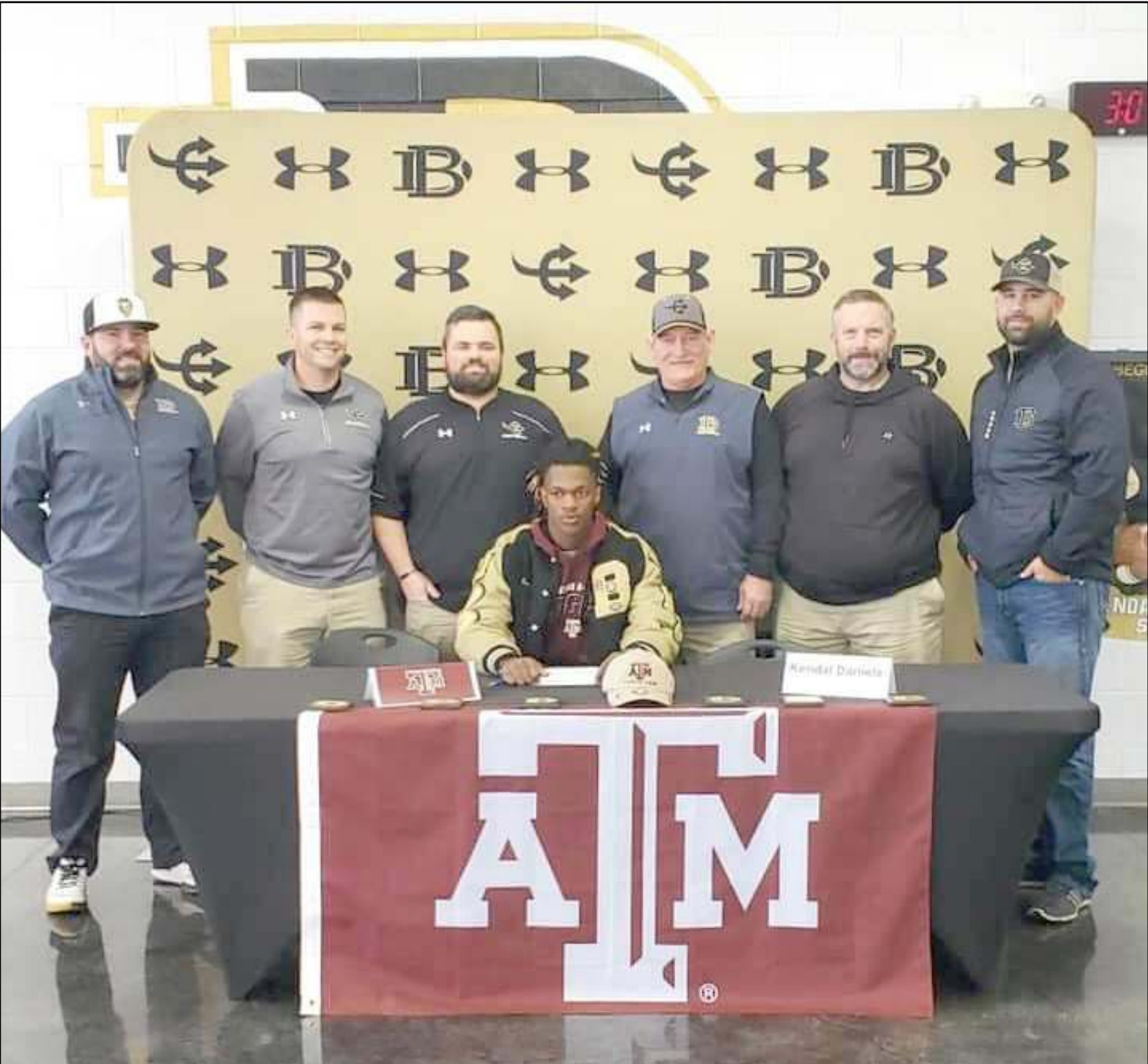
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# Photos from Dewar's championship







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## Beggs’ Kendal Daniels signs with Texas A&M

Beggs stand-out senior Kendal Daniels signed to continue his football career with Texas A&M last week.

