

Record snowfall ahead?

Weather causes event delays

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Hazardous weather conditions have postponed numerous events in the county. Road conditions the past few days, along with



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City crews work to clear downtown 6th Street of ice earlier this week. Freezing temperatures have caused many roads to be caked with ice.

the cold, have caused problems for residents. The Okmulgee County Courthouse, along with the County Health Department was closed Wednesday and Thursday. Many businesses closed early due to the perilous conditions. County schools not already on distance learning moved to that platform for the safety of students and staff. Most all athletic activities were cancelled for those days with more changes possible this weekend and next week as conditions change. The 54th annual Okmulgee County Spring Livestock Show was scheduled to begin yesterday, but has now been moved to Feb. 18. All times remain the same, except for the chicken and broiler show, which is now on Saturday, Feb. 20. For more information

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COURTESY PHOTOS

Okmulgee FFA members Brooklyn Scott, Nora Tiger, and Alex Armstrong pose with examples of the Ag Boosters metal signs that will be available for purchase during the upcoming Okmulgee Ag Boosters Pie & Silent Auction on February 22 at Brock Gym.

Ag Boosters holding sign fundraiser

Okmulgee FFA Ag Boosters have metal signs that will be available for purchase during the upcoming Pie & Silent Auction on Feb. 22 at Brock Gym. The signs, designed and fabricated by Okmulgee AgEd students in the agricultural mechanics class, will be available for purchase for \$20 at the event. Quantities are limited, so be sure to get

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Marcus Jeffrey wins Ward 4 council seat

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Marcus Jeffrey has won election to the Ward 4 seat on the Okmulgee City Council. On Tuesday, Jeffrey bested incumbent Javier Ramirez in a low voter turnout, 203-117. Ramirez has served on the council for the past four years. Part of the reason for the low voter turnout was attributed to the weather conditions which caused many businesses and schools to close. Jeffrey, a former Okmulgee School board member, and pastor of Eastside Baptist Church, is looking forward to getting started in his new post. First, he thanked his opponent, Ramirez, for calling him and congratulating him, and he thanks the citizens

for their vote. “Thanks again everyone for your support,” he said. “I’m looking forward to getting to work and helping to make Okmulgee strong. “My goal is to work together, and all citizens come together and try to move the city forward. I’m anxious to get to work and keep the city moving forward.” “I want to thank all the Okmulgee citizens who took the time to vote today despite the cold, icy weather,” Ramirez posted on social media. “Even though the results were not in our favor today, I want to thank all those who voted for me. I also want to congratulate Marcus Jeffrey and wish him the best during his 1st term on the council.” Councilmember Mickey Baldwin

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Vaccination efforts continue to ramp up

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Everyone has been learning a new normal for almost a year. Words and phrases now being used most have never heard before, such

as “flatten the curve” in order to see a slow in the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic. Now, with vaccines being administered and social distancing still being practiced, to a certain extent, the spread of this virus is beginning to slow down. “There may be an association between the decline in COVID-19 cases and increase in

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COURTESY PHOTO

Morris Homecoming Royalty Announced

Congratulations to Chari Barnett and Kolby Adams who were selected as 2020-21 Homecoming Queen and King at Morris High School.

Championship Fever

Reagor captures 2nd-straight world title in steer wrestling

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David ‘Coop’ Reagor Jr. knows what it feels like to be part of a championship team, as the 2009 Preston High School graduate was a member of the Pirate basketball team that won the state championship in 2009. In fact, Reagor played an instrumental part in the championship, hitting a pair of clutch free throws in the final minutes of overtime in the title game against Texhoma. In 2019, Reagor captured the second championship in his life.

This championship did not take place on the basketball court, but in a rodeo arena. Reagor was crowned the American Cowboys Rodeo Association’s world championship in steer wrestling. On Jan. 23, in Tulsa, Reagor became a back-to-back world champion in steer wrestling. For winning the world championship, Reagor was presented with a gold belt buckle, as well as a saddle. Reagor was awarded his second-straight

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Javi Fultz and David “Coop” Reagor.



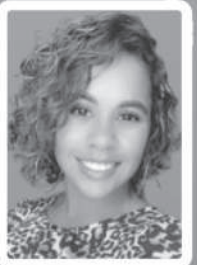




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Governor Stitt signs first bill of legislative session

Reinstates modifications allowing for virtual public meetings

Governor Kevin Stitt signed Senate Bill 1031 into law Wednesday, his first bill of the 2021 legislative session, reinstating temporary modifications to the Open Meeting Act allowing for virtual public meetings.

“I want to thank Pro Tem Treat, Speaker McCall and the Legislature for getting this across the finish line to my desk,” Gov. Stitt said. “We’ve all heard from constituents, state agencies, local school boards and other public bodies requesting this, and I’m pleased we were able to deliver so quickly.”

SB 1031, authored by Senate President Pro Tem Greg Treat (R-Oklahoma City) and House Majority Floor Leader Jon Echols (R-Oklahoma City), reinstates the same exemptions to the Open Meeting Act that were signed into law in 2020 with some minor changes, including requiring public bodies to post documents or materials online that are provided to participants of the meeting.

“With the signing of this bill, public entities can continue to meet and do so safely until the pandemic is behind us and the people of Oklahoma maintain access to public meetings at all levels through virtual meetings,” Sen. Treat said. “The Senate fast-tracked this bill, and I appreciate Speaker McCall and the House for doing the same and getting this bill to the governor’s desk early in the session. I am thankful for Governor Stitt signing this bill into law and that the first bill he signed into law this session is one that garnered huge bipartisan support.”

The exemptions took effect upon the governor’s signature and will remain in place until Feb. 15, 2022, or until 30 days after the COVID-19 state of emergency expires, whichever is earlier.

“This measure keeps government running even when board or commission members may need to quarantine,” Rep. Echols said. “The public will still have access to these meetings and the materials presented in them. This ensures openness and transparency and allows our state to continually move forward even during these trying times. If we dis-

cover any kind of problem in this process, the Legislature will be able to address it.”

During a signing ceremony at the Capitol, the governor expressed support for potential future legislation to permanently modify some sections of the Open Meeting Act to increase citizen participation in government.

“We’ve seen how virtual meetings has led to more Oklahomans engaging with the people who represent them,” Gov. Stitt said. “We always want to attract the best people to serve in state government and I believe we can innovate and make it more appealing to serve on state boards and commissions regardless where you live in Oklahoma.”

Red Cross offers home heating, winter safety tips

The American Red Cross wants to remind people how to use space heaters and other heat sources safely.

“Many people are using space heaters and other heat sources to stay warm during this week’s winter weather and there are simple tips to help people do so safely,” Johnnie Munn, senior disaster program manager said.

Along with these tips, Munn reminds people who need Red Cross services to call 1-800-RED-CROSS. Also, people can use the community referral and information service of 2-1-1 available in Kansas and Oklahoma.

Heat Your Home Safely

When temperatures drop, many people resort to space heaters and other sources to keep their homes warm. To reduce the risk of heating-related fires, the Red Cross recommends these steps:

1. All heaters need space. Keep children, pets, and things that can burn (paper, matches, bedding, furniture, clothing, carpets, and rugs) at least three feet away from heating equipment.
2. If you must use a space heater, place it on a level, hard and non-flammable surface, such as a ceramic tile floor. Do not place space heaters on rugs, carpets or near bedding or drapes. Plug power cords directly into outlets and never into an extension cord.
3. Never leave a fire in the fireplace unattended and use a glass or metal fire screen to keep fire and embers in the fireplace.
4. Never use a cooking range or oven to heat your home.
5. Turn off portable space heaters every time you leave the room or go to sleep.

Stitt signs executive order to expedite renewals of driver’s licenses, IDs

Governor Kevin Stitt signed Executive Order 2021-05 Wednesday directing the Department of Public Safety to expedite renewals or replacements of valid driver licenses and identification. Specifically, the executive order will waive restrictions on tag agents to make it easier to obtain a driver’s license renewal, allow Oklahomans to obtain identification if a REAL ID is not available, allow Oklahomans to obtain a downgraded license, if necessary, and allow third parties to administer driver’s license examinations.

“The COVID pandemic has negatively affected so many of our normal processes, including renewing driver licenses and identification,” Gov. Stitt said. “No Oklahoman should have to wait months to obtain an ID or take a day off work to renew their license. I’m proud to sign this executive order today to help Oklahomans and eliminate the long wait times.”

“The Department of Public Safety understands and shares the public’s frustration with driver license service and is working around the clock on critical improvements,” DPS Commissioner John Scully said. “In those efforts, DPS recently identified steps that can be taken by the governor and the Legislature that will improve delivery of driver license services. DPS is thankful for the eager willingness of Governor Stitt and a bipartisan group of lawmakers to act on the Department’s recommendations. Now that Governor Stitt has issued the executive order, DPS will implement the planned changes quickly.”

“I appreciate the governor fast-tracking this executive order to get a solution for people seeking or renewing their driver’s licenses,” said Rep. Ross Ford, R-Broken Arrow. “Many people have been waiting for this change, and I’m glad to see some relief in this area.”

Lunch and Prayer planned for Feb. 25

Local pastors will be coming together for Lunch and Prayer on Thursday, Feb. 25 from 12-1p.m. for a time to connect, eat, and pray together.

The event is being host in the Blue Room of the McCulloch Bldg.

“The food has been donated so all pastors need to do is to RSVP to 918-815-2430 and bring the prayer,” Rev. Mickey Baldwin, spokesperson for Okmulgee Prayer 365, said. “It will be one hour of Connection that could change our city. So if you are a local full-time pastor or a bi-vocational pastor, this meeting is for you.”

Roy Edward Madden
September 15, 1947 - February 2, 2021

Roy Edward Madden, a resident of Weleetka, passed away Tuesday, February 2, 2021, in Weleetka, at the age of 73. He was born September 15, 1947, in Holdenville, to Leonard Ray Madden & Hazel Jean (Mangrum) Clark. Memorial services will be held on Saturday, February 13, 2021, at 1 p.m. at Integrity Chapel in Henryetta. Services are under the direction of Integrity Funeral Service.

Martha Lowe
May 10, 1946 - February 5, 2021

Martha Lowe, a resident of Okmulgee, died February 5, 2021, at the age of 74. Wake service will be 6 p.m., Tuesday, February 16, 2021, at Hickory Ground #1 and funeral service will be 1 p.m., Wednesday, February 17, 2021, at Hickory Ground #1. Interment will follow at the McNac Family Cemetery under the direction of the Rogers Funeral Home.

Kathyren Anne White
November 3, 1951 - February 8, 2021

Kathyren Anne White, a resident of Henryetta, died February 8, 2021, at the age of 69. Funeral service will be 10 a.m., Friday at the Carson Baptist Church, Carson. Interment will follow at the Carson Cemetery under the direction of the Rogers Funeral Home.

Trace Royce Todd
November 25, 1962 - February 10, 2021

Trace Royce Todd, 58, died Wednesday evening, February 10, 2021, in Tulsa. Service arrangements are pending in the Okmulgee Chapel of Keith D. Biglow Funeral Directors, Inc.

Tommy Talton
November 20, 1934 - February 5, 2021

Tommy Talton, 86, a resident of Okmulgee, died Friday, February 5, 2021, in the V.A. Medical Center, Oklahoma City. A Service of Memory will be conducted, Thursday, February 18, 2021, at 11:30 a.m. at Mt Zion Baptist Church, 1500 N. Miami St. with Pastor Douglas Currington eulogizing. Interment will follow in Ft. Gibson National Cemetery. Public visitation, Wednesday, February 17, 2021, in Precious Memories Chapel/House of Winn Funeral Home-Okmulgee, during the hours of 1-5 p.m. The family has been cared for by House of Winn Funeral Home-Okmulgee.

Gary Frazier
February 9, 2021

Gary L. Frazier, longtime Morris resident, passed away Tuesday, February 9, 2021, in Tulsa. A funeral service will be held Friday, February 19 at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Morris. Arrangements are under the direction of McClendon-Winters Funeral Home. www.mcclendon-winters.com.

COVID-19 WATCH

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Here are the latest results from the Oklahoma State Department of Health as of Feb. 11.	Increase of 3,364
Oklahoma Total Cases: 409,401 Increase of 23,111 Active Cases: 23,111 Total Recovered: 382,342 Total Deaths: 3,948 Increase of 48	Okmulgee County Total Cases: 3,520 Total Recovered: 3,302 Total Deaths: 39
United States Total Deaths: 471,567	City / Deaths / Recovered Beggs: 382/4/359 Dewar: 78/0/73 Henryetta: 897/11/845 Morris: 332/2/313 Okmulgee: 1,443/22/1,336 Schulter: 42/0/41



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Black History Month

Okmulgee natives leave mark on music scene

Black History Month is a time to pay tribute to some of the wonderful, historic people who have given so much to move this nation along in incredible ways. Whether through inventions, politics, activism, science or philanthropy, these individuals have left their mark in history. Okmulgee County has several people who have gone on to be known in their particular field and contributed to Black History. In this first part, we look at four people with Okmulgee County ties that excelled in the music industry.



Oscar Pettiford
He was born in Okmulgee on Sept. 30, 1922. He was a jazz artist who played in his father’s family touring band based in Oklahoma and Minnesota until 1941. In 1943, he joined Charlie Barnett’s band in New York as a double bass player. After a brief stint with the Roy Eldridge Quintet, he became a bebop movement pioneer on Forty-Second Street in New York City. Pettiford and Dizzy Gillespie led a combo at the famed Onyx Club in 1943-44. From 1944 to 1948, he played in several bebop combos as well as with Duke Ellington’s and Wood Herman’s big bands. During the 1950s, he formed his own sextet and thirteen-piece band known for their innovative arrangements and instrumentation.

In 1958, he moved to Copenhagen, Denmark until his death on Sep. 8, 1960, at age 37, from a virus related to polio. Jazz scholars describe him as one of the most melodically inventive and technically agile bassists in jazz! - George O. Carney



Ted Taylor
Theodore (Ted) Taylor was born in Okmulgee on Feb. 16, 1934. He moved to California in 1952 and became a member of the Mighty Clouds of Joy gospel group, before joining the Santa Monica Soul Seekers as a tenor singer. In 1955, the Soul Seekers approached Maxwell Davis at Modern Records for a recording deal, and he persuaded them to concentrate on secular R&B music. The same group recorded as both The Cadets on Modern and The Jacks on the subsidiary RPM label. Taylor sang lead vocals on The Cadets’ “Do You Wanna Rock (Hey Little Girl)” and “I Cry” and also on The Jacks’ “Away” and “My Darling.” Taylor left the group, and recorded two singles on Melatone Records in 1957 with the Bob Reed orchestra on which he was credited for contractual reasons as “Ivory Lucky”. Over the next seven years, he recorded singles for a succession of labels including Ebb, Duke, Top Rank International, Laurie (where several of his records were credited to Austin Taylor), Warwick and more. At Duke, he made the first re-

cording of the ballad “Be Ever Wonderful” in 1959. His first LP “Ted Taylor Sings” was issued on Warwick in 1963. In 1965, his single on the Okeh label “Stay Away From My Baby” reached number 14 on the Billboard R&B chart. After further singles, Taylor signed with Ronn in 1969. He released three albums (“Shades Of Blue”, “You Can Dig It” and “Taylor Made”) and a fourth with label mate Little Johnny Taylor entitled “The Super Taylors” in 1973. Three more LPs appeared in the 80s including one with MCA in 1981 (“Keepin’ My Head Above Water”) and two for his own Solpugits label. Taylor died in an automobile accident in Lake Charles, La., on October 23, 1987, at age 53.



