



The Jandebour men, from left, Doug, Bob, Rodney, Ryan and Noah.

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Jandebour’s Motor Sports Park

A must-see experience in the great outdoors

MELISSA HEMINOVER
STAFF WRITER

Motorists heading southbound on Highway 75 may have noticed a billboard for Jandebour’s Motor Sports Park and possibly thought, ‘How do you pronounce that?’ Jandebour’s, pronounced Jan-de-burs, is in its twelfth year of operation and is a family owned 170-acre motor sport park that is a must visit for any outdoor enthusiast, or someone just curious about what the park has to offer. Owner Bob Jandebour says the family started in motorcycle sales when his family moved to Tul-

sa in the late 1950s from Nebraska. Bob’s father, Douglas, along with his mother Charlotte, began selling Honda motorcycles in 1960. When the family sold the business in 1976, they were the eighth oldest Honda motorcycle dealer in the nation. The family continued their interest in motorcycles as Douglas, along with their sons Robert “Bob” and Alan raced throughout the years. When Bob’s youngest son was six years old, he received a dirt bike. “We came down and rode at the track that was here,” Bob said.

After a few months of making the drive, the duo arrived one day to see the gates closed and the track no longer open. After some persuasion from his young son, Jandebour said he made a phone call. Twelve years later, the park is known across the country and is busier than they have ever been. “Even with the pandemic last year we still hosted approximately 50,000 guests,” Jandebour said. The park offers visitors a way to get out of the house and experience the great outdoors while staying socially distant.

The motor sport park boasts 10 dirt tracks, two biking or hiking trails, as well as a mechanic on site and a clubhouse where guests can rent dirt bikes or purchase needed gear. Guests do not have to know how to ride to visit the park. “I have taught over 3,000 to ride over the years,” Jandebour said. Anyone interested in taking a riding class can contact the park to schedule an appointment. The class is typically an hour long followed by an hour of practice riding. Kids Spring Break MX Camp will be held March

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OSUIT recognized amongst Best Colleges in Oklahoma, Top Degree Programs in U.S.

OSU Institute of Technology has been awarded top ranking status by Intelligent.com. OSUIT ranked at No. 11 for Best Cyber Security Degree Program and No. 26 for Best Colleges in Oklahoma. The OSUIT campus was recognized as Best for Technology programs, and the Bachelor of Technology in Information Technology with an option in Cybersecurity & Digital Forensics program was recognized as Best for Returning Students. “Over the ensuing nearly 17 years, through innovation collaborations with industry and leading security agencies, OSUIT has established a reputation for excellence in cybersecurity education,” said Vice President of Academic



Affairs & Provost Scott Newman. “I couldn’t be more proud of the outstanding work of our faculty, staff and academic leaders—as evidenced by the recognitions it’s received.” OSUIT offered its first for-credit cybersecurity course in 2002. By 2004, the institution had implemented a baccalaureate pathway for those wanting to pursue rewarding careers in the rapidly ex-

panding and evolving field, as well as assist the state, nation and employer partners with an emerging, critical workforce need. The BT in IT with an option in Cybersecurity & Digital Forensics prepares students for the highly specialized work of protecting computers, computer systems and networks from various threats such as hackers, cyberterrorists, viruses and worms. The classes incorporate the current technology, software and tools used in the industry, providing OSUIT graduates with the skills and experience they’ll need for successful careers. Taught by industry experts, the online program prepares graduates to effectively protect com-

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Area water issues improving

Employees working around-the-clock to make repairs

PATRICK FORD
NEWS EDITOR

Water issues in Okmulgee County municipalities and rural water districts are gradually improving. The extremely cold temperatures experienced recently played havoc with Okmulgee’s water distribution system. Workers throughout the county in the various water department and districts have worked practically non-stop to find leaks, make repairs and resume water service to citizens. The City of Okmulgee reported Wednesday that the situation has drastically improved. Districts were able to find house leaks and shut those

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Focus Magazine in Today’s Issue

The annual Focus magazine is inside today’s issue. The publication, a joint collaboration of the Okmulgee Times and Henryetta Free-lance, features numerous articles on new and longtime businesses, school programs, civic organizations, churches and people that have made an impact in the county. The magazine also highlights fun things to do, along with a list of upcoming events. There are listings for helpful numbers for those new to the area. Visitors can benefit from a list of restaurants and hotels. Additional copies of the magazine are available at the Okmulgee Times office.

Special Election for Twin Hills Public Schools March 2

Voters in the Twin Hills Public School District will decide on two propositions in a special election Tuesday, March 2. Proposition 1 seeks approval of issuance of bonds for construction, equipping, repairing and remodeling school buildings.