“This is what can happen when goals are set and hard work is put in every day,” Beggs Athletics said. “We are so excited for what your future holds. Go get ‘em, Kendal!”

## Tournament of Champions canceled

Tulsa’s Tournament of Champions that was scheduled for Dec. 27-Dec. 29 has been canceled.

Beggs boys were scheduled to compete in the tourney.

TPS canceled the event due to rising COVID-19 numbers.

Instead, there will be a “Festival of Champions” event held at Jenks High School.

On Dec. 28, Beggs will play 5A first-ranked Memorial at 3 p.m. On Dec. 29, Beggs meets Webster at noon.

Games will be held three hours apart

so fans can clear the arena after each game.

The event was moved to Jenks so fans can attend as TPS policy doesn’t allow fans at their events. Schools will receive 125 tickets each and no tickets will be sold at the door.



JACOB FACTOR | SPORTS EDITOR

Morris’ Kolby Adams earned the Class 2A District 7 Quarterback of the Year.

## Daniels earns MVP in Class 2A District 7

Morris, Beggs players win honors

### Class 2A District 7 Awards:

MVP: Kendal Daniels, Beggs

Offensive players of the year: Levi Korir, Metro Christian; Hayden Cooper, Kiefer

Defensive player of the year: Cade Gibson, Metro Christian

Coach of the year: Jared McCoy, Metro Christian

### Position players of the year

QB: Kolby Adams, Morris

WR: Malachi Penland and Junior Simpson, Metro Christian

OL: Evan Grantham, Metro Christian; Kolby Burris, Morris; Bailey Capehart, Kiefer

DL: Jacob Cloyde, Metro Christian; Jerry Ramos, Morris; Brock Capehart, Kiefer

ILB: Jesse McCoy, Victory Christian

OLB: Jesse Pendergrass, Beggs

CB: Trey Gaines, Beggs

S: Colton Cook, Metro Christian

K: Jonah Edwards, Victory Christian

P: Gabe Boyd, Kiefer

Injured athletes: Patrick Bann, Okmulgee; Wyatt Ward, Morris

First team

OL: Bryson Wolfe and Briley Phillips, Metro Christian; JJ Roe, Beggs; AJ Rodriguez, Victory Christian

RB: Maverick Parker, Kiefer

WR: Gabriel Calhoon, Victory Christian

DB/WR: Conner David, Haskell

OLB: Andre Rodriguez, Victory Christian

K: Caden Combs, Metro Christian

## Morris gets win against Chandler



JACOB FACTOR | SPORTS EDITOR

Morris Eagles took down Chandler last Thursday in an easy 78-42 victory. The Eagles go into Winter Break with a 3-2 record and will continue their season in January with a game Jan. 5 at Eufaula.





PATRICK FORD | NEWS EDITOR

Salvation Army Distributes Food, Gifts

Okmulgee County Salvation Army board members, staff and volunteers participated in distributing blessings to community children and families in need last week. The agency delivered presents for the Salvation Army Angel Tree,

along with provisions for Christmas dinner. The event was held at the Okmulgee Community Center this year.