Jimmy Nolen
Jimmy Nolen was born April 3, 1934. A native of Okmulgee County, he grew up in the Grayson area and attended school there. He left the sleepy little community to play his guitar at clubs in Tulsa. He later made his way to Los Angeles’ thriving music scene. In 1965, Jimmy was hired to play in the James Brown Band. As a guitarist, Nolen was known for his distinctive “chicken scratch.” This is where the guitar strings are pressed lightly against the fingerboard and then quickly released just enough to get a muted “scratching” sound produced

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MPD to receive two new units

Council discusses sale of property request

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The Morris City Council approved replacing two police vehicles during Monday’s session. One of the vehicles will replace a unit recently involved in a collision with a deer. Insurance will replace it with a new Dodge Charger, with some costs associated with branding and equipment. The second unit will be an SUV that will replace an aging Crown Victoria. A discussion was held concerning a request of Jamaica Lawson to purchase city-owned property on Massingale Road. “I’m open to any resolution on this,” Jamaica said. The property in question leads to the city’s youth sports complex. The Lawsons are currently maintaining the property. “Our only goal is to keep it nice,” Jamaica said. Council members pondered whether to sell the property or if some type of lease agreement would be possible. The frontage that runs along the Lawson’s property is about 660 feet. Councilmember Wayne Payne brought forth the option of the mayor working with the Lawsons on some type of lease agreement and bringing it back to the board for consideration. A motion was made to give Mayor Jeremy Avery the ability to go into negotiations with the homeowner, but did not pass. More discussion and a possible resolution to the request will be brought before the council at a future date. Agenda items approved were:
• January 11, 2021, minutes.
• Authorization for the payment of claims.
• Monthly report of activity from city departments:
- Police Dept. - Chief Tim Bell reported 12 tickets issued, no accidents, and loss of one officer to other employment. The chief also introduced a new officer to the force, Aaron Hacker.
- Fire - Chief Stewart reported one structure fire and two smoke investigations on the city side. Rural side had one motor vehicle assist, two public service, three lift assists, one smoke investigation, one vehicle fire and one grass fire.
- Public Works - For January, Supt. Coverdale reported one leak and six funerals.

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COUNCIL

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also thanked Ramirez for his service. “I have enjoyed serving with you as you always bring a lot to the table—no matter what table you sit at. Thanks for serving our community in all you do.

May this departure from City Council give you more time with family and new adventure to run with,” Baldwin said. “Congratulations to Marcus Jeffrey on your election to the Okmulgee City Council,” Representative Scott Fetgatter posted. “Marcus and I go way back to when he worked at

Okmulgee IGA and his family has contributed to so many in our community ... I also want to thank Javier Ramirez for the time he spent working as a Council member. He has been through thick and thin in his time and has always been solid. “Thank you both for caring enough to want to serve our

community,” Fetgatter said in conclusion. The new city council members will be sworn in before the April council meeting.

Election Totals					
Precinct	MJ	JR			
Pct. 4	2	2			
Pct. 7	14	29			
Pct. 8	22	18			
Pct. 9	99	18			
Pct. 10	2	2			
Pct. 11	58	45			
Pct. 32	4	2			
Pct. 36	2	1			
Totals	203	117			

VACCINATION

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COVID-19 vaccinations,” Kristen Carollo, Public Information Officer for the Okmulgee County Health Department, said. “We are not yet able to state the decline in cases is directly caused by the vaccination initiative.” However, many in the healthcare field still stress the importance of continuing to practice all the safety measures we have become so accustomed to. The Okmulgee County Health Department has seen COVID-19 cases beginning to trend downward. Carollo recently stated the last death in the county due to Covid-19 was reported on Jan. 29. Since beginning vaccinations in the county, approximately 1,500 first dose vaccines have been administered by the County Health Department. “We are administering both Pfizer and Moderna Vaccines at the Health Department,” Carollo said.

Currently, those in Phase 2 of the vaccination roll-out include both paid and unpaid first responders, those providing direct outpatient care and services to COVID patients, adults 65 years of age and older or any adult with comorbidities. Also in that group are Pre-Kindergarten through twelfth grade teachers and staff in schools and educational settings, staff and residents in congregate locations, and support staff in

public health front line facilities. “We do not have an anticipated date as to when we will move to Phase 3 of vaccinations,” Carollo said. Phase 3 will include remaining teachers, staff and other residents in school settings and critical infrastructure personnel which was specified in the third executive order by Governor Kevin Stitt. This executive order included workers at high risk of exposure to, transmission of, and morbidity and mortality resulting from a COVID-19 infection according to the State Health Department. If you fall into the Phase 2 category and still have not received your vaccine, you are asked to visit the online portal for the Oklahoma State Department of Health to schedule your appointment. In addition to the local health department, it was recently announced Wal-Mart Pharmacy in both Okmulgee and Henryetta have been added to the list of Wal-Mart stores that will soon be administering the vaccine. Pharmacists do not have a time frame for when

vaccines will be received at this time. “The Oklahoma State Department of Health’s top priority has been vaccinating as many Oklahomans as possible within the phased roll out plan,” Carollo said. Carollo advises those that have not yet received their vaccine, but have it scheduled, to wear their mask and social distance when they arrive.

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Morris Schools rehire principals for upcoming year

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The Morris School board approved the re-employment of two principals during their Monday evening session.

Becky Alexander will remain the elementary school principal, while Heather Adams leads the middle school.

The board also discussed Covid cases and the district's response, according to Superintendent Chris Karch.

Also considered was the annual dropout report for students in grades 7-12. Karch stated only one dropout was reported. Members discussed and reviewed the annual college remediation report.

Agenda items approved were:

- Financial Reports
- Resignations - Greg Seamans, Kathy Seamans and Emily Kell.
- Additions to Substitute List: Robert Whiddon, Jr. and Anastacia Simons.
- Payment for FY21 National Board Certified bonus and benefits for Lisa Merrill and Tammy Spurrier.
- Morris Public Schools Calendar for FY22

The board also approved a stipend for cafeteria staff.

Special insurance enrollment period to begin Feb. 15

Tips offered to make navigation easier

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In the past year, many have experienced numerous changes in life including working from home, virtual classes, and for some, changes in employment or loss of employment. A major concern for many is having adequate health insurance.

A recent change enacted recently will allow an additional period to obtain health care insurance.

An enrollment period accessed through HealthCare.gov will open Monday, Feb. 15 and continue through May 15.

Melissa Parchman, president of Magoon & Associates in Tulsa, is an Okmulgee County resident and says this is a way for those in the pipeline industry and others in the area that have recently found themselves out of work a way to provide themselves and their families with insurance.

“This is going to be treated like the Open Enrollment Period,” Parchman said, “that typically takes place November through December 15.”

Parchman says her company has served those in Okmulgee County for over three years and knows that

some families will benefit from this special enrollment period.

Insurance companies participating in the enrollment period are Blue Cross & Blue Shield, CommunityCare, Medica, Bright HealthCare and Oscar. Parchman stated Bright and Oscar primarily serve the Oklahoma City area, but knows some in the area may use physicians from that part of the state.

When a family is considering applying for insurance through HealthCare.gov, Parchman noted the coverage and cost is based off household size and yearly income.

“With many becoming recently unemployed, I suggest they go off of last year's income taxes unless they're unemployed,” she said. Deductibles and out of pocket expenses are often lower for customers signing up since it is based off income.

The criteria a person or family must meet in order to qualify for the enrollment period are those that do not have access to group insurance, have changed jobs since the previous Open Enrollment period, have had a child become of age that they no longer fall under their parent or guardians insurance, or a

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Okmulgee Lions Club holds ‘chocolate bingo’



Tuesday's Okmulgee Lions Club meeting was short and sweet because, at the suggestion of 1st VP Dale Fillmore, the club opted to have the regular noon

meeting of chocolate bingo rather than our annual evening Sweetheart Banquet.

Due to the COVID pandemic (which has affected nearly everything), we did not have adequate space to social distance, and by adding spouses, increased the number of people sharing a smaller space. For this reason, the club thought it best to proceed in this manner.

We followed the same format for Turkey Bingo and Pie Bingo, and awarded eight 1/2 lb. box of Valentine chocolates, and a grand prize of one 1 lb. box of Valentine chocolates, from Twisted Confections. However, we had to give “rain checks” to the winners because

the owners of Twisted Confections couldn't get here from the Tulsa area because of the icy roads.

The eight winners were: Lions Lane Pilkington, Donna Thomas, Dan Anderson, Ron Martin, Larry Howell, Dale Fillmore, Duane Janzen and Dean Craig. Because Larry Howell won the grand prize, he had to give his lesser win to a non-winner.

Even though this event was a slight departure from having a guest speaker, it allowed for a bit of levity and camaraderie. See what all you “sweet-tooths” missed? Give us a visit and you might get a surprise gift. Just ask John McConnel and Mike Tipton from last week.

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11:23 a.m. - Speak with Officer - Beggs City Limits - RP requesting a call on getting advice on what to do with abandoned property. Advised she spoke with deputy yesterday and they said they couldn't tell her anything.

11:54 a.m. - Animals - Hwy. 16/210 Rd. - Report of a black cow near highway. Advised County and OHP.

12:31 p.m. - Vandalism - 1900 block of N. 185 Rd. - RP advised there is a group of subjects that keep vandalizing his mailbox and stealing things from

the neighbors. Advised he doesn't know who it is but knows where they live. Has been going on for three years and if someone doesn't do anything about it they are going to end up dead.

12:51 p.m. - Animals - 15000 block of Hwy. 62 - RP advised a puppy is bloody and looks like they've been through a garbage disposal. Confronted homeowner and thought homeowner was on something.

1:07 p.m. - Juvenile - 21000 block of Smith Rd. - RP advised juvenil is being physically violent toward her. RP called back and advised they no longer need anyone to respond. Things are calmed down.

1:43 p.m. - Alarm - 25000 block of Wilson Rd. - Residential panic alarm.

2:17 p.m. - Fire - West side of Hwy. 75 south of Duck Creek Casino - Controlled burn.

3:48 p.m. - Animals - SW corner of 160 Rd./McGowen - RP advised horse has been stolen. Brown/white painted Gildan. Needs a report so he can go to the sale barn tonight to get help from them.

6:29 p.m. - Animals - 15000 block of Old Morris

Hwy. - Requesting a call in reference to dog that has become aggressive.

7:14 p.m. - Fire - Creager/310 Rd. - Grass Fire. HFD enroute.

02/02/2021

6:13 a.m. - Suspicious Person/Vehicle - Madison by Coke Plant - RP advised of several vehicles parked the wrong way.

7:50 a.m. - Other - Sun Downer Club - Property Check - 10:07 a.m. - 911 Hang-up with Response - 12000 block of Old Hwy. 75 - RP yelling at someone advising she needs an RIT. Not responding to questions. Advising all she hears is static and disconnects. Called back advising she is heading to the courthouse.

11:15 a.m. - Suspicious Person/Vehicle - Trail Motel - Rp advised she is trying to get her heat turned on and pay her rent but there is no one there and no vehicles. Everyone is just gone like they disappeared.

12:30 p.m. - Domestic - South of Kern/Eufaula - RP

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Project Heart Senior

- **Monday:** Philly Cheesesteak on Hoagie, Potato Wedges, Spiced Pears, Pudding w/Whipped Topping, Milk
- **Tuesday:** Ham & Bean Soup w/Onion, Spinach, Stewed Tomatoes, Cornbread, Warm Fruit Compote, Milk
- **Wednesday:** Chicken Pot Pie, Brussel Sprouts, Spiced Peaches, Biscuit, Poke Cake, Milk
- **Thursday:** Chili Mac, Green Beans, Apricots, Sliced Bread, Blonde Brownie, Milk
- **Friday:** Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potato w/Gravy, Vegetable Blend, Roll, Cheesecake w/Fruit Topping, Milk

Morris Schools

All meals served with fruit and milk. Breakfast also served with juice and Pop Tart option. PB&J is an option each day for lunch.

- **Monday:** President's Day! No School!
- **Tuesday:** Breakfast: Stuffed Hash Brown Lunch: Beef Taco, Beans, Lettuce Cup
- **Wednesday:** Breakfast: Biscuit and Gravy, Sausage Lunch: Chicken Spaghetti, Green Beans
- **Thursday:** Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll Lunch: Chicken Noodles, Carrots
- **Friday:** Breakfast: Mini Cinni Lunch: Mama Mia Pasta, Broccoli

Beggs Schools

Milk variety and cereal options offered daily for breakfast. Extra fruit and vegetable options available for lunch. Milk variety and water offered at lunch.

- **Monday:** Breakfast: Pancake Sausage Griddle or Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Peaches, Apple Juice Lunch: Cordog or Chicken Nuggets, Steamed Carrots, Peaches, Chocolate Pudding
- **Tuesday:** Breakfast: Grilled Cheese Sandwich or French Toast Sticks, Toast, Oranges, Grape Juice Lunch: Chicken & Waffles or Okie Spud, Toast, Steamed Broccoli, Orange/Pineapple Mix
- **Wednesday:** Breakfast: Biscuit and Gravy & Sausage Patty or Mini Waffles, Cheese Stick, Pears, Apple Juice Lunch: Meatloaf or Sliced Turkey w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Pears, Roll
- **Thursday:** Breakfast: Colby Egg Omelet or Ham & Cheese Croissant, Toast, Apple Slices, Grape Juice Lunch: Pepperoni Sandwich or BBQ Chicken Breast, Potato Wedges, Strawberries
- **Friday:** Breakfast: Chicken Biscuit or Oatmeal w/Toppings, Yogurt, Apple-sauce, Orange Juice Lunch: Cheeseburger or Roasted Chicken Sandwich, Baked Beans, Applesauce,

Chocolate Chip Cookie

Preston Schools

Choice of fat free and low fat flavored white or chocolate milk and chilled fruit served daily for lunch and breakfast. Cereal option and fruit juice served daily for breakfast. Only main entrees are listed.