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Mt. Zion Baptist Church serving community for 101 years

PATRICK FORD
NEWS EDITOR

Okmulgee County is home to many churches. Some have memberships in the thousands, whereas others may only have a handful.

However, each strives to fulfill their mission - being a place where people feel love, accepted and forgiven.

The Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church was founded in 1920 by S.F.J. Davis. It has 101 years of continuous service and is currently located at 1500 N. Miami Street.

Over the years, several men have led the congregation including Rev. Massey, Brown, King and Hatchet.

The current pastor is Dr. Douglas M. Currington Sr., who assumed the role after the retirement of Rev. David Burks, long-time pastor.

There are approximately 65 active members on the church roll. Other leaders of the church include Thessaly G. Griffin, Chairman of the Deacon Board; Galian Murphy, Deacon and Minister of Music; Deacon Charles Talton; Trustee Larry Mitchell, Choir President and Youth Department Director. A longtime deacon, Tommy Talton, recently passed away.

Mt. Zion Church and members keep busy with community activity including their jail ministry, which provides toiletries for the inmates and serving and providing Thanksgiving and Christmas meals to the local jail.

“We have provided food, clothing and other essential items towards community efforts,” a church representative stated.

In June 2019, the Apostolic Gathering was hosted by Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church - with the theme for the gathering being - “Leaders Working Together for Kingdom Purpose”. This gathering afforded like-minded leaders from the states of Alabama, Arkansas,



ANTHONY NIETO | GENERAL MANAGER

Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, located at 1500 N. Miami in Okmulgee, has served the community for 101 years and counting.

Florida, Georgia and Oklahoma the opportunity to fellowship with each other while developing biblical relationships, training strategies, as well as motivating and encouraging new fellowship relationships crossing denominations and State boundaries.

Services are held on Sunday, with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and worship service at 10:30 a.m.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the sanctuary is disinfected each Sunday morning before services, all are encouraged to wear a mask, for those not having a mask, masks are provided by

the church and social distancing is observed.

Usually held on Wednesday, Prayer Service and Bible Study has been suspended until further notice.

Okmulgee appreciates the hard work and ministry of its many pastors, and congregations in helping support and benefit the community.

Editors Note: See the latest Focus magazine for another feature article on an Okmulgee church, Cornerstone Foursquare.



Lisa and Dr. Douglas Currington Sr.

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Proposition 2 is a bond issue for \$170,000 for purchase of transportation equipment.

Okmulgee County Election Board Secretary also announced a special meeting at 6 p.m. on March 2, at the board of-

Office at Room 102 in the Okmulgee County courthouse.

Agenda items include:

- Discuss and approve minutes for the meeting held Feb. 12.
- Approve substitute Precinct officials for the March 2 Special Election.
- Process mail and nursing home absentee ballots submitted for the March 2 election.
- Canvas the March 2 Special Election for Twin Hills Elementary School District Number 11 for the two bond issues mentioned above.

A special meeting is set for Friday, March 5 at 4:45 p.m. at the courthouse.

Agenda items include accepting and counting the verified provisional ballots for the March 2 Special Election, and certifying the results of the Twin Hills School Special Election on March 2.

A Poem For Our Son
“Mr. Jarell A Dean”

On the 3rd Anniversary of the Day You Went Away

Today's the third anniversary of the day we lost you. And for a time, we felt though our life had ended too. But loss has taught us many things, and now we face each day. With hope and happy memories to help us on our way. And though we're full of sadness that you're no longer here. Your influence still guides us and we still feel you near. You were a "Great Son" and our love for you will never die. It lives within our hearts, bringing strength and comfort while we are apart. We love you son.

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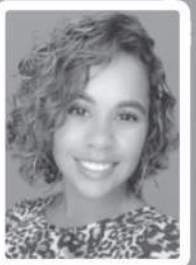
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Kathy Ann Ellis
February 28, 1955 - February 19, 2021

Kathy Ann Ellis, 65, died February 19, 2021, in Tulsa. She was formerly of Okmulgee.

Visitation will be at Keith D. Biglow Funeral Directors, Inc., on Friday, from 1-6 p.m.

A Graveside Ceremony will honor her life on Saturday, February 27, 2021, at 11 a.m. in the Hoardsville Cemetery, east of Henryetta. Her pastor, Pastor Sean Jarrett will officiate. The funeral procession will depart from the funeral home on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. for those who would like to journey with the family.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Keith D. Biglow Funeral Directors, Inc.

James B. Coleman
February 20, 2021

James B. Coleman, 75, a maintenance worker, died Saturday, February 20, 2021. Services are Saturday, March 6, 2021, 11 a.m. Eastside Church of God in Christ, Okmulgee.

Arrangements are under the direction of Jack's Memory Chapel, Tulsa.