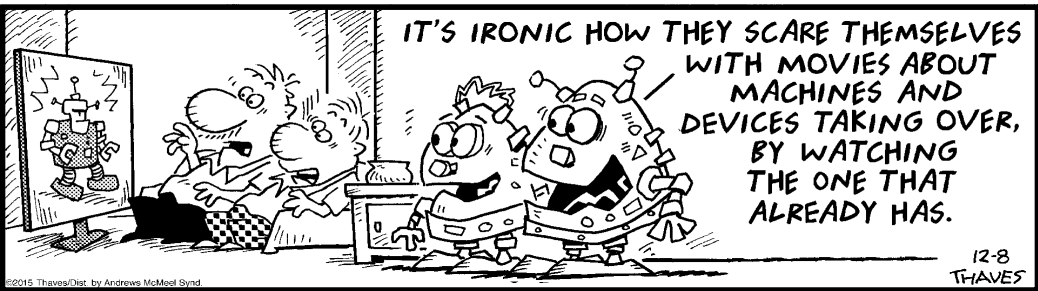




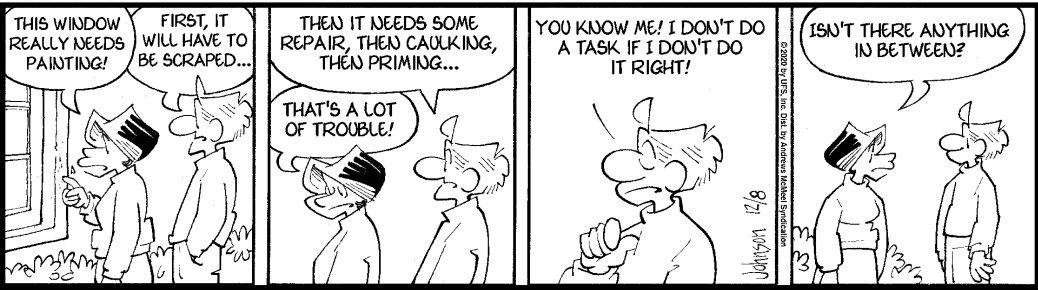
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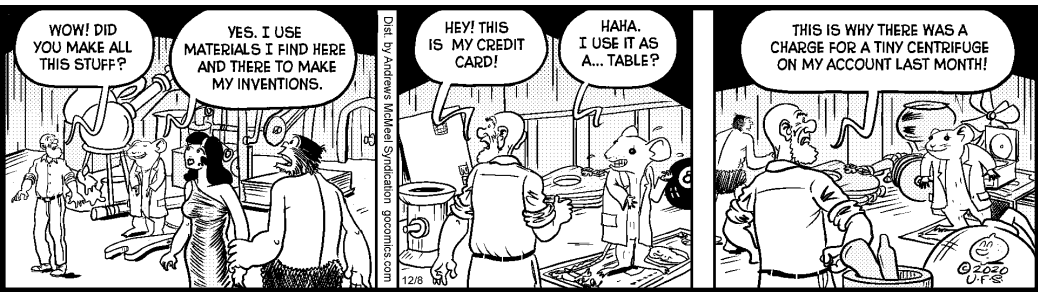
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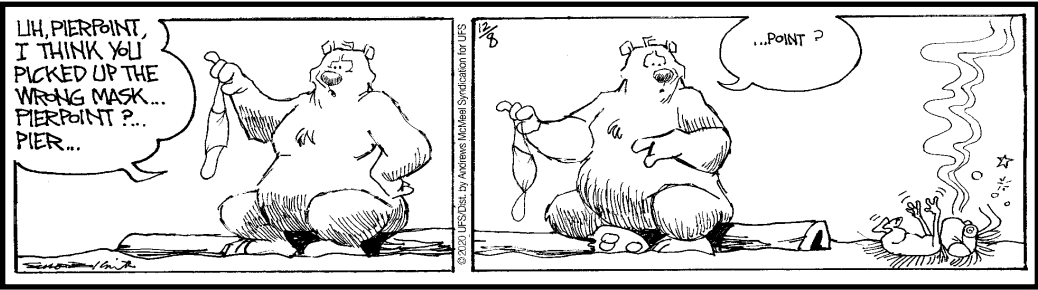
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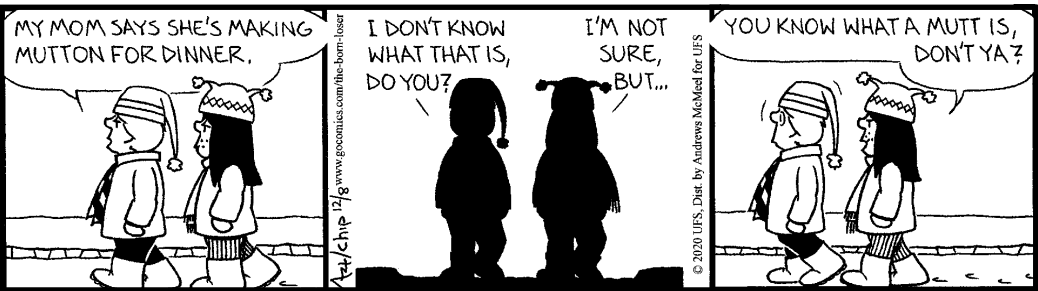
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ASTROGRAPH