- **Monday:** Breakfast: Strawberry Shortcake Lunch: Corndog or Pizza Munchables or Taco Salad
- **Tuesday:** Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll Lunch: Chicken Nuggets or Ham & Cheese Sandwich or Cobb Salad
- **Wednesday:** Breakfast: Colby Egg Omelet Lunch: Chicken Patty or Italian Sub or Chicken Caesar Salad
- **Thursday:** Breakfast: Sausage Biscuit Lunch: BBQ Pork on Bun or Nacho Munchable or Italian Chef Salad
- **Friday:** Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza Lunch: Cheese Pizza Squares or PB&J or Popcorn Chicken Salad

Schulter Schools

All meals served with milk and fruit. Breakfast is also served with juice and an option for cereal.

- **Monday:** Presidents Day! No School!
- **Tuesday:** Breakfast: Biscuit and Gravy, Sausage

Lunch: Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Roll

- **Wednesday:** Breakfast: French Toast Sticks, Yogurt Lunch: Corndogs, Baked Beans, Tater Tots
- **Thursday:** Breakfast: Breakfast Bar Lunch: Chicken Spaghetti, Mixed Veggies, Bread Sticks
- **Friday:** Virtual Day

Twin Hills School

All meals served with white or chocolate milk. Salad bar available for lunch.

- **Monday:** Breakfast: Oatmeal, Toast, Banana Lunch: Frito Chili Pie, Carrots, Apples
- **Tuesday:** Breakfast: Sausage Biscuit, Jelly, Apricots Lunch: Taco, Black Beans, Apples
- **Wednesday:** Breakfast: Confetti Pancakes, Mixed Fruit Lunch: Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Roll, Peaches
- **Thursday:** Breakfast: Cereal Bar, Apples Lunch: Spaghetti, Green Beans, Bread Stick, Mixed Fruit
- **Friday:** Breakfast: Bacon Biscuit, Pineapple Lunch: Chicken Burgers, Curly Fries, Mixed Fruit

New Councilmen and Councilwomen



2021 is already bringing a lot of changes with it, and some are right here locally I want to make sure you're aware of! I get asked a lot about local elections, when they're happening, and how the process works. So, today, I'm addressing these concerns by sharing about two new council members we'll have taking office in April.

First off, I know both of the new council members very well and I'm excited to see what ideas they'll bring to the table. I know both are there with YOUR best interests in mind, so it will be a privilege to serve with them. Dawn Carter, our new Councilwoman for Ward 3 (my old Ward seat) is a local real estate agent and very active in her church and the community. Dawn has worked with me on multiple fundraising efforts and has a heart to see change in our community. As far as I know, she is most passionate about

housing and our youth. We've had good conversations about her ideas and I know she'll be engaging with the community quite a bit as well. Dawn won the Ward 3 election uncontested, so there was no voting that took place since no one else filed. Currently, Terry Bemis serves in our Ward 3 seat until April.

Just this week, Marcus Jeffrey won his election for the Ward 4 seat on our City Council. In April, he'll replace incumbent Javier Ramirez. Javier has been, and will continue to be, an asset to our community as a local attorney and a Boy Scout leader. He's served well on the Council the past few years even holding the Vice-Mayor seat in 2018, I believe. Javier, we'll miss you, but I know you'll stay active in all the positive changes we see happening in Okmulgee!

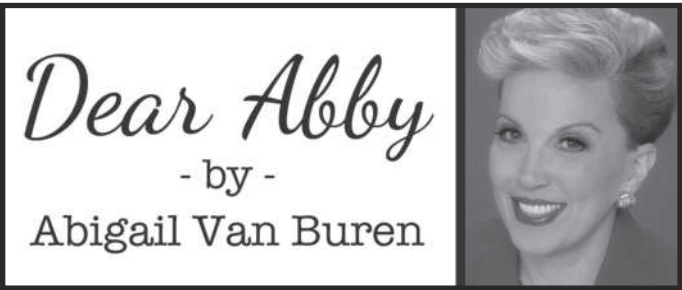
Marcus Jeffrey's is a local Pastor of Eastside Baptist Church and used to serve on our School Board. I met Marcus through prayer gathering efforts and we grew to be friends these past few years. He's given me the opportunity to preach to his congregation, and I know he's very passionate about serving Okmulgee. Marcus has led the Okmulgee Steering Committee for at least the past three years that I'm aware of. This organization helps to identify community needs and takes action on putting projects together to address those needs. I find Marcus very thoughtful in his approach to dealing with local problems, and I know he'll add

insight to our decision-making process on the Council.

I'm sure, or I'm hopeful I should say, you've seen the news about these local election results already in this paper or on Facebook, but I hope I brought a personal touch to helping describe the efforts of both of our new Council members before they were elected as well as my excitement to see how they'll serve our community in their new positions. Please reach out to me anytime you have a question for this column, and thanks for reading!

Richard Larabee is an entrepreneur and the owner of several small, local businesses in Okmulgee. He is the owner and operator of Oklahoma Land Research Company, which provides mineral rights ownership research reports for any county in Oklahoma and can help you lease, sell, or appraise your oil and gas mineral rights. He co-owns and manages the historic McCulloch Building downtown at 5th and Grand. His consulting company, 'The Community Entrepreneur,' provides business to business services, community outreach and creative fundraising for non-profit organizations. Richard currently serves as Mayor of Okmulgee. If you'd like to speak to Richard, call his office today at 918-645-3161, cell 918-720-1760, or email him at richardplarabee@gmail.com.

In-home camera systems don't sit well with sitter



DEAR ABBY: I enjoy babysitting for the children of family and friends. But while I have nothing to hide, I hate how everyone seems to have inside cameras. I feel like I'm in a fishbowl, like if I let their kids veg in front of the TV or the computer, I'll be judged as lazy. I also hate having my picture taken, so the idea of being on a live feed all day is off-putting.

Do I ask them to turn off the cameras, or stop babysitting? I can't be the only person who is uncomfortable being monitored all day like a caged animal. What's a good way of handling this? -- MONITORED IN OHIO

DEAR MONITORED: People usually have cameras inside their home for security reasons, and so they will have a warning or evidence in case of a break-in. Parents and pet owners enjoy peace of mind knowing they can periodically check to see how their precious angels are doing. The intent is not to spy on you.

If you feel you are being watched excessively, ask the parents how they think you are doing. Unless they complain about your performance, a good way of handling this would be to simply accept the situation, or restrict your babysitting to homes that are camera-free.

DEAR ABBY: I have had a crush on a man since we were in our teens. We're now in our mid-40s. Both of us ended long-term relationships about a year ago. We have stayed in contact every now and then, but only as

friends -- more like family. He was best friends with my beloved late uncle.

We have decided to meet, with sex at the forefront of our thoughts. How do I prepare myself to go into this with a sex-only mind frame? Do you think this could damage our 30-year friendship? -- NERVOUS IN OREGON

DEAR NERVOUS: It has been my observation that men and women view sexual relationships differently. Women often let their emotions get involved. Men can more easily separate the two. It could absolutely damage your 30-year friendship if what he expects is a casual friends-with-benefits relationship and at some point you decide you need more from this man you have had a crush on since your teens.

DEAR ABBY: My 25-year-old daughter has stopped talking to me. She said I need counseling to discuss the abuse during her childhood. I asked, "What abuse?" She won't say! I can't think of any. She was never spanked. She was given anything she asked for and allowed to join any club or sport she was interested in.

The only thing she finally mentioned was my husband and I had arguments. We didn't argue often. I'm at a loss. Should I step back and leave her alone? I send texts and call her once a week. Most go unanswered. When she does answer, she asks if I have started counseling. Please advise. -- CUT OFF IN INDIANA

DEAR CUT OFF: Tell your daughter you are open to counseling, but only if it is joint counseling with her to figure out why there is such a disparity in your -- and her -- memories of her childhood. If you do, it may -- I can't guarantee -- resolve what's happening now.

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INSURANCE

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child that no longer lives at home and needs their own insurance.

"A quick search of your PCP's name will let us know what insurance they accept. That way you don't have to worry about changing doctors," Parchman said concerning those having questions concerning primary care physicians covered under certain insurance.

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Parchman stressed there is no cost to the customer.

"We are paid through the insurance companies, not the customer," Parchman said.

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quired information and answer any additional questions you may have.

"This may be one of the easiest times to enroll," Parchman said. "Some documents that are typically required have been waived for this enrollment period."

If any additional information is needed, the specialist will let the customer know at that time. Parchman also added that coverage is almost immediate for this enrollment.

"As soon as the insurance company receives their first payment, coverage begins," Parchman said.

Parchman says after customers have complet-

ed the enrollment process and have begun coverage, she and her associates are still available for customers to reach out to if they have questions.

"We can be that go between for our customers since we understand the language that insurance agencies use," Parchman said. "I am always available to help my customers."

For more information, contact Magoon & Associates 918)-743-7744 Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. or email melissa@magooninsurance.com.



Stuck

When a child is sexually abused, a "quick" recovery is rare, nearly unheard of. Confusion and misdirected guilt can stalk them far into their adult years.

"The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise." The ancient passage consoled me again and again through my bitter-sweet seasons of life. Laying my wounded heart before him was all I knew to do. Turning myself over to his mercy, repeatedly, sincerely.

"All that the Father gives me shall come to me; and he that comes to me I will in no wise cast out." Rehearsing such verses in periods of quietness helped tether me. His mercy sustained me.

Regret - contrition - repentance - thanksgiving. The cycles continued, ending every time at the door of mercy, before one nearer than a brother. Jesus. Friend of sinners. My theme verse for a good long while could read something like,

"I obviously need help. I realize I don't have what it takes. I can will it, but I can't do it. I decide to do good, but I don't really do it; I decide not to do bad, but then I do it anyway ... It happens so regularly it's predictable. The moment I decide to do good, sin is there to trip me up..." (Romans 7, Message Bible)

Still, all the while I knew to 'own' my wrongs, my unhelpful thinking. The notion of dodging responsibility, excusing my wrongs did not attract me. I knew what disobedience felt like, knew wrong-doing, wrong fantasizing when it entered the neighborhood. Like a drug-detecting dog, my conscience picked up transgression's scent. The buck stopped with me.

During those days in Christian culture, few religious communities walked with their people through the mine fields of sexual brokenness. There were likely more caregivers available than we knew. But that was part of the problem. If any were around it seemed they were not known.

Occasionally during those overseas years, a handful of struggling men surfaced, pursuing encouragement and prayer among themselves. I linked up with such a group for a season and the effort was commendable as far as it went. Yet, although we did not intend to purposefully avoid certain topics - such as sexual purity - we did. Each of us lived in Africa where wild game abounded. Yet we always managed to ignore the elephant in the room.

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LIONS CLUB

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"WE SERVE."

Calendar of Events • February 2021 Programs

Feb. 16 - Mike Ashley, Okmulgee Postmaster. Program chair is Dean Craig.

Feb. 19-20 - 3-E District Convention at First Family Federal Credit Union, Henryetta. International Director Judge Shea Nickell.

Feb. 23 - James Quinn, licensed psychotherapist. Program chair is Duaine Janzen.

Birthdays:
Feb. 13 - Sara Alexander
Feb. 17 - Dolph Hayden
Feb. 18 - Jim McClendon

Cornerstone Foursquare Church
A Place to Hear from God
“God is moving by His Spirit is a phrase in one of my favorite songs,” says Rev. Mickey Baldwin, lead pastor of Cornerstone Foursquare (CF). He adds, “You may be looking at the circumstance around you and the world, but I believe God is working in the midst of it all. COVID has been bad, but think about how many people have turned to Christ this past year. Social media can be a pit of wasted time, but the internet is flooded with the Word of God being preached around the world. Yes, this past year has been rough, but if you are reading this right now, you are here for a purpose. Would you consider finding God’s purpose for you here at CF. Don’t let circumstances steal your HOPE! Call out to Father God today and let Jesus (his Son who has paid the final price to give you life according to John 3:16) bring you a New Hope made on Father’s word.”

The CF family would love for you to discover God’s Word with us this 2021 as we dive in to be more and more a reflection of Jesus Christ.

When you join a CF Sunday or Wednesday at our Okmulgee campus or by connecting via LIVE stream on Facebook, you are family - you matter. 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 CF Facebook family.

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

Rev. Baldwin concluded, saying, “Putting our trust in God often follows hearing His Word or seeing God work in our lives. My prayer is that you will discover Jesus Christ as we seek this God of ours who is a compassionate Father moving by His Spirit.”

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 visit www.okmulgeefoursquare.org. #followingjesus #hopeishere #givethanks #seeyousunday

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

Opportunities of the Week:
Sunday, Feb. 14
9 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
10 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Worship in the Rowe
5 p.m. Youth - EPI Center
Monday, Feb. 15
12 p.m. Lost & Found NA - Basement
7 p.m. Lost & Found NA - Basement
Tuesday, Feb. 16
5:30 p.m. Craft Night
Wednesday, Feb. 17 - Ash Wednesday
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Food Pantry
12 p.m. Lost & Found NA - Basement
5:15 p.m. Dinner - RFLC
6:15 p.m. Service - Sanctuary
7 p.m. Lost & Found NA - Basement
7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, Feb. 18
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Food Pantry
Friday, Feb. 19
12 p.m. Lost & Found NA - Basement
12:30 p.m. OBI Blood Drive - RFLC
7 p.m. Lost & Found NA - Basement

Trinity Lutheran Church
This Sunday, Feb. 14, is Quinquagesima (roughly 50 days before Easter Sun-

day). The readings are from 1 Samuel 16:1-13, Isaiah 35:3-7, 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 and Luke 18:31-43.

“Faith Alone”
The seeing are blind, while the one who is blind can see (Luke 18:31-43). Jesus tells the twelve He is going up to Jerusalem to suffer and die and rise again, but they cannot understand or grasp what He is saying. The meaning of His words is hidden from their sight. However, as Jesus makes His way up to Jerusalem, a blind man calls out to Him for mercy. This blind man sees Jesus is the Messiah, the Savior, for he calls Him “Son of David.” Indeed, Jesus is the Lord’s anointed, the keeper of sheep (1 Sam. 16:1-13) who goes to lay down His life for the sheep. He is the incarnate love of the Father who suffers long and is kind, who is not puffed up, who never fails us (1 Cor. 13:1-13). Jesus opens the eyes of the blind (Is. 35:3-7) to see Him not according to outward appearances of lowliness, but according to His heart of mercy and compassion. Those who behold Him thus by faith follow Him to the cross through death into life.

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Christian C. Tiews
Elder: Jason Remington
Activities for the Week:
Sunday
9:00 & 10:45 a.m. Divine Service, in person (sermon also on our Facebook page, Trinity Lutheran Church Okmulgee)
10:10 a.m. Sunday School for All
12:15 p.m. Confirmation Class
Monday
10:30 a.m. Bible Study (also live on our Facebook page)
Wednesday
10 a.m. Pre-Sem
6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service
Thursday
2 p.m. Tulsa Circuit Meeting; BA / Muskogee Catechesis
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.

Jubilee Christian Center
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Jubilee Christian Center is a non-denominational church located 1/2 mile north of the MCN Physical & Rehab Center on the east side of Hwy. 75, in Okmulgee.
Pastors Dale and Colleen Litsey invite you to Sunday Services at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. and Wednesday Services at 7 p.m.
Adult Sunday School: Sunday at 9 a.m.
Celebrate Recovery: Friday from 6 to 8:30 p.m.
Children’s Ministry: Nursery is available for ages 0-2 for all church services. Pre-School Class for ages 3-5 for all services. Children’s Church for ages 6-8 and 9-12 are Sunday morning & Wednesday evening.
Intercessory Prayer: Tuesday at 1 p.m.
Rampart: Pre-service prayer is Sunday from 9:50 to 10:20 a.m.
Jail Ministry: Okmulgee County Jail Ministry is every other Sunday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Jubilee Men’s Ministry: Breakfast meetings are the first Saturday of each month at 8 a.m.
Victorious Women Fellowship: VWF meetings are the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m.
Youth Ministry: Youth classes for ages 13-18 are Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Morris Church of Christ
Morris Church of Christ invites the public to hear its new minister, Dr. Bob Whiddon, Jr. Listen to him in person during worship service each Sunday at 10:45 a.m. You may also hear him in a recorded sermon on the Small Church Project Facebook page. Morris Church of Christ is located at 105 S. Hughes in Morris.

New Life Apostolic Church
New Life Apostolic Church has relocated. Come join us at 4900 N. Wood Drive in Okmulgee. Elect Lady Anna Lewis is the pastor.
Sunday morning prayer is at 9 a.m.
Sunday morning service is at 10 a.m. followed by Live Apostolic Holiness Broadcasting from Iowa, with Bishop Terry Gilmore.
Bible Study is Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m.
Wednesday evening prayer is at 6 p.m. and Bible Study is at 7 p.m. (Live Apostolic Holiness Broadcasting).

World’s Greatest Valentine

RANDY ZINN
PASTOR, RUSSELL MISSIONARY BAPTIST

“How do I love thee? Let me count the ways. I love thee...” (by Elizabeth Barrett Browning). Remember that one? There are countless ways we can say, “I love you” to the people who are special to us. In February each year, we give our sweethearts and other loved ones flowers, candy, valentines, etc., to express our affection for them.

The tradition of giving and receiving valentines did not originate until the 19th century. Saint Valentine was a Roman priest who was martyred and February 14 is a feast day celebrated by some in his honor. Nevertheless, for most of us it is a day to present special gifts and valentines to that precious someone in our life and often to receive the same in return.

Did you know the God of Heaven sent us a special valentine written in red and paid for by the blood of His dear Son? The “World’s Greatest Valentine” was purchased by Jesus and its message can be found in the Holy Bible in John 3:16.

In February, 1983, I was in my senior year of Bible college in Oklahoma City when I decided to send a friendly valentine to a young lady with whom I had been associated in ministry work for several years in Batesville, AR. Since we had never dated or demonstrated any romantic interest in each other, I chose a beautiful card with a simple greeting for a friend.

However, six months down the road, a whirlwind of events had transpired and, by August, she and I were engaged to be married. When Valentine’s Day rolled around in 1984, I had finished Bible college and had moved to Okmulgee, where I served in a local church as associate under Pastor Bill Whitfield (a native of Mt. View, Ark.). Just before Valentine’s day, I went shopping for the perfect card for my fiancée. Then, I drove five hours to Batesville to deliver it in person.

After I took Melissa home at the end of our evening out, something prompted her to look for my valentine from the year before. To her amazement (and later to my complete surprise), the two cards were identical except for the salu-

tation and verse which then, of course, were definitely romantic. Now, 37 years later, my wife contends that second valentine is still “the greatest valentine” ever - from me.

While most of us probably have a story of “the greatest valentine” ever received from someone we love, all those valentines pale in comparison to the “World’s Greatest Valentine” with the wording, “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

There is no greater love than the love God has for us - fallen, sinful creatures in need of a Savior, a loving Savior Who is only a prayer away. His valentine is no doubt the greatest valentine we could ever receive from anyone. Now, let’s open up this valentine message and look at it closely.

First, we see a loving Creator, “For God so loved.” The Creator of the heavens and the earth loves us. Wow! He made us in His image and put an empty spot in our heart only He can fill. The second thing we see is the object of His great love, “the world” - the whole world - a lost, sin-cursed, blind and dying world of sinners in need of His love (Romans 5:8).

Next, we see a liberal sacrifice, “that He gave His only Begotten Son.” He gave us the very best He had, His precious Son. His Gift was not only liberal, but it was liberating as well. Jesus said in John 8:36, “If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.” We can be free from sin and the penalty of that sin.

Finally, we find this valentine is a message with lasting results, “Whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” At the passing of a loved one or as we near the end of our life, there is no message as precious as the promise of everlasting life. It is ours for the claiming by turning from our self and sin to Jesus and accepting His invitation to us, “Give me thine heart (Proverbs 23:26).”

Randy Zinn is pastor of Russell Missionary Baptist Church, Russell, Ark.; formerly of Okmulgee.

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12:21 a.m. - RP advised they are out of town and got an alarm the back door just opened. Nobody should be there and there are dogs inside - 800 blk S Creek
1:44 a.m. - Reckless Driver - Love's
3:26 a.m. - RP advised somebody is trying to break into home - 1400 blk N Bryan
10:42 a.m. - Civil matter with mother refusing to give RP his property - 1500 blk N Chickasaw
1:20 p.m. - RP advised juvenile walked in to residence - 1600 blk E 13th
3:30 p.m. - Aggressive dog with black and white spots - 100 blk E 10th
5:58 p.m. - Possible shots fired - near Arby's
6:04 p.m. - Trailer and gate found that was reported stolen - 600 blk N Muskogee
10:08 p.m. - Male subject digging through trash and making mess - Briarwood
11:53 p.m. - Disturbance of strange noises - 500 blk of Clearcrest

01/25/2021
12:35 a.m. - Panic Alarm - 15000 blk Skyline Dr
3:01 a.m. - Reckless driver NB Hwy 75 near Schulter
7:33 a.m. - RP advising silver Chevy Suburban parked on wrong side of road for about a week causing problems for bus drivers to make turn - Sherman
11:45 a.m. - Bag found on church property - St Anthony's
2:29 p.m. - Unwanted adults causing problems and messing with things behind store - Sunny Stop
2:46 p.m. - Funeral escort - McClendon Chapel
3:46 p.m. - Someone broke into and burglarized vehicle overnight - 600 blk of S. Seminole
4:22 p.m. - Gray truck and Green Chrysler fighting over one of them having a loose vicious dog - Love's
4:58 p.m. - Silver SUV almost hit RP on RP bike, has on video - 4th & Morton
6:14 p.m. - RP hit dog - KFC
8:13 p.m. - Underage drinking - Skatepark
10:24 p.m. - Traffic violation of male on bike - Boomerang
10:42 p.m. - Abandoned vehicle - SB Hwy 75 near DHS
11:54 p.m. - Reckless driver in Silver SUV - 6th and Woodlawn

01/26/2021
4:45 a.m. - Police Assist - Kern Trailer Park
5:55 a.m. - RP advised suspicious white male no shirt, no shoes or socks walking in and out of store - Sunny Stop
11:02 a.m. - Smaller Dodge Pick-up white male and white female grab-and-run theft, left West on 13th 15 minutes prior - Sharpe's
11:44 a.m. - Juvenile showed up lost at residence en-route to police station, made contact with parent - 800 blk of S. Park
11:58 a.m. - Funeral Home Escort - Schaudt's Funeral Home
12:01 p.m. - Racoon in trap - 800 blk N. Bryan
12:14 p.m. - Alarm call - Eastside School
12:58 p.m. - RP advised green Escape jumped curb and nearly hit RP multiple times - Wood Drive Circle K
2:41 p.m. - Dirt bike stolen, electric and vehicles gone through - 700 blk E. 16th
3:47 p.m. - Whote car female driver with dog in car almost hit male walking, possibly know each other - Hwy 62 and Hwy 56 WB
5:20 p.m. - Unwanted male standing on corner screaming - Ausbrooks on Wood Dr.

7:24 p.m. - Silver and black Mustang doing donuts in parking lot - Shoe Sensation
8:21 p.m. - Suspicious vehicle backed in - NE corner Sherman & Cherokee
11:21 p.m. - Motor Vehicle Theft - 700 blk of Emerson

01/27/2021
12:06 a.m. - Reckless Driver in silver car with out of state tag - NB Hwy 75 from Dewar
12:18 a.m. - RP can hear fighting - Turning Leaf Apartments
1:37 a.m. - Alarms sounding - Dollar General 5th St
3:37 a.m. - RP hears disturbance outside - 600 block W. 12th
5:11 a.m. - Suspicious vehicle running for over an hour - near 500 blk N. Grand
6:25 a.m. - RP advised water coming out of street - 1100 blk of E 9th
6:30 a.m. - Car stolen - 300 blk of E. 6th
8:26 a.m. - Cats need to be picked up - 900 blk S.Rogers
9:16 a.m. - RP advised stolen vehicle has been found - 1500 blk E. 6th
11:38 a.m. - RP has complaint of dogs running loose, afraid will bite child - 1600 blk E. 3rd
11:58 a.m. - RP advising of disturbance - Turning Leaf Apts
1:20 p.m. - RP advised received email about coyote in field north of school - Dunbar
2:18 p.m. - Animal Control contacted, RP advised dog left behind by homeowners - Corner of Choctaw & Randolph
3:09 p.m. - Animal Control contacted, live trap for possible skunk - 1400 blk E. 8th
3:18 p.m. - RP requesting Animal Control for well-ness check on dog - 500 blk S. Woodlawn
6:09 p.m. - Non-injury accident - Dairy Queen
6:53 p.m. - RP advised heard about eight shots going off in area, 2nd RP advised heard about 12-15 shots - Belmont & Taft
7:20 p.m. - Welfare Check requested - Budget Inn

01/28/2021
12:06 a.m. - RP advised not safe in home - 600 blk W. 12th
12:17 a.m. - 911 Call with response, RP advised physical domestic - 900 blk S. Florida
2:28 a.m. - Front Door burglary alarm - VFW
4:12 a.m. - Suspicious Vehicle - 9th & Woodlawn
5:44 a.m. - Non-Injury Accident, RP throwing newspapers and accidentally struck vehicle - W 6th near Monroe
6:02 a.m. - Truck sitting, looks like driver slumped over in driver's seat - E 20th & Mission
10:54 a.m. - RP advised son has gone missing from residence - 700 blk S. Woodlawn
10:55 a.m. - Funeral Escort - McClendon
10:57 a.m. - Advised Animal Control dogs out in area - Liberty & 3rd
12:15 p.m. - Disoriented subject walking around - DHS & George Nigh NB
2:46 p.m. - Reckless driver now sitting in parking lot almost ran into vehicle on 20th - Walmart
3:05 p.m. - Non Injury accident - 500 blk E. 16th
3:12 p.m. - Unwanted person in motorhome - Philips Auto
4:58 p.m. - RP requesting to speak with officer in reference to buying stolen property they didn't know was stolen - 12th & Prairie
7:02 p.m. - RP needing to file stolen vehicle report - Police Station
7:11 p.m. - Non injury accident - 8th & Wood
8:07 p.m. - Suspicious vehicles reported parked in front of store after calling asking store to stay open late - Hibbett Sporting Goods
8:46 p.m. - RP advised somebody tried to open front door knob, requesting officer - 800 blk S. Mission
9:35 p.m. - RP advised sounds like 2 females fighting outside, can hear glass breaking - 1400 blk E. 7th

01/29/2021
12:24 a.m. - Suspicious vehicle parked in parking lot - YMCA
12:52 a.m. - RP advised someone tried breaking into her vehicle, left running south - 700 blk N. Alabama
1:35 a.m. - RP advised heard single gun shot in area - 1200 blk N. Bryan
1:35 a.m. - Abandoned vehicle - 7th & Severs
2:09 a.m. - Suspicious vehicle blocking one of entrances for about an hour - 8th & Wood Circle K
3:18 a.m. - Suspicious Black Ford Ranger - Mission & 20th
5:36 a.m. - RP advised heard loud crash - 1100 blk S. Rogers
10:20 a.m. - RP advised dog jumped in to vehicle, needs to be picked up by Animal Control - Library
11:09 a.m. - RP requesting to make report about stolen property - 1000 blk E. 2nd
11:25 a.m. - RP advised subject giving away puppies in parking lot, Requesting Animal Control - Walmart
12:22 p.m. - RP saw individual going in and out of residence behind house - 1400 blk E. 13th
12:37 p.m. - Non injury accident - Circle K 20th & Wood
12:40 p.m. - Reckless driver possibly drunk driving all over roadway - EB from Madison on 20th
2:56 p.m. - RP working on property, left for couple of weeks, returned to find all copper stolen from basement - 1400 blk E. 6th
3:36 p.m. - Truck missing - 1200 blk N. Alabama
6:27 p.m. - Reckless Driver in Chevy Trailblazer all over roadway - Wood Dr & McDonald's SB
6:29 p.m. - RP Advised neighbor playing really loud music - 1300 blk W. 6th
7:54 p.m. - RP advised three vehicles driving very fast and loud - 1200 blk of S Miami
8:10 p.m. - RP advised was in fight with male subject and has possible broken nose and bruises all over back, wants to file a report - 6th and Morton
11:28 p.m. - RP advised possible domestic - 200 blk S. Porter
11:39 p.m. - RP advised he believes someone stole credit card, wants to file report - 900 blk E. Henry
11:58 p.m. - RP advised loud truck with pipes speeding up and down road - 700 blk N. Taft

01/30/2021
3:17 a.m. - Suspicious vehicle parked in parked lot - Jubilee Christian Center
3:48 a.m. - Patrol advised hole in fence - Horn Wrecker
5:09 a.m. - Alteration with relative, now refusing to leave - 1300 blk E. Lafayette
2:18 p.m. - All four street lights not working - Wood Dr. & MLK
4:41 p.m. - RP advised found BB hole in front window, unsure when if occurred - 800 blk of Crutchmer Ave
5:06 p.m. - Stolen vehicle recovered - Walmart Parking lot
6:04 p.m. - Shoplifting of \$600 in tools by male
7:08 p.m. - Aggressive pit bull at large - 600 blk S. Seminole
7:49 p.m. - Juveniles threatening customers - Love's
7:52 p.m. - Reckless driver all over road - SB Hwy 75 & Celia Berryhill
8:02 p.m. - Stolen ID and bank card - Boomerang
9:23 p.m. - Reckless Driver - SB Hwy 75 & Beggs Exit
9:36 p.m. - Reckless Driver - SB Hwy 75 & Beggs Exit

01/31/2021
1:07 a.m. - RP hears something outside - 600 blk W. 12th
7:10 a.m. - Non injury accident - Loves Truck Area
10:58 a.m. - Domestic - 100 blk N. Bryan
11:23 a.m. - Stolen trailer - 1300 blk E. 11th
2:53 p.m. - Panic Alarm - Metro PCS
9:19 p.m. - Male screaming in street - 1100 blk N. Alabama



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Unlawful Poss. of Cds with Intent to Distribute
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SHERIFF

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advised they saw a man hitting a woman. East side of road.