Relax and don't overreact. Look at the consequences before leaping into something. Put more time and effort into personal improvement, instead of trying to change others. Mull over your options and make the necessary preparations to indulge in something you feel compelled to do. Take your time and do things right the first time.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
Keep the peace at home and when dealing with friends and relatives. It's better to observe and be objective when others decide to share opinions. Focus on improving your life.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)**  
Keep the momentum flowing. Refuse to let outside influences slow you down or cause uncertainty. Look for opportunities; you will meet individuals who can help you bring about positive change.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)**  
Be a leader, not a follower. Set the standard, follow your heart and do what you do best. An offer looks promising. Don't let an emotional situation slow you down.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
Refuse to get involved in someone's dilemma. You have enough to do without taking on responsibilities that don't belong to you. Less talk and more action will help you reach your objective.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
Be precise, and pay close attention to detail. Don't jump into something that has too many variables. Leave no room for mistakes or indiscretions. Play by the rules, and avoid those who don't.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
Be open to suggestions and willing to try something new, but don't get carried away. Someone you least expect will disappoint you. If you want something done, do it yourself.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
Emotions will surface, and anger will set in if you aren't careful. Take a positive approach when dealing with partners, and be willing to meet people halfway. Take care of unfinished business.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
Uncertainty regarding your reputation, position or status will leave you in a quandary. When in doubt, sit tight and let things unfold naturally. Pay more attention to self-improvement.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
Take the initiative, and make things happen. It's up to you to lay the groundwork. Don't take risks with your or someone else's health. Abide by the rules, and focus on what you can do.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)**  
Be careful what you spend your money on, and protect your possessions, passwords and documents. Look at all the alternatives, and make changes that lead to a less stressful lifestyle. Romance is in the stars.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)**  
You need to chill out, contemplate what's next and refuse to let others dictate what you can do. Use your imagination, consider what makes you happy and move forward with a good plan.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)**  
Reach out, touch base with people you miss and spread a little joy to the folks you love. Make plans that will give you something to look forward to when the time is right.



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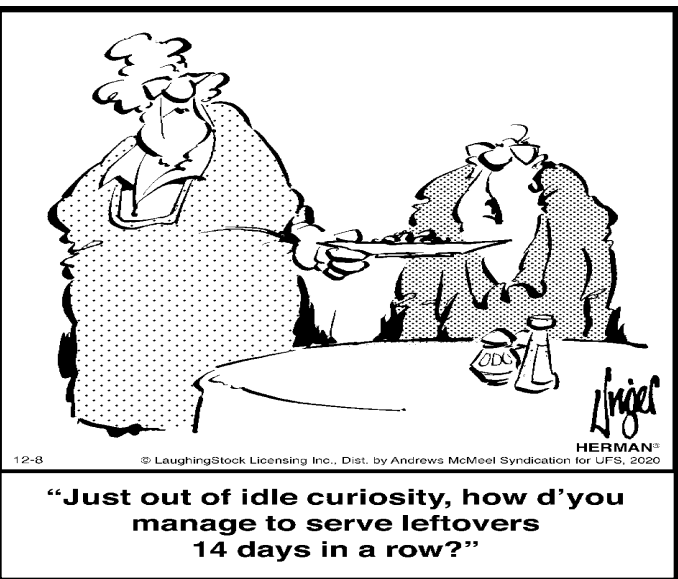
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by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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CMYZAI." - NLUA XMAALOF

Previous Solution: "God grant me the courage not to give up what I think is right even though I think it is hopeless." - Admiral Chester W. Nimitz

TODAY'S CLUE: n svenbe x

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1 Japanese soup

5 Alliance

9 Badminton need

12 — place or mine?