12:33 p.m. - Welfare Check - 14000 block of Tyler Road - Left facility and unable to care for himself. Possibly returned to residence and is a fall risk. Took KATS bus from McAlester yesterday.

1:01 p.m. - Alarm - 11000 block of Hwy. 75 - Residential burglary indicator motion.

2:31 p.m. - Unwanted Person/Vehicle - 32000 block of S. 200 Rd. - RP advised of a neighbor that keeps showing up at his home causing problems. Advised this is the 3rd time in less than a year. Wants to speak with a deputy.

3:29 p.m. - Reckless Driver - Schuler area toward Store from Gensing - RP advised of a dark blue 2001-2003 Chevy truck with ties in the back driving at 50-60 mph.

4:27 p.m. - Domestic - 3900 block of N. 195 Rd. - Rp advised of physical domestic not in progress, Red Saturn in unknown direction. Advised no EMS.

5:18 p.m. - Suspicious Person/Vehicle - West of 12000 block of Creager Rd. - Pickup parked at a gate to a property that RP owns.

02/03/2021

7:07 a.m. - Burglary - 9700 block of N. 300 Rd. - RP requesting a deputy. Advised he has an intruder that was trying to get into his mother-in-law's house. RP called back and advised he possibly found truck belonging to subject that's possibly wrecked.

8:04 a.m. - Suspicious Person/Vehicle - S. 300 Rd./Hwy. 266 - Wrecked out vehicle.

10:02 a.m. - Larceny - 100 block of Creager - Advised he works for County and they hauled in gravel yesterday and all the gravel that was put down, someone came through and scooped it up. Requesting a deputy to file a report.

1:24 p.m. - Animals - Bristlecone Rd. and Hwy. 52 - Advised the cow was in the curves.

1:30 p.m. - Suspicious Person/Vehicle - 220 Rd./Conifer - Male subject sitting on side of the road in a blanket.

4:39 p.m. - Disturbance - 27000 block of S. 250 Rd. - RP advised her husband locked her out of the house and won't let her get her clothes. Requesting a deputy.

6:50 p.m. - Open Door - 6800 block of Ruby Lane - RP advised came home and back door is wide open. She is outside by garage door. Has not entered house yet, unknown if someone is inside.

10:34 p.m. - Other - Wilson School - Security Check.

02/04/2021

5:05 a.m. - Other - Twin Hills School - Security Check.

8:26 a.m. - Disturbance - 17000 block of S. 210 Rd. - Disturbance.

9:24 a.m. - Alarm - 4800 block of Twin Hills Rd. - Living room motion.

1:17 p.m. - Welfare Check - 31000 block of S. 175 Rd. - Welfare check to attempt to make contact with owners of a dog that have let their dog out to get hit by a car. RP has taken care of dog and would like to know if owners want dog back, if not RP will gladly take the dog.

2:51 p.m. - Accident No Injury - Hwy. 16/Dentonville - Minor accident, two vehicles, no injuries. Transferred to OHP. County advised.

3:09 p.m. - Animals - 1400 block of N. 320 Rd. - RP states she bought a dog for \$100 and it ran off with the dogs. Old owner has info on it. Old owner came and picked the dog up and is refusing to give it back to the RP after the RP paid for the dog. Requesting to speak to deputy.

3:48 p.m. - Dumping - 2600 block of Howard Rd. - Advised his brother-in-law is at the end of his driveway in a white Chevy pickup and he feels threatened by his presence due to him assaulting him in January. Requesting a deputy to come out and make him leave, Advised County Units.

4:56 p.m. - Reckless Driver - 8300 block of Creager Rd. - Advised a neighbor in a white minivan was tailgating him and about ran him and his little sister off the road. Advised she lives in the area.

6:06 p.m. - Other - Courthouse - Election ballots secure.

10:32 p.m. - Other - Wilson School - Security Check.

10:53 p.m. - Other - Sundowner Bar - Security Check.

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2:22 a.m. - Accident No Injury - S. 220 Rd./south of Conifer Rd. - 911 call. Automated voice advised of single vehicle accident. Advised HPD, EMS, HFD, DEP and OHP.

3:24 a.m. - Other - 1500 block of S. Florida - Security check.

4:26 a.m. - Other - Will Sampson/Hwy. 75 SB - Vehicle check.

4:49 a.m. - Suspicious Person/Vehicle - 24000 Hwy. 62 - RP advised someone flashing lights in house, on walls and on her ceiling. RP just requesting extra patrol at this time.

8:31 a.m. - Other - 8000 block of Hwy. 56 - Wants to file a report on his stolen travel trailer. Last seen yesterday.

9:15 a.m. - Animals - 1400 block of N. 320 Rd. - Calling in reference to dog call yesterday.

10:44 a.m. - Other - Hwy. 75/Coalton Rd. - Advised that someone took a TV out of one of the RV's and wants to file a report.

10:55 a.m. - Civil - 600 block of N. 220 Rd. - Issue with landlord entering her home on what she believes false claims as an excuse to enter the home before the RP has moved out after having been served an eviction notice.

11:45 p.m. - Alarm - 20000 block of Grimes Rd. - White Acura RDX. Sirius button push for assistance with no voice response and not currently active.

02/06/2021

12:43 a.m. - Other - Twin Hills School - Security check.

2:22 a.m. - Other - Area of 1500 block of S. Florida - RP advised she hears people talking and loud banging. Would like a drive through.

4:25 a.m. - Other - Crossroads Baptist Church - Security Check.

11:43 a.m. - Animals - Between Hwy. 75 and Alt. Hwy. 75 and Celia Berryhill - Advised cattle out on the road and side of the road.

1:00 p.m. - Abandoned Vehicle - Bald Hill/280 Rd. - Advised of a tank truck being on the side of the road. Advised of who it belongs to.

2:51 p.m - Other - Sundowners - Security check.

5:15 p.m. - Accident with Injury - Hwy. 56 Curve/120 Rd./Ash Rd. - Vehicle rollover with fire. One person trapped.

11:16 p.m. - Other - EB Hwy. 62/west of Prairie Bell - RP advised ran out of gas, unable to call anyone other than 911.

02/07/2021

1:06 a.m. - Other - 5th/Main - Vehicle waving unit down.

4:01 a.m. - Other - Twin Hills School - Security check.

12:42 p.m. - Threats - 14000 block of Bluebell St. - RP advised she is here in town trying to get her vehicle but subject is threatening to kill her if she doesn't get off the property. RP advised vehicle is a '96 Chevy Tahoe.

1:45 p.m. - Suspicious Person/Vehicle - RP advised a tan Volkswagen with Kansas plates drove up on him and flashed white lights but its not a patrol vehicle. Then he is speeding up to 100 mph to get around people.

2:31 p.m. - Reckless Driver - Hwy. 75 SB from Hwy. 16 - Rp advised of orange Charger doing speeds of 95-100 mph.

3:33 p.m. - Animals - 15000 block of Hectorville Rd. - RP advised there is a dog chained to a tree and left outside overnight and the weather is about to get cold.

4:21 p.m. - Juvenile - 21000 block of Smith Rd. - RP advised her 13-year-old juvenile keeps hitting stuff and choked her. THis has happened before. No weapons, drugs or alcohol. Advised juvenile is depressed. RP called back requesting ETA. Advised RP left residence and is down the road and now the juvenile is making suicidal threats. RP advised this is not normal of him and there is nothing in the home for him to hurt himself other than maybe a kitchen knife.

6:00 p.m. - Animals - 1400 block of N. 320 Rd. - Requesting a call from deputy regarding report of dog being swiped.



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Sights Set on State

Rikki Wolfe prepares Sasakwa squad for postseason run

LARRY OWEN
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Postseason play begins this weekend for Oklahoma high school basketball teams in Classes A and B. Teams playing this weekend have one goal in mind - reach the state tournament.

One team, in particular, that will begin a possible 3-week journey to the state tournament is the Sasakwa Lady Vikings.

The Lady Vikings are coached by former Schuler High School basketball standout Rikki Wolfe, who knows first-hand what it takes to reach the state tournament, having helped guide the Schuler Lady Bulldogs to the Class B state tournament in 2006.

This is Wolfe's seventh season at the helm of the Sasakwa girls basketball team, beginning her head coaching career in 2014-15.

Wolfe's Lady Viking squad will enter this year's postseason with an 8-11 record and will play host to two other teams in their 3-team district tournament, which is currently scheduled to start this evening.

Sasakwa will join Coleman and Victory Life Academy at the Class B Area IV, District 4 tournament. The Lady Vikings will begin postseason play this evening

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Golden Opportunity

Henryetta's Byroads, Morris' Ramos punch ticket to state

LARRY OWEN
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Okmulgee County will have two representatives at the Oklahoma Girls State Wrestling Championships in 2021.

Henryetta's Madison Byroads and Morris' Eden Ramos punched their tickets to the state wrestling tournament with Top 5 finishes at the Girls East Regional Wrestling Tournament Monday at Broken Arrow High School.

Ramos was the top individual finisher for the county wrestlers, as the Morris grappler took home the regional runner-up medal.

Byroads earned her second straight trip to the girls state wrestling tournament with a third-place finish at Monday's regional tournament.

Morris had one other representative at Monday's regional tournament - Skyler Owens. Owens suffered back-to-back losses following a first-round win to end her bid for a state tournament appearance.

The state wrestling

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Okmulgee's Braeden Williams finished with a team-high 21 points in last Saturday's road game at OKC Douglass.

Bulldogs upended at Douglass

Williams' 21 not enough in double-digit loss

LARRY OWEN
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The Okmulgee Bulldog varsity basketball team suffered their seventh-straight defeat of the season here last Saturday.

The latest setback for the Bulldogs (1-12) came to the host Oklahoma City Douglass Trojans by a 73-44 margin.

Braeden Williams led Okmulgee with a team-best 21 points in the contest. Williams did most of his scoring in the first eight minutes of action, finishing the opening period with 12 points.

The Bulldogs were scheduled to host Wagoner on Monday and travel to Beggs and Catoosa Thursday and Friday, respectively, but all three contests were cancelled for an unknown reason.

In last Saturday's road game

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REAGOR

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world championship at the conclusion of the 2020 ACRA Finals at the Tulsa Expo Fairgrounds.

At the Finals, Reagor competed against other steer wrestlers in a total of three rounds. Reagor finished with the top time in the first round, but did not have the best times in the other two rounds and finished with the second-best overall total. Despite not having the best times in the final two rounds, Reagor was still at the top of the season standings, which meant the Preston graduate was the top performer in steer wrestling for the second-consecutive season.

Reagor did not just become a world champion steer wrestler overnight.

Reagor has spent the last 12 years perfecting his technique, getting started in 2009 while also spending time on the basketball court helping the Preston boys' basketball team in their journey towards a state championship.

"I was roping calves one day and decided to give it a try," Reagor said, about his start in steer wrestling. "I fell in love with the adrenaline run and kept going with it."



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Cutline?

The sport of steer wrestling features two cowboys on a team attempting to bring down a runaway steer in the least amount of time. While the cowboy that does the steer wrestling gets all of the credit, it also takes a 'hazer' to help keep the cowboy in line with the runaway steer.

For the last four years, Reagor has had the privilege of working alongside

his cousin, and fellow Preston 2009 graduate, Javi Fultz.

Fultz's job during the event is to ride parallel with the steer once it begins running and ensure it runs in a straight line, allowing the steer wrestler the best chance of taking down the runaway steer in the least amount of time.

In both of his championships, Reagor has had

Fultz by his side and enjoys being able to celebrate with, not only his cousin, but also his best friend.

"You still have the same feelings, but (the difference is) when you can do it with your best friend," Reagor said, about winning a championship with just two people compared to winning as part of a team. "You don't have a lot of people to de-

pend on you, just more depending on you and him."

In order to be considered for a world championship, Reagor and Fultz have to compete, and do well, at lots of rodeos around the country.

In an average year, Reagor usually competes at 40-45 rodeos, traveling to events in Oklahoma, Texas, Missouri, Kansas, and Arkansas, as well as making a trip to Canada at least once a year.

With the recent COVID-19 pandemic that took place most of 2020, Reagor was only able to compete at about half of that total. Reagor made the most of his shortened season, winning a total of eight events, setting the Preston graduate up for a

good chance at coming away with his second world championship.

He has had the opportunity to compete all over the United States during his 12-year rodeo career, even going to Canada three times.

Steer wrestling, as well as other rodeo events, have received lots of negativity and negative comments from individuals and animal rights organizations, who feel the animals are being treated poorly and have wanted these events shut down because of their strong beliefs about animal cruelty.

"There are people that just don't understand how much care you put into the animals, including your practice animals," said Reagor, about the negativity steer wrestling and other rodeo events receive. "If (the protestors) could just see how much care the cowboys and cowgirls actually put towards their animals."

Since winning his second-straight world championship, Reagor has been putting in work, preparing for his journey towards a possible 3-peat at the top steer wrestler in the ACRA.

If he and his 'hazer' Fultz can continue their success at every rodeo they compete at in 2021, the possibility of a third-consecutive world championship could be within reach for Reagor.

We'll just have to wait and see if a 3-peat is in the cards for the one of the members of the 2009 Preston Pirate state championship team.

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Split Decision

Demons, Lady Pirates earn double-digit wins

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Beggs and Preston renewed their hardwood rivalry here last Friday with both programs coming away with a double-digit victory.

The host Lady Pirates began the county cage meeting with a 64-35 win over the visiting Beggs Lady Demons, while the Demons closed out the battle with a 76-49 decision in the nightcap.

The two county schools were scheduled to complete the home-and-home series this past Monday in Beggs, but that contest was cancelled.

As of presstime, Beggs and Preston are scheduled to return to action this evening with Beggs hosting Morris and Preston traveling to Henryetta.

Both county programs are also scheduled to be on the road this Monday with Beggs traveling to Henryetta and Preston traveling to Eufaula.