13 Court ritual

14 Yale grad

15 Without feeling

16 Cheeriness

18 Has ambitions

20 Free-for-all

21 Actor — Danson

22 "Recent" as a prefix

23 Telegraph code

26 Sideshow site

29 Onassis nickname

30 Dashboard item

32 Took to court

34 Dozes off

36 Mortgage, e.g.

38 Bradbury of sci-fi

39 Rented

41 Humble

43 DJ's albums

44 That boy

45 Over and —

48 Wise king

52 Impetus

54 Nullify

55 Make a hole in one

56 Very serious

57 Egyptian goddess

58 Leia's love

59 Crystal-gazer

60 Go slowly

DOWN

1 Talking bird

2 Debt memos

3 Cesspool

4 Moons' tracks

5 Showed disapproval

6 Racing circuits

7 Hall-of-Famer Mel —

8 Rang

9 Astronaut — Armstrong

10 End of a threat

11 Use a stopwatch

17 Makes cat noises

19 Tall stalk

22 Egypt's river

23 Adult male

24 Spoken

25 Not green

26 Apron wearer

27 Subtle emanation

28 Votes in favor

31 Henri's aits

33 Do Easter eggs

35 Ointment

37 Makeshift coathanger

40 Makes purchases

42 Low-budget film (hyph.)

44 A Simpson

45 Asian nanny

46 Juan's mouth

47 Foretelling

48 You bet!

49 Geologic formation

50 Elevator pioneer

51 Muzzle

53 Bind with string

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Plaintiff,

vs.  
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Defendant(s).

No. CJ-2020-56  
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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  
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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  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT AND PETITION FOR ORDER ALLOWING FINAL ACCOUNT, DETERMINING HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES, DISTRIBUTING ESTATE AND DISCHARGING PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE**

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STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
**Advertisement to Contractors - January 21, 2021 10:30 A.M. Bid Opening**

Plans and proposals for this bid opening will be ready for sale on January 01, 2021. No bidding proposals will be issued to any Contractor after January 20, 2021 10:30 A.M. The cost for each bidding proposal is \$50.00 + tax. State Standard Specifications may be purchased by contacting Office Services Division. No refunds will be made for bidding documents or specification books purchased.

Sample proposals, preliminary plans, long form and short form notices, order forms, bid tabs and awards, can be accessed on ODOT's Web site: <http://www.okladot.state.ok.us/contracts/index.htm>

Bids must be prepared as directed by the State Standard Specifications. Unless otherwise specified, bids for all projects must be submitted over the internet to Bid Express(<http://www.bidx.com>) using AASHTOWare Project Bids. Instructions for using Bid Express, Project Bids, and the electronic bidding process are available from the Office Engineer Division. When written bids are allowed, sealed proposals may be delivered directly to the Office Engineer Division prior to the scheduled bid opening. For written bids, do not disassemble the bidding proposal in any way.

Any firm bidding a project as a joint venture must complete the 'Request for Joint Venture' form, which is posted on the ODOT website, prior to the bid opening.

Unless otherwise specified in the proposal, all bids must be submitted with a proposal guaranty equal to 5% of the bid total.

A Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at 10:00 A.M. on January 08, 2021 concerning this January 21, 2021 10:30 A.M. bid opening in the Oklahoma Department of Transportation(ODOT) Commission Room. Submit any questions or concerns to the Office Engineer Division via email: [ODOT-Prebid.Question@odot.org](mailto:ODOT-Prebid.Question@odot.org), fax: 405-522-0972, or phone: (405) 521- 2625. Please include the words "Pre-bid question(s)" along with the call order and the bid opening date of the project in question in the subject line of the correspondence.

Plans, proposals, and specifications may be examined for free in the ODOT plan reading room, in the Office Engineer Division in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma or on the ODOT website.

The minimum wage to be paid laborers and mechanics employed on this project shall be included in the proposal.

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation(ODOT) ensures that no person or groups of persons shall, on the grounds of race, color, sex, religion, national origin,age, disability, retaliation or genetic information, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any and all programs, services, or activities administered by ODOT, its recipients, sub - recipients, and contractors. To request an accommodation please contact the ADA Coordinator at 405-521-4140 or the Oklahoma Relay Service at 1-800-722-0353. If you have any ADA or Title VI questions email [ODOT-ada-titlevi@odot.org](mailto:ODOT-ada-titlevi@odot.org).

Description of work and location of project:

SSR-256B(061)SR SH-16 OKMULGEE  
RESURFACE (ASPHALT)  
SH-16: FROM THE SH-52 JUNCTION, EXTEND EAST NEAR BEGGS.  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
- By: TIM GATZ, Director.