In last Friday's girls game, the host Lady Pirates took the opening frame by a 13-4 margin, then out-scored the Lady Demons 16-12 in the second stanza for a 29-16 advantage at the halftime break.

The Preston ladies extended their lead to 29 points (54-25) after coming out of the third quarter with a 25-9 margin.

Both teams tallied 10 points in the final period to put the host Lady Pirates on the winning end of a 64-35 outcome.

Four Preston players reached double figures in the contest, led by Jadyn Roberts with a game-high 15 points. Other double-digit scorers for the Lady Pirates were Maycie Jones with 13, Adrienne Wilson 12, and Mya Tiger 10.

The remaining Preston scorers in the county showdown were Ashlynn Foster with five, Shaunassi Jordan four, KaTory Batiste three, and Emilie Stidman two.

Caylee York was the leading scorer for Beggs in the meeting, finishing with 12 points.

Other Lady Demon scorers against Preston were Heiress Hicks with six, Kiamynd Daniels and Saniah Jordan five each, Melea Phillips three, and Haily Barnes and Ashiyah Lewis two apiece.

In the boys contest last Friday, the Demons led 19-9 after one quarter of action. The visitors took the second stanza by an 18-12 margin to send the game to intermission with Beggs in front by 16 points, 37-21.

The Demons pushed their lead to 25 points (61-36) with eight minutes left in regulation after out-scoring the host Pirates 24-15 in a high-scoring third period.

The Preston squad attempted to overcome the 25-point deficit in the final frame, but were edged 15-13 in the quarter to give Beggs the 76-49 victory.

Kendal Daniels and Blake Gomez led a balanced offensive attack for the victorious Demons with 15 points apiece. Kameron Whiteley also reached double figures for Beggs with 11, followed by Trey Gaines with eight.

Other Demon scorers in the county battle were Kaden Stanton, Caleb Parker, and Jameson Ross with six points apiece, Kyron Grayson five, and Evin Kemp four.

Jervais Goree was tops in scoring for Preston with a game-high 16 points. Markhi Johnson also finished in double-digit scoring for the Pirates with 12.

Malachi Ligons was next for Preston with eight, followed by Orlando Bagby with six, Tucker Webb three, and Keyton Smith and Lance Porter two each.

Girls Game

Preston 64, Beggs 35
Beggs: 4 - 12 - 9 - 10 (35)
Preston: 13 - 16 - 25 - 10 (64)

Beggs Scoring: Caylee York 12, Heiress Hicks 6, Kiamynd Daniels 5, Saniah Jordan 5, Melea Phillips 3, Haily Barnes 2, Ashiyah Lewis 2.

Preston Scoring: Jadyn Roberts 15, Maycie Jones 13, Adrienne Wilson 12, Mya Tiger 10, Ashlynn Foster 5, Shaunassi Jordan 4, KaTory Batiste 3, Emilie Stidman 2.

Boys Game

Beggs 76, Preston 49
Beggs: 19 - 18 - 24 - 15 (76)
Preston: 9 - 12 - 15 - 13 (49)

Beggs Scoring: Kendal Daniels 15, Blake Gomez 15, Kameron Whiteley 11, Trey Gaines 8, Kaden Stanton 6, Caleb Parker 6, Jameson Ross 6, Kyron Grayson 5, Evin Kemp 4.

Preston Scoring: Jervais Goree 16, Markhi Johnson 12, Malachi Ligons 8, Orlando Bagby 6, Tucker Webb 3, Keyton Smith 2, Lance Porter 2.

BULLDOGS

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at Douglass, the OHS squad took the opening frame by a 16-11 margin, led by Williams' 12-point performance, which featured bookend 3-point baskets.

The host Trojans came out of the second stanza with a 28-10 advantage to take over the lead at 39-26 at halftime.

The Bulldogs continued to have trouble keeping up with their opponents in the third quarter, as the Okmulgee squad was outscored 25-8 in the frame to fall further behind, 62-34, with eight minutes remaining in regulation.

Okmulgee edged the Trojans 11-10 in the final period but wound up on the losing end of a 73-44 outcome.

Besides Williams' team-best 21-point

performance, Calip Harjo and Malachi Simmons were next in the scoring column for the Bulldogs with nine and eight points, respectively, followed by Justin James with four points.

The duo of Isaac Graham and Joseph Robertson rounded out the Okmulgee scoring with two points each.

February 6

Grappling for Gold

3 county mat squads seek State berths this weekend

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CONTRIBUTING SPORTS WRITER

Three varsity wrestling teams from Okmulgee County will have their eyes set on capturing spots at the 2021 state wrestling tournament.

Grapplers from Okmulgee, Morris, and Henryetta were scheduled to compete against wrestlers from across the state this weekend at the Class 3A regional wrestling tournament. The regional tournament, which was slated to get started today and continue on Saturday, was pushed back to next Thursday and Friday due to freezing temperatures and possible inclement weather.

Okmulgee and Henryetta will compete at the Class 3A East regional tournament at Blackwell High School, while Morris will compete at the Class 3A West re-

gional tournament at Plainview High School.

The other teams that will be competing at the Class 3A East regional tournament include Barnsdall, Berryhill, Blackwell, Cascia Hall, Cashion, Chandler, Daniel Webster, Hennessey, Holland Hall, Hulbert, Inola, Jay, Lincoln Christian, Locust Grove, Metro Christian, Morrison, Newkirk, Oklahoma Christian School, Pawhuska, Pawnee, Perry, Sperry, Tonkawa, Victory Christian, Vian, and Watonga.

The other teams that will be competing at the Class 3A West regional tournament include Anadarko, Bethel, Bridge Creek, Checotah, Comanche, Community Christian, Cordell, Crossings Christian, Davis, Geary, Hinton, Hobart, Lexington, Little Axe, Mangum, Mar-

low, McLoud, Mill Creek, Pauls Valley, Perkins-Tryon, Plainview, Prague, Salina, Sulphur, Temple, Vinita, Warner, Wilburton

In order for any county wrestler to be a part of the state wrestling tournament in Oklahoma City, they will need to find a way to finish with one of the top five spots in their respective weight class at the regional tournament. Any county wrestler that finishes sixth at regionals will have a chance at competing at the state wrestling tournament if one of the top five finishers has to be replaced due to injury or other circumstances. (Note: A sixth-place regional winner will not replace one of the top five (1-5) regional place-winners who fails to make weight at the first weigh-in of the state wrestling tournament.)

WOLFE

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at 6 p.m. against Victory Life Academy, who is 1-11 on the year. A win over Victory Life Academy will put the Sasakwa cage squad in Saturday's district title game against Coleman, who is currently 17-5 on the year and ranked 19th in Class B, at 6 p.m., as well as a spot in next week's regional tournament.

Sasakwa will serve as a sub-site for next week's regional tournament with first-round games being played next Thursday. A regional championship for Sasakwa will put the Lady Vikings in the winner's bracket quarterfinals next Thursday at 6 p.m., while a regional runner-up will drop the Sasakwa squad in the consolation quarterfinals next Thursday at 1 p.m.

A loss to Victory Life Academy will bring a close to the Lady Vikings' season.

Wolfe began her seventh season at Sasakwa Dec. 4 at home against Indianola. The season opener was a tough one for Wolfe, as the former Schuler standout went into that contest without one of her biggest supporters in the stands, her mother, Minnie Wolfe, who passed away November 25. The Lady Vikings dropped the season-opening contest by a narrow 40-38 decision.

Four days later (December 8), Wolfe and the Sasakwa ladies evened their season record with a hard-fought 45-43 victory over New Lima in the first round of the Little River Conference Tournament.

The Lady Vikings finished the 3-day tournament with the third-place trophy, dropping their semifinal contest with Varnum by a 69-31 margin, then knocking off Earlsboro 57-46 in the third-place game.

After back-to-back losses to North Rock Creek (57-44) and Mason (63-55), Sasakwa got back in the win column January 5 at home against Bowlegs, routing the Lady Bison 68-6 to sit at 3-4 on the



COURTESY PHOTO
Sasakwa head coach Rikki Wolfe, center, talks to her team during a timeout in a recent game against Butner. Wolfe and the Lady Vikings will begin postseason play this evening at home against Victory Life Academy.

year.

The Lady Vikings began the Davis Tournament January 7 with a loss to Marietta. Sasakwa rebounded from the first-round loss with a 62-35 victory in the consolation semifinals against the Dickson junior varsity team.

The Sasakwa squad finished sixth at the 3-day tournament, suffering a heartbreaking 35-34 loss to Lexington in the consolation title game.

After road losses to Paden (61-48) and Strother (62-39) put the Lady Vikings at 4-8 on the season, the Sasakwa ladies improved to 6-8 with wins over Moss (54-19) and Carney (55-36), respectively. The win over Carney came in the opening round of the Paden Tournament.

The Lady Vikings finished the Paden Tournament with a narrow 41-39 loss to Depew in the semifinals and a 43-26 win over Union City in the third-place contest.

The final win for Sasakwa this season came on January 29, defeating Butner by a 74-37 margin at home.

Prior to the win over Butner, the Lady Vikings dropped a 57-29 decision to third-ranked Varnum on January 26.

On February 2, the Sasakwa cage squad dropped a 50-39 decision to Southwest Covenant to finish their regular-season schedule at 8-11.

In her first season at Sasakwa, Wolfe's team finished 14-10 and reached

the area tournament, missing the state tournament by three wins. The following season (2015-16), Sasakwa once again reached the area tournament. Just like in the previous season, the Lady Vikings came up three wins short of a state tournament appearance.

Wolfe and the Lady Vikings were determined to make the state tournament the next season (2016-17). Sasakwa entered the 2017 postseason with a 19-4 record. The Lady Vikings found themselves one win away from a state tournament appearance after earning wins over Mulburn (district championship), Whitesboro (regional quarterfinals), and Caney (regional finals).

Sasakwa had their state tournament dreams derailed for just one day, losing a heartbreaker to Varnum in the area championship game. The Lady Vikings would not be denied a state tournament berth, defeating Caney in the area consolation finals to punch their ticket to the Class B state tournament.

Sasakwa's state tournament appearance in 2017 was short-lived, as the Lady Vikings fell to second-ranked Hammon in the first round to finish the 2016-17 season with a 23-6 record.

The following season (2017-18), the Lady Vikings once again found themselves one win away from a state tournament berth, having defeated Bowlegs (district cham-

pionship), Springer (regional quarterfinals), and Calvin (regional finals) to advance to the area title game for the second-straight season.

Wolfe and the Sasakwa cage squad would not have a repeat from the previous season, defeating LeFlore in the area title game to earn a second-consecutive trip to the state tournament.

The Lady Vikings added another key milestone to Wolfe's coaching career - her first state tournament win - as Sasakwa edged past No. 6 Leedey in the first round.

The win over Leedey earned the Lady Vikings a rematch with Hammon in the semifinal round. Sasakwa was unable to give Wolfe an opportunity to coach in the state championship game, as the Lady Vikings fell to Hammon to end their dreams of a state title in the semifinals, finishing Sasakwa's season at 24-4.

Wolfe and the Lady Vikings finished the 2018-19 season with a 20-7 record and saw their season end with an overtime loss to Battiest in the consolation finals of the regional tournament.

Sasakwa finished 14-15 last season, but was able to reach the area tournament for the fifth time in Wolfe's six coaching seasons. The Lady Vikings were unable to earn a spot in the state tournament, falling to LeFlore in the consolation quarterfinals of the area tournament.

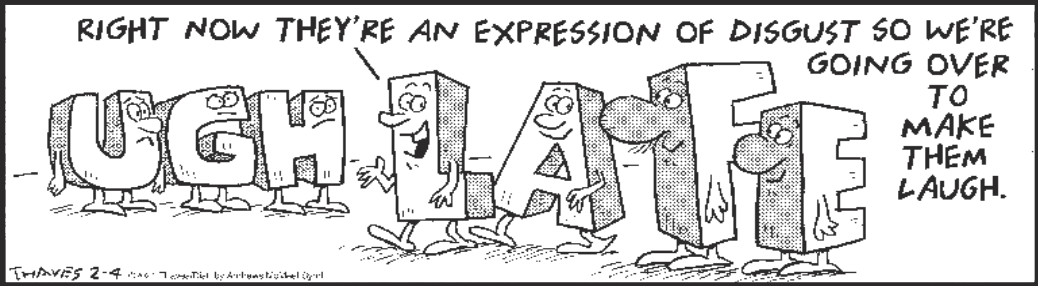
OKC Douglass 73, Okmulgee 44
Okmulgee: 16 - 10 - 8 - 10 (44)
Douglass: 11 - 28 - 25 - 11 (73)

Okmulgee Scoring: Braeden Williams 21, Calip Harjo 9, Malachi Simmons 8, Justin James 4, Isaac Graham 2, Joseph Robertson 2.

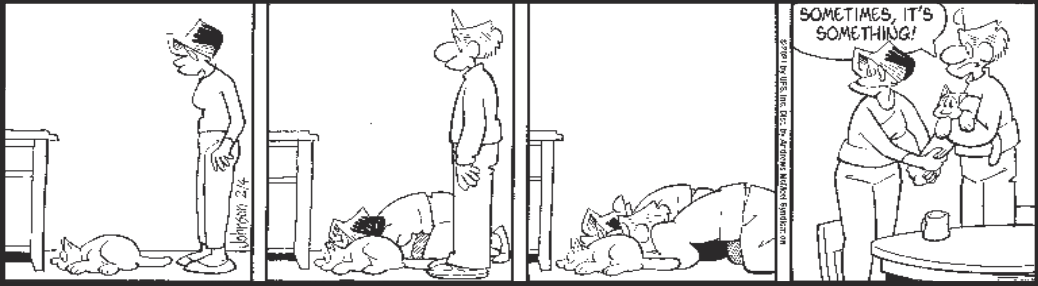
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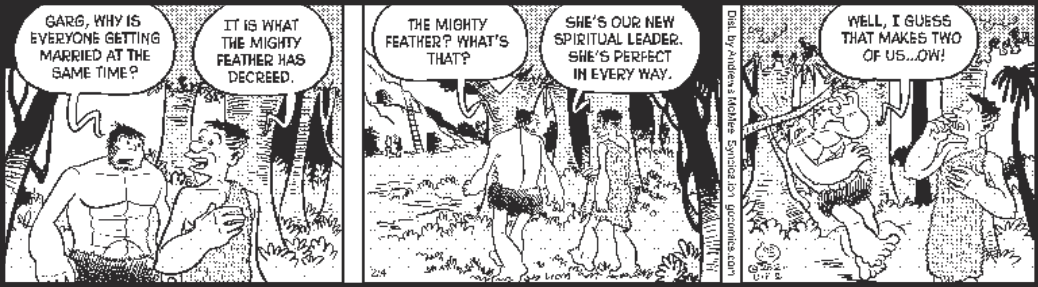
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ASTROGRAPH

Stick to your plans. Taking unnecessary risks will set you back. Stay focused on what you can accomplish and how best to use your skills, attributes and intellect to get ahead. Keep temptation at bay. Your personal life will improve if you are attentive and live up to your promises.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)
Make your point clear when dealing with a friend or relative, but don't let your temper escalate. How well you deal with controversy will be crucial. A romantic gesture will enhance your love life.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)
Focus on change. The effort you put in to improve your lifestyle, financial situation and professional circumstances will help you achieve your goal.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Be secretive about the changes you want to make. Get involved in conversations or projects that will enlighten you about something you want to pursue. Romance will brighten your day.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Don't take anything or anyone for granted. If you want to get things done, work alone. Expect to be contradicted if you get into a debate; be amicable.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Expect a mix-up due to misinterpretation. You'll have to be articulate to ensure you get your point across and your requests handled adequately. Leave nothing to chance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Take your time, look at every angle and make changes based on what's best for you. How you go about your responsibilities will tie into an opportunity that comes your way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Be sure that the changes you want to make are financially sound. Don't jeopardize your position or reputation to impress someone. Opportunities exist, but picking the right one will be crucial.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
You'll have plenty of innovative ideas. Develop a partnership that will make it easier for you to reach your goal. Do some research in order to find out what's trending.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Overspending will be tempting. Crunch the numbers before you decide to take on debt. Look for a way to get what you want for less, and you will avoid an argument.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
You'll be faced with opposition, discord and uncertainty if you have neglected to take care of personal matters. Stop procrastinating; start taking care of unfinished business.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
Don't let someone get in your way or mislead you. Focus on your goal, and surround yourself with like-minded people. An opportunity to make money doing something you enjoy will come your way.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Put time and effort into home, family and positive adjustments that will bring you closer to your loved ones. Fixing up your surroundings and adding to your comfort and convenience are favored.