Call Order: 240  
JP No. 33444(04)

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 presentment 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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**NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**  
12/18/2020  
Muscogee (Creek) Nation  
2951 N. Wood Dr.  
Okmulgee, OK 74447  
(918) 549-2580  
These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Housing Authority. **REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about January 7th, 2020, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation will submit a request to the U.S. Office of Housing and Urban Development Southern Plains Office of Native American Programs, for the release of Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) funds of, grant number 20BV4007240 under Title/ Section Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) ACT to purchase the Briarwood Apartments. The purchase of the Briarwood apartments will be used with HUD COVID-19 funding, to house displaced Native American families, who have been affected by the Covid 19 pandemic.

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Housing Division has gone under contract to purchase the Briarwood Apartments, which consists of Forty-Eight (48) unit multi-family apartment buildings on 2.54 acres, more or less, including all minerals owned by Seller at the subject property. The Briarwood Apartments were built in 1987. A detached office, a laundry room and a small maintenance building are also included with the purchase agreement. The Briarwood Apartments are infrastructure and connected to the City of Okmulgee Public Works Authority, for solid waste disposal, recycling, waste water, sanitary sewers and water supply. The Briarwood Apartments are infrastructure with an electric utility provider.

We are purchasing the Briarwood apartments on an emergency basis, with HUD COVID-19 funding, to house displaced Native American families, who have been affected by the Covid 19 pandemic. Legal description: Okm Unplatted 32-14-13 A Tract of land SW NW Described as Beg @ NW corner E 101.3' To E R-O-W Line Hwy 75, S 674.10' E 506.8' TO POB; Thence S 433' to a point on N R-O-W Line Hwy 56. Physical address: 2800 N. Osage Place, Okmulgee, OK 74447 The estimated total project cost \$2,442,700.00 and will not involve activities other than those listed.

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**  
The Muscogee (Creek) Nation has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Office of Environmental Services, located at 2951 N. Wood Dr., Okmulgee, OK 74447 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 A.M to 5:00 P.M., by appointments only.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit comments on the ERR to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Office of Environmental Services, and shall be emailed to [jjwilliams@mcn-nsn.gov](mailto:jjwilliams@mcn-nsn.gov). All comments received by January 6, 2020, will be considered by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**  
The Muscogee (Creek) Nation certifies to HUD that James H. Williams, in his capacity as Tribe's certifying official consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Muscogee (Creek) Nation to use Program funds.

**OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**  
HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the Muscogee (Creek) Nation certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation; (b) the Muscogee (Creek) Nation has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be emailed to [SPONAP\\_EnvironmentalComments@hud.gov](mailto:SPONAP_EnvironmentalComments@hud.gov). Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period. Mr. James H. Williams, Certifying Official, Muscogee (Creek) Nation

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Arborstone Storage at 720 W. 9th St., Okmulgee, OK 74447 will dispose of the unit contents on Saturday, January 9, 2021, at 12 p.m.; in accordance with Section 191-200, title 42 of Oklahoma Statutes. Units contain household and personal goods unless otherwise indicated. The following Unit's contents will be disposed of:  
Unit Name  
Address  
60Danielle Crump 1203E.Boston St., Okmulgee, OK 74447  
04Lawrence Gritten715 N. Griffin Ave., Okmulgee, OK 74447

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**December 14, 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 14, 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 December 7, 2020. Motion, Ballard; Second, Connors. Vote: Ballard, yes; Connors, yes; Hardridge, yes. The Board approved the monthly report for the Sheriff's Office for the month of October 2020. Motion, Connors; Second, Ballard. Vote: Ballard, yes; Connors, yes; Hardridge, yes. The Board acknowledged and approved the following Employee Acknowledgments: Kayla Kornele, 911 Communications Center, Full-time (Transfer from District #1); Trila Riley, 911 Communications Center, Full-time; Motion, Ballard; Second, Connors. Vote: Ballard, yes; Connors, yes; Hardridge, yes.

The Board approved Resolution #20-55 for the election of the Board of Directors of the Okmulgee County Fair Board. The filing period for candidates will begin on January 11, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. and will continue through January 15, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. in the County Clerk's Office. The election(s), if needed, will be held on February 6, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Motion, Ballard; Second, Connors. Vote: Ballard, yes; Connors, yes; Hardridge, yes. The Board approved the Lease Purchase Agreement with Armstrong Bank for one (1) 2015 John Deere motor grader for District #3, pending approval by the District Attorney. Motion, Connors; Second, Ballard. Vote: Ballard, yes; Connors, yes; Hardridge, yes. The Board approved Invitation to Bid #14 for the hauling of gravel materials for a six-month period, to be opened December 28, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. Motion, Connors; Second, Ballard. Vote: Ballard, yes; Connors, yes; Hardridge, yes. The Board approved Invitation to Bid #15 for the preparation of a written Hazard Mitigation Plan for Okmulgee County, to be opened December 28, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. Motion, Ballard; Second, Connors. Vote: Ballard, yes; Connors, yes; Hardridge, yes.

The Board approved the payment of the following claims: P.O. #1908 to American Security Cabinets, out of the County Use Tax account, in the amount of \$2,608.00; P.O. #2050 to Quadmed Inc., out of the County Use Tax account, in the amount of \$10,013.50; P.O. #2051 to Okmulgee County EMS, out of the County Use Tax account, in the amount of \$3,867.20. Motion, Ballard; Second, Connors. Vote: Ballard, yes; Connors, yes; Hardridge, yes. At 9:22 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 10:29 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, Connors; Second, Ballard. Vote: Ballard, yes; Connors, yes; Hardridge, yes. The Board approved to have a certified appraisal done to determine the value of the County property that was previously the site of the Henryetta radio tower. The radio tower was dismantled in 2019. Motion, Connors; Second, Ballard. 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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**OKMULGEE (COUNTY PURCHASING OFFICE)**  
County, Oklahoma  
**OKMULGEE County Court House**  
**OKMULGEE, Oklahoma**  
Phone Number +1(918) 758-1255  
**Invitation to Bid**  
Date Issued: December 21, 2020  
Page 1 of 2  
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: #16**  
**BID CLOSING DATE AND HOUR: Monday 1/6/2021 at 9:00 A.M.**  
REQUIRED DELIVERY DATE: TERMS: JANUARY 1, 2021, UP TO AND INCLUDING DECEMBER 31, 2021  
DATE OF DELIVERY:  
**DESCRIPTION**  
The Okmulgee County Election Board of Okmulgee County, Okla., wishes to advertise for sealed bids on (ELECTION BALLOTS) for a period of twelve (12) months, which will begin on January 1, 2021, and will expire on December 31, 2021. Enclosed you will find the specifications that will be needed for the bid. Copies can be picked up at the Okmulgee County Clerk's Office or by calling (918) 758-1255.

The successful bidder shall be required to post a bond of double the amount of bid. Said bond taken in the name of the County, and conditioned upon the faithful performance of said contract. For more information contact Ashley Carnes, Election Board Secretary at (918) 756-2365.

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, January 6, 2021. Bids will not be accepted after 9:00 a.m. The non-collusion affidavit on the back of this invitation to bid form must be signed and notarized. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.  
APPROVED Date: 12-21-2020  
Board of County Commissioners of Okmulgee Co.  
/s/ Robert Hardridge, Chairman  
/s/ Ron Ballard, Member  
/s/ James Conner, Member

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**ORDINANCE NO. 2137**  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OKMULGEE MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 13, CHAPTER 32 CREATING SECTION 570 FEES, PERTAINING TO SEWAGE RATES FOR SIGNIFICANT INDUSTRIAL USERS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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**DISTRICT COURT OF KMULGEE COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA PROBATE DIVISION**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LILLIAN BILLIG, Deceased.**

Case No. PB 2001-88  
**ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT AND PETITION FOR ORDER ALLOWING FINAL ACCOUNT, DETERMINING HEIRS, DISTRIBUTING ESTATE AND DISCHARGING PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE**

On December 16, 2020, Jeremy Landon Hays 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 Okmulgee County District Court, at the Okmulgee County Courthouse, in Okmulgee, Oklahoma. This Order shall constitute the notice of this hearing,  
Dated: 17th day of December 2020.  
/s/ Cynthia D Pickering  
CYNTHIA D. PICKERING  
Associate District Judge  
HUGH M. ROBINSON, OBA  
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**DISTRICT COURT OF OKMULGEE COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA PROBATE DIVISION**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM BILLIG, Deceased.**

Case No. PB 2000-66  
**ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT AND PETITION FOR ORDER ALLOWING FINAL ACCOUNT, DETERMINING HEIRS, DISTRIBUTING ESTATE AND DISCHARGING PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE**  
On December 16, 2020, Jeremy Landon Hays 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 Okmulgee County District Court, at the Okmulgee County Courthouse, in Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

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This Order shall constitute the notice of this hearing.  
Dated: 17th day of December, 2020.  
  