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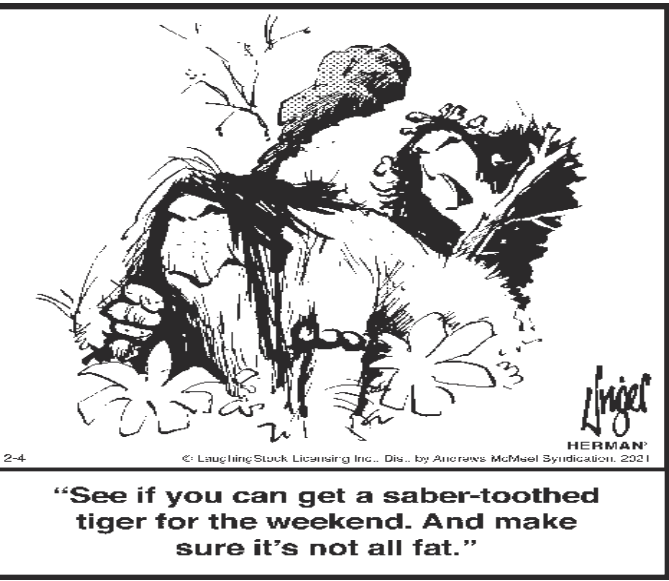
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THURSDAY, FEB. 18	7:00 P.M.	7:30 P.M.	8:00 P.M.	8:30 P.M.	9:00 P.M.	9:30 P.M.	10:00 P.M.	10:30 P.M.
02 • KJRH (NBC)	MR. MAYOR	YOUNG ROCK	LAW & ORDER: SVU		THE WIDOWER		NEWS	TONIGHT SHOW
06 • KOTV (CBS)	YOUNG SHELDON	B POSITIVE	MOM	THE UNICORN	CLARICE		NEWS	THE LATE SHOW
08 • KTUL (ABC)	CELEBRITY WHEEL OF FORTUNE		THE CHASE		THE HUSTLER		NEWS	JIMMY KIMMEL
11 • OETA (PBS)	GALLERY AMERICA	FANNIE LOU HAMER	MIDSOMER MURDERS		DOC MARTIN		DEATH IN PARADISE	
19 • KQCW (CW)	WALKER		LEGACIES		KQCW NEWS		BIG BANG THEORY	SCHITT'S CREEK
23 • KOKI (FOX)	HELL'S KITCHEN		CALL ME KAT		FOX 23 NEWS		FOX 23 NEWS	MODERN FAMILY
41 • KMYT (MY TV)	DATELINE		LAW & ORDER: CI	LAST MAN STANDING	LAST MAN STANDING	LAST MAN STANDING	THE SIMPSONS	FAMILY GUY
44 • KTPX (ION)	CHICAGO P.D.		CHICAGO P.D.		CHICAGO P.D.		CHICAGO P.D.	
47 • KWHB (CTN)	GREAT AWAKENING	RHEMA PRAISE	LANCE WALLNAU	MAN360	GOOD NEWS	REAL LIFE	AWAKENING	GREAT AWAKENING



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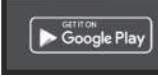
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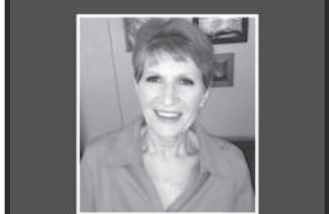
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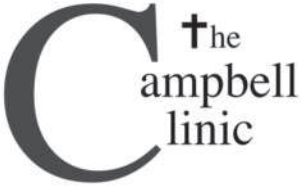


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02 • KJRH (NBC)	SATURDAY TODAY			ONE TEAM	2 NEWS WEEKEND MORNING				EARTH ODYSSEY	WILD CHILD	ROOTS LESS TRAVELED
06 • KOTV (CBS)	CBS THIS MORNING SATURDAY				SIX IN THE MORNING WEEKEND				LUCKY DOG	INNOVATION NATION	PAID PROGRAM
08 • KTUL (ABC)	PAID PROGRAM	THE BRIDGE CHURCH	GOOD MORNING AMERICA SATURDAY			OCEAN TREKS	SEA RESCUE		HEARTS OF HEROES	ROCK THE PARK	TEEN KIDS NEWS
11 • OETA (PBS)	PAINT THIS	THE JOY OF PAINTING	MARKET TO MARKET	SUNUP	LOVE OF QUILTING	FIT 2 STITCH	AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN	MILK STREET	PATTI'S MEXICAN TABLE	AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN	OKLAHOMA GARDENING
19 • KQCW (CW)	SPORTS STARS	PAID PROGRAM	PAID PROGRAM	PAID PROGRAM	INTO THE WILD	INTO THE WILD	INTO THE WILD	THIS OLD HOUSE: TRADE...	BEST FRIENDS FUREVER	TAILS OF VALOR	PAID PROGRAM
23 • KOKI (FOX)	FOX 23 NEWS THIS MORNING WEEKEND	FOX 23 NEWS THIS MORNING WEEKEND	FOX 23 NEWS THIS MORNING WEEKEND			FOX 23 NEWS	PAID PROGRAM	PAID PROGRAM	XPLORATION OUTER SPACE	COLLEGE HOOPS TIPOFF	NCAA BASKETBALL
41 • KMYT (MY TV)	PAID PROGRAM	PAID PROGRAM	YOUNG ICONS	BIZ KIDS	PAID PROGRAM	PAID PROGRAM			WEEKEND MARKETPLACE		
44 • KTPX (ION)	PAID PROGRAM	PAID PROGRAM	PAID PROGRAM	PAID PROGRAM	LAW & ORDER: SVU		LAW & ORDER: SVU		LAW & ORDER: SVU		LAW & ORDER: SVU
47 • KWHB (CTN)	GOSPEL BILL	HEATH & CHECKER SHOW	IGNITE YOUR LIGHT KIDZ	CHICKLET CLUB	DR. WONDER'S WORKSHOP	SUPER BOOK	MONUMENTAL	TIGHT LINE	1ST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH		SID ROTH
SATURDAY, FEB. 13	11:30 A.M.	12:00 P.M.	12:30 P.M.	1:00 P.M.	1:30 P.M.	2:00 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	3:30 P.M.	4:00 P.M.	4:30 P.M.
02 • KJRH (NBC)	EPL SOCCER				FIS APLINE SKIING			USATF TRACK & FIELD			
06 • KOTV (CBS)	MARCH MADNESS BRACK...	NCAA BASKETBALL				GOLF					
08 • KTUL (ABC)	PAID PROGRAM	PAID PROGRAM	PAID PROGRAM	UFC 258 PRE-SHOW		NCAA BASKETBALL				PAID PROGRAM	PAID PROGRAM
11 • OETA (PBS)	GARDEN SMART	WOODSMITH SHOP	THIS OLD HOUSE	ASK THIS OLD HOUSE	IN THE AMERICAS	NATURE		NOVA		ANTIQUES ROADSHOW	
19 • KQCW (CW)	PAID PROGRAM	PAID PROGRAM	CHASING THE DREAM	MSVOKKE VISION	MIKE MCCARTHY SHOW	PAID PROGRAM	AWESOME ADVENTURES	PAID PROGRAM	PAID PROGRAM	PAID PROGRAM	LEON ROLLERSON
23 • KOKI (FOX)	NCAA BASKETBALL (CONT.)			COLLEGE HOOPS EXTRA	NCAA BASKETBALL				COLLEGE HOOPS EXTRA	NCAA BASKETBALL	
41 • KMYT (MY TV)	WEEKEND MAR... (CONT.)	NASHVILLE INSIDER	RAW TRAVEL	SMALL TOWN BIG DEAL	OPEN HOUSE	TODAY'S HOMEOWNER	SHERIFFS: EL DORADO CTY	MATTER OF FACT	FULL COURT PRESS	INSIDE EDITION	CENTRAL AVENUE
44 • KTPX (ION)	LAW & ORDER (CONT.)	LAW & ORDER: SVU		LAW & ORDER: SVU		LAW & ORDER: SVU		LAW & ORDER: SVU		LAW & ORDER: SVU	
47 • KWHB (CTN)	BRIDGES WEEKLY	JOSEPH PRINCE	CTN SPECIAL	JIM BAKKER SHOW		END TIME INSIGHTS	AMERICAN REVIVAL	THE GOOD LIFE		ELEVATION	TIGHTLINE
SATURDAY, FEB. 13	5:00 P.M.	5:30 P.M.	6:00 P.M.	6:30 P.M.	7:00 P.M.	7:30 P.M.	8:00 P.M.	8:30 P.M.	9:00 P.M.	9:30 P.M.	
02 • KJRH (NBC)	NEWS	NBC NEWS	NEWS	PAID PROGRAM	ELLEN'S GAME OF GAMES		DATELINE		SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE		
06 • KOTV (CBS)	PAID PROGRAM	CBS NEWS	NEWS	NEWS	FBI: MOST WANTED		TBA		48 HOURS		
08 • KTUL (ABC)	PAID PROGRAM	ABC NEWS	NEWS	DISCOVER OKLAHOMA	NBA COUNTDOWN	NBA: BROOKLYN NETS VS. GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS					
11 • OETA (PBS)	SCENIC RAILWAY JOURNEYS	OKLAHOMA NEWS REPORT		PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND	LAWRENCE WELK SHOW		MISS FISHER'S MURDER MYSTERIES		BEST IN SHOW		
19 • KQCW (CW)	BLACK-ISH	BLACK-ISH	2 BROKE GIRLS	2 BROKE GIRLS	BIG BANG THEORY	BIG BANG THEORY	BIG BANG THEORY	BIG BANG THEORY	KQCW NEWS		
23 • KOKI (FOX)	NCAA BASKETBALL (CONT.)		HOT TOPICS	INSIDE EDITION	9-1-1		NAME THAT TUNE		FOX 23 NEWS		
41 • KMYT (MY TV)	FAMILY FEUD	FAMILY FEUD	TMZ		WIPEOUT		WIPEOUT		LAST MAN STANDING	LAST MAN STANDING	
44 • KTPX (ION)	LAW & ORDER: SVU		LAW & ORDER: SVU		LAW & ORDER: SVU		LAW & ORDER: SVU		LAW & ORDER: SVU		
47 • KWHB (CTN)	CELEBRATION UNDER SILVERDOME	THE THREE	GOOD NEWS		CHRISTIAN MUSIC COUNT...	FAITH ALIVE	TRUTH IN LOVE	BILLY GRAHAM CLASSICS	WATCH THEREFORE	REAL LIFE	
SUNDAY, FEB. 14	6:00 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	7:00 A.M.	7:30 A.M.	8:00 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	9:00 A.M.	9:30 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:30 A.M.	11:00 A.M.
02 • KJRH (NBC)	GOOD TO KNOW	GOOD TO KNOW	SUNDAY TODAY		2 NEWS WEEKEND MORNING		MEET THE PRESS		2 NEWS	JOEL OSTEEN	FIS ALPINE SKIING
06 • KOTV (CBS)	MISSION UNSTOPPABLE	HOPE IN THE WILD	SIX IN THE MORNING		CBS SUNDAY MORNING			FACE THE NATION		TBA	PBR BULL RIDING
08 • KTUL (ABC)	PAID PROGRAM	PAID PROGRAM	GOOD MORNING AMERICA SUNDAY		THIS WEEK WITH GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS		FULL MEASURE	IN TOUCH		WHEEL OF FORTUNE	PAID PROGRAM
11 • OETA (PBS)	SUNUP	NEW FLY FISHER	MOTORWEEK	WILD HARVEST	OUTDOOR OKLAHOMA	THIS OLD HOUSE	FINDING YOUR ROOTS	NATURE		NATURE	NOVA
19 • KQCW (CW)	PAID PROGRAM	TULSA, GATHERING PLACE	LET THE BIBLE SPEAK	IN SEARCH	TOMORROW'S WORLD	CATHOLIC MASS	NO MORE DENTURES	KEY OF DAVID		UNDERSTAND BIBLE PROPHECY	PAID PROGRAM
23 • KOKI (FOX)	FOX 23 NEWS THIS MORNING WEEKEND	FOX 23 NEWS THIS MORNING WEEKEND	FOX 23 NEWS THIS MORNING WEEKEND		PAID PROGRAM	PAID PROGRAM	FOX NEWS SUNDAY		XPLORATION AWESOME...	XPLORATION OUTER SPACE	XPLORATION LIFE 2.0
41 • KMYT (MY TV)	PAID PROGRAM	PAID PROGRAM	OCEAN MYSTERIES	CAREER DAY	PAID PROGRAM	PAID PROGRAM	PAID PROGRAM	PAID PROGRAM	CHINOWTH AND COHEN	PAID PROGRAM	PAID PROGRAM
44 • KTPX (ION)	DAVID JEREMIAH	MICHAEL YOUSSEF	IN TOUCH	AMAZING FACTS	HAWAII FIVE-0		HAWAII FIVE-0		HAWAII FIVE-0		HAWAII FIVE-0
47 • KWHB (CTN)	BROTHER DAVE	PREACHING THE GOSPEL	JOYCE MEYER	PERRY STONE	TRANSFORMING GRACE	FORGOTTEN TRUTHS	CURT LANDRY	LIGHT OF TRUTH	1ST UNITED METHODIST		CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HOUR
SUNDAY, FEB. 14	11:30 A.M.	12:00 P.M.	12:30 P.M.	1:00 P.M.	1:30 P.M.	2:00 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	3:30 P.M.	4:00 P.M.	4:30 P.M.
02 • KJRH (NBC)	FIS ALPINE SKIING (CONT.)	USFSA FIGURE SKATING				NHL HOCKEY					
06 • KOTV (CBS)	PBR BULL RIDING (CONT.)	NCAA BASKETBALL									
08 • KTUL (ABC)	BOSTON AVE. (CONT.)	PAID PROGRAM	PAID PROGRAM	TBA		WORLD OF X GAMES		WORLD OF X GAMES		PAID PROGRAM	PAID PROGRAM
11 • OETA (PBS)	NOVA (CONT.)	WASHINGTON WEEK	CHAVIS CHRONICLES	OVERHEARD	OKLAHOMA NEWS REPORT		OUTDOOR OKLAHOMA	OKLAHOMA GARDENING	OSIYO	RICK STEVE'S EUROPE	RICK STEVE'S EUROPE
19 • KQCW (CW)	PAID PROGRAM	MOM	MOM	PAID PROGRAM	SPORTS STARS OF TOMORROW	PAID PROGRAM	PAID PROGRAM	ANIMAL SCIENCE	PAID PROGRAM	WE ARE HOPE	FLAME INTERNATIONAL
23 • KOKI (FOX)	LOCAL PROGRAMMING	NASCAR RACE DAY			NASCAR AUTO RACING						
41 • KMYT (MY TV)	PAID PROGRAM	PETS.TV	DRAGONFLYTV	FATAL ATTRACTION					FAMILY FEUD	MONK	
44 • KTPX (ION)	HAWAII FIVE-0 (CONT.)	HAWAII FIVE-0		HAWAII FIVE-0		HAWAII FIVE-0		HAWAII FIVE-0		HAWAII FIVE-0	
47 • KWHB (CTN)	CHRISTIAN WORSHIP (CONT.)	LIGHT OF THE WORD	SID ROTH	HIGHER LIFE	NEWTON MEDIA	PENTECOSTAL REVIVAL HOUR		CHRISTIAN MUSIC COUNT...	NEWTON MEDIA	GOSPEL MUSIC	CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH
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02 • KJRH (NBC)	NEWS	NBC NEWS	WEAKEST LINK		THE WALL		GRAND OLE OPRY: 95 YEARS				
06 • KOTV (CBS)	NCAA BASKETBALL (CONT.)	TBA	60 MINUTES		THE EQUALIZER		NCIS: LA		NCIS: NEW ORLEANS		
08 • KTUL (ABC)	NEWS	ABC WORLD NEWS	AMERICA'S FUNNIEST VIDEOS		AMERICAN IDOL				THE ROOKIE		
11 • OETA (PBS)	LAWRENCE WELK		FATHER BROWN		MASTERPIECE MYSTERY		MASTERPIECE CLASSIC		MASTERPIECE CLASSIC		
19 • KQCW (CW)	MIKE & MOLLY	MIKE & MOLLY	BLOODLINE DETECTIVES		BATWOMAN		CHARMED		KQCW NEWS		
23 • KOKI (FOX)	NASCAR (CONT.)	FULL COURT PRESS	CHERRIES WILD	BLESS THE HARTS	THE SIMPSONS	THE GREAT NORTH	BOB'S BURGERS	FAMILY GUY	FOX 23 NEWS		
41 • KMYT (MY TV)	MONK		MAJOR CRIMES		MAJOR CRIMES		CASTLE		CASTLE		
44 • KTPX (ION)	HAWAII FIVE-0		HAWAII FIVE-0		HAWAII FIVE-0		HAWAII FIVE-0		HAWAII FIVE-0		
47 • KWHB (CTN)	CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH	MICHAEL YOUSSEF	THE THREE	GARY STEARMAN	SKYWATCH TV	CHARLES CAPPS	RHEMA PRAISE	PERRY STONE	IN TOUCH W/ DR. STANLEY		

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Legal Notices

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DISTRICT COURT OF OKMULGEE COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA
IN THE MATTER OF OKMULGEE CREEK CONSERVANCY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF OKMULGEE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA.

NO. 28,286
NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING FOR ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

TO: ALL OWNERS OF LAND IN OKMULGEE CREEK CONSERVANCY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF OKMULGEE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, ON WHICH APPRAISED BENEFITS HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED
Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the owners of all lands located within the District on which appraised benefits have been confirmed is called for the purposed of electing one (1) Director to serve a two (2) year term, ending December 31, 2022. The election is to be held in District Courtroom No. 1 of the Okmulgee County Courthouse, Okmulgee, Oklahoma at **1:30 p.m. on April 6, 2021**. At said election, each owner of property on which appraised benefits have been confirmed shall be entitled to one vote for each Director either in person or by proxy duly signed and verified by Affidavit.

January 26th 2021.
CHARLY CRINER, Court Clerk
By */s/ Desiree Underwood* Deputy
The Barksdale Law Firm, P.C.
310 East Seventh Street Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447

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February 01, 2021

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 February 01, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in the County Commissioners Office at the Okmulgee County Courthouse. Present were Ron Ballard, Chairman; R. David Walker, Vice-Chairman; James Connors, Member. Cathi Murphy, County Clerk, was present to take minutes. The Board approved the minutes of January 29, 2021. Motion, Walker; Second, Connors. Vote: Walker, yes; Connors, yes; Ballard, yes. The Board approved the monthly report for the month of January: Health Department in the amount of \$1,418.06. County Clerk in the amount of \$28,110.10. Motion, Walker; Second, Ballard. Vote: Walker, yes; Ballard, yes. The Board approved the following Utility Permit(s): Rural Water District #6, Okmulgee County; Waterline Happy Camp Rd & N. 180 Rd; Motion, Walker; Second, Ballard. Vote: Walker, yes; Ballard, yes. The Board approved the following Resolution #21-72 for Disposing of Equipment: (1) Savin MLP31N Laser Printer D237-0202 District 2 Junked; Motion, Walker; Second, Ballard. Vote: Walker, yes; Ballard, yes. The Board took no action at this time; of the request by the Sheriff to look into considering an alternative drug testing company. Sheriff Eddy Rice is working on this and when he has all the information, he will bring it before the board and ask that it be placed back on the agenda at that time. The Board approved the renewal of VistaCOM onsite maintenance agreement with Okmulgee 911 Communications, effective February 1, 2021, for a 12-month term. Motion, Ballard; Second, Walker. Vote: Walker, yes; Ballard, yes. The Board approved the letter to nominate R. David Walker for a 3 year term on the EEOD Board of Directors. Motion, Ballard; Second, Walker. Vote: Walker, yes; Ballard, yes.

Under New Business: The Board approved the following Transfers of Funds: transferring \$53,808.81 out of the E-911 Fund and into the General Fund; transferring \$25,192.97 out of General Fund and into the E-911 Fund; transferring \$171.51 from CD interest in the General Fund. Motion, Walker; Second, Ballard. Vote: Walker, yes; Ballard, yes. There were no claims to approve; continued with signing of documents. At 9:16 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, Walker. Vote: Walker, yes; Ballard, yes. At 10:37 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, Walker; Second Ballard. Vote: Walker, yes; Ballard, yes. No Vote/Action being taken on any item(s) discussed in Executive Session at this time. The meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m. with a motion by Walker and a second by Ballard. Vote: Walker, yes; Ballard, yes. */s/ Cathi Murphy*
CATHI MURPHY, COUNTY CLERK

/s/ Ron Ballard
RON BALLARD, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OKMULGEE COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA
GATEWAY MORTGAGE GROUP, a division of Gateway First Bank, p/k/a Gateway Mortgage Group, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. TERESA RIDGE et al., Defendants.
CASE NO. CJ-2019-113
NOTICE OF HEARING OF MOTION TO CONFIRM SHERIFF'S SALE
TO: **TERESA RIDGE; RICHARD ROE (real name unknown); spouse, if any of TERESA RIDGE; OCCUPANTS OF THE PREMISES**

TAKE NOTICE that the Plaintiff has filed herein its Motion to Confirm Sheriff's Sale in the above entitled cause. That said Motion to Confirm Sheriff's Sale will be heard before **Judge Ramirez**, in **Room 1** of the Okmulgee County Courthouse, on the **9th day of March, 2021**, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. You must appear at said time and present any objections to the said sale proceedings or the Motion to Confirm Sheriff's Sale will be sustained and the sale confirmed. Witness my hand this **9th** day of **February, 2021**.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR OKMULGEE COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF VIRGINIA C. LOWERY
Deceased.

Case No.: PB-2015-61
Judge: Cynthia Pickering
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF OKLAHOMA ss. COUNTY OF OKLAHOMA
All creditors having claims against VIRGINIA C. LOWERY, deceased, are required to present the same with a description of all security interests and other collateral, if any, held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to PHYLLIS DILLARD, Personal Representative, in care of:

KELLY M. HUNT, DRU R. TATE
South County Law Firm
1700 E. 6th St.
Okmulgee, OK 74447
on or before the following the presentment date, on the 20th day of April, 2021, or the same will be forever barred.
Dated this 9th day of February, 2021.

/s/ Dru R Tate
KELLY M. HUNT, OBA#31387
DRU R. TATE, OBA#30434

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR OKMULGEE COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES EDWARD STEPHENS
Deceased.

Case No.: PB-2021-6
Judge Cynthia D. Pickering
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF OKLAHOMA ss. COUNTY OF OKMULGEE
All creditors having claims against JAMES EDWARD STEPHENS, deceased, are required to present the same with a description of all security interests and other collateral, if any, held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to MARY LAFERN DURBIN, Personal Representative, in care of:

DRU R. TATE
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on or before the following the presentment date, on the 20th day of April, 2021, or the same will be forever barred.
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OKMULGEE COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM VERNON BEARDEN, SR., Deceased
No: PB-2020-100
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All creditors having claims against William Vernon Bearden, Sr., deceased, are required to present the same, with a description of all security interests and other collateral (if any) held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to the Executor of the Estate, William V. Bearden, Jr., 18902 S. Prairie Bell Rd, Morris, OK 74445, on or before the presentment date of April 16, 2021, or the same will be forever barred.

Respectfully submitted,
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OKMULGEE COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BRICE ANTHONY MCGIRT,
Deceased.

Case No. PB-2020-094
Judge Cindy Pickering
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
All creditors having claims against BRICE ANTHONY MCGIRT, deceased, are required to present the same, with a description of all security interests and other collateral (if any) held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to the undersigned Personal Representative, Tina Brown, at the office of counsel of record, L. Justin Lowe, 3133 NW 63rd Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73116, in Oklahoma County, Oklahoma, on or before the 1st day of April, 2021, or the same will be forever barred.
DATED this 25th day of January, 2021.
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GOLDEN

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tournament will take place February 25 at the State Fairgrounds Arena in Oklahoma City. The event will get started with the wrestle-in matches at 10:30 a.m.
At the regional tournament, Ramos competed in the 112-pound weight

class and received a first-round bye. The Morris grappler advanced to the semifinal round by pinning her quarterfinal opponent - Claremore's Emily Lege - in the first 1:01 of the match.
In the semifinals, Ramos punched her ticket to the state tournament by defeating Zoey Freeman of Bristow by a 2-1

margin.
Ramos' bid for a regional championship ended in the tournament finals, falling by pinfall to Pawhuska's Landon McCartney at the 1:57 mark, finishing with the regional runner-up medal.
Byroads competed in the 147-pound weight class and scored a quick pinfall victory in the first round, pinning Talequah's Mandi Ingram in just 33 seconds.
In the quarterfinals, Byroads' road to the state tournament was derailed with a sudden-victory loss to Fort Gibson's Peighton Mullins by an 8-6 margin.
Byroads overcame the quarterfinal loss by pinning Warner's Hope Moses at 1:09 of the first period in the consol-

tion second round. The Henryetta grappler continued her run through the loser's bracket with a major-decision (14-2) victory over Jolie Wilhite of Stilwell in the consolation third round.
Byroads punched her second-consecutive state tournament trip with a pinfall win over Tulsa McLain's Ronnia Parker in the consolation semifinals. Byroads pinned Parker's shoulders to the mat at the 3:34 mark of the match.
Byroads earned an injury default victory over Chandler's Alison Conway in the third-place match to come away with the third-place finish.
Owens competed in the 118-pound weight class at the regional tournament, earning a pinfall win over Claremore's Madelyn Downum in the first round, pinning

Downum's shoulders to the mat at the 1:34 mark of the opening period.
The Morris grappler suffered a pinfall loss one minute into the second period of her quarterfinal match with Grove's Briley Pennington to drop into the consolation side of the tournament bracket.
Owens' bid for a state tournament berth ended in her next match, the consolation second round. The Morris wrestler found herself on the losing end of a pinfall decision at the 1:43 mark of the match to Vinita's Brooklyn Rowan.

Girls Regional Tournament
112 lbs. - Eden Ramos (Morris); Runner-up
First Round: received a bye
Quarterfinals: pinned Emily Lege (Claremore); 1:01
Semifinals: decisioned Zoey Freeman (Bristow); 2-1
Finals: pinned by Landon McCartney (Pawhuska); 1:57

118 lbs. - Skyler Owens (Morris)
First Round: pinned Madelyn Downum (Claremore); 1:34
Quarterfinals: pinned by Briley Pennington (Grove); 3:00
Consolation Second Round: pinned by Brooklyn Rowan (Vinita); 1:43

147 lbs. - Madison Byroad (Henryetta); 3rd Place
First Round: pinned Mandi Ingram (Talequah); 0:33
Quarterfinals: lost to Peighton Mullins (Fort Gibson) by sudden victory; 8-6
Consolation Second Round: pinned Hope Moses (Warner); 1:09
Consolation Third Round: major decisioned Jolie Wilhite (Stilwell); 14-2
Consolation Semifinals: pinned Ronnia Parker (Tulsa McLain); 3:34
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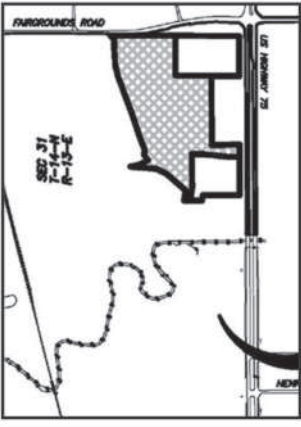
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