/s/Cynthia D Pickering  
CYNTHIA D. PICKERING  
Associate District Judge  
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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
OF OKMULGEE COUNTY  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA**  
IN THE MATTER OF THE  
ESTATE OF JOHN MARION  
KEYLON, DECEASED.  
Case No. PB-2013 -75  
**ALIAS NOTICE OF HEARING  
FINAL ACCOUNT OF PER-  
SONAL REPRESENTATIVE.  
PETITION FOR DETERMI-  
NATION OF HEIRS, DISTRI-  
BUTION OF ESTATE AND  
DISCHARGE**

Patti Miller, having on this day presented for settlement and filed in this Court her Final Account of the administration of the Estate of John Marion Keylon, Deceased, and having filed with her account a Petition for Distribution of the Estate of John Marion Keylon, Deceased, and Discharge as Personal Representative.

NOTICE is hereby given that the 26th day of January, 2021, at the hour of at 9:00 o'clock A.M. of said date in the Courtroom of the undersigned Judge, or the Judge to whom this cause is assigned on said hearing date, in the County Court-house in the city of Okmulgee, Okmulgee County, Oklahoma, has been duly fixed and appointed by the Court for the hearing thereon, at which time and place any person interested may appear, and show cause, if any they have, why said account should not be approved, the heirs of said Decedent should

not be determined, the distribution of said Estate should not be made as prayed for, and said Patti Miller discharged as Personal Representative.  
  
/s/Cynthia D Pickering  
CYNTHIA PICKERING  
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT  
COURT  
  
Jeremy T. Pittman, 18808  
Jeremy T. Pittman, PLC  
311 W. 7th - P.O. Box 486  
Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447  
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Emerging Technologies Librarian & Archivist OSU Institute of Technology in Okmulgee is currently accepting applications for an Emerging Technologies Librarian & Archivist. This position is responsible for the development and administration of all programs related to new and emerging technologies, and ensuring access to OSUIT's institutional history through the arrangement, description, and preservation of its records and the creation of finding aids, inventories, databases, or other reference tools. Master's degree required. Equivalent education & experience may be considered. For a complete job description and to apply online, visit https://jobs.okstate.edu. "Oklahoma State University is an AA/EEO/E-verify employer committed to diversity and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment and will not be discriminated against based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability or protected veteran status. OSUIT is a tobacco-free campus."

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Desired qualifications: must have High School Diploma or GED, experience working with children is a plus. Health & retirement benefits are available. Applications are available at Henryetta Head Start, located at 100 W. Clegern Street in Henryetta, or on our website at www.ucapinc.org or call 918-762-2561, ext. 147. EOE.  
Closing date is Monday, December 28, 2020.

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NOTICE OF VACANCY

Applications are now being accepted for the position shown below. For further information contact Ravonda Higgins at (918) 758-0840. Qualified and interested persons should submit an application, resume and current certifications to Green Country Technology Center, Attn: Dee Dee Estes, PO Box 1217, Okmulgee, OK 74447-1217 or emailed to destes@gctcok.edu. Applications and job descriptions can be found by visiting our website at www.gctcok.edu. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

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United Community Action Program  
is accepting applications for a  
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Desired qualifications: High School Diploma or GED, also experience working with children is a plus. Job duties will include: Temperature checks, health & safety sanitation, tracking data, etc. Health & retirement benefits are offered. Applications are available at Henryetta Head Start, located at 100 W. Clegern Street in Henryetta, or on our website at www.ucapinc.org or call 918-762-2561, ext. 147. EOE.  
Closing date is Monday, December 28, 2020.

Henryetta Police Department  
is accepting applications and  
resumes for the position of **police  
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