Curly Jay Shelby
August 16, 1947 - February 18, 2021

Curly Shelby, 73, died Thursday morning, February 18, 2021, in Tulsa.

Curly Jay Shelby was born on August 16, 1947, in Ralls, Texas to Cecil and Bessie Mae (Williams) Shelby. Service and viewing will be held on Friday February 26, 2021, at Keith Biglow Funeral Chapel. Viewing will be 1-3 p.m., with service starting after viewing. A Service of Remembrance will commence at 3 p.m., with his Pastor, Reverend Judson Fields, presiding.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Keith D. Biglow Funeral Directors, Inc.

Winford E. Felton
February 21, 2021

Winford E. Felton, 62, formerly of Beggs, died Sunday, February 21, 2021, in Grove. Arrangements are pending with the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home of Beggs.

Donald F. Murray
1937 - 2021

Donald Franklin Murray, a resident of Hoffman, died Sunday, February 21, 2021, in Hoffman at the age of 83. He was born April 1, 1937, in Hoffman to Homer Murray and Opal (McNeil) Murray.

Funeral services are scheduled for 2 p.m., Friday, February 26, 2021, at Integrity Chapel with Rev. Virgil Roberts officiating. Interment will follow in Hoffman Cemetery under direction of Integrity Funeral Service.

Willie B. "Jack" Murphy
1938 - 2021

Services are pending for Willie B. "Jack" Murphy, 82, of Henryetta, with Integrity Funeral Service. He died Saturday, February 20, 2021, in Henryetta.

Leona Hill
April 22, 1963 - February 21, 2021

Services are pending for Leona Hill, 57, of Henryetta, with Integrity Funeral Service. She died Sunday, February 21, 2021, in Henryetta.



PATRICK FORD | NEWS EDITOR

VFW Post Hosts Meal Saluting First Responders

Members of VFW Post 1189 and Auxiliary held a special dinner last Saturday in honor of first responders and law enforcement. Some were able to attend in person, while others had meals delivered to them by the group.

More than 50 meals were served to area first responders and law enforcement.



COURTESY PHOTO

Dunbar School Employee of the Month

Congratulation to Katie Grimmett for being named Okmulgee Dunbar February Employee of the Month. Recognizing Grimmett for her accomplishment is Principal Clayton Vaughn.

WEATHER FORECAST

Friday
Mostly cloudy, with a high near 52. East wind around 5 mph becoming south in the afternoon.

Friday Night
Mostly cloudy, with a low around 38. South wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

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Here are the latest results from the Oklahoma State Department of Health as of Feb. 25.	Increase of 3,230
Oklahoma Total Cases: 422,156 Increase of 1,146 Active Cases: 13,544 Total Recovered: 404,310 Total Deaths: 4,302 Increase of 38	Okmulgee County Total Cases: 3,615 Total Recovered: 3,483 Total Deaths: 45
United States Total Deaths: 505,890	City / Deaths / Recovered Beggs: 397/4/385 Dewar: 80/0/75 Henryetta: 910/13/872 Morris: 333/3/328 Okmulgee: 1,486/25/1,425 Schulter: 42/0/41

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Okmulgee's Black History

Area boasts unique towns, structures, events and people

PATRICK FORD
NEWS EDITOR

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.

We have already covered a few in the music industry and involved in sports and athletics, even though there are many more we may have missed.

In today's final part of the series featuring Okmulgee's Black History, we take a look at events, places and people known for their achievements.

Okmulgee's Fifth Street Commercial District

With Okmulgee's growth in the early 1900s, a full-service commercial district serving the black community came into existence.

From 1911 through 1925, brick buildings were erected in an area from the 300 to 700 blocks of East Fifth Street. The various shops and businesses offered many options for their clients.

There were shoe and clothing stores, general merchandise, grocery stores, tire shops, doctors, dentists, pharmacists, undertakers, barber shops and realtors in the area.

Residents could visit numerous restaurants, see a movie at the theater, and even visit a dance hall.

As time went along, more services were offered in the black neighborhoods located on the city's east side.

Several of Okmulgee's downtown buildings, including several still standing, were designed by black architects.

The Town of Grayson

Okmulgee County is home to one of the remaining All-Black towns in Oklahoma.

According to the Oklahoma Historical Society, from 1865 to 1920 African-Americans created more than 50 identifiable towns and settlements, with 13 still in existence in Oklahoma.

Formerly known as Wildcat, Grayson is situated in southeastern Okmulgee County. The town was named for Creek Chief George W. Grayson. A Grayson post office was established Feb. 10, 1902, and was discontinued April 30, 1929. By 1909, the small rural community boasted five general stores, two blacksmiths, two drug stores, a physician, and a cotton gin.

Currently, there are over 150 residents of the small town, whose mayor is Leon Anderson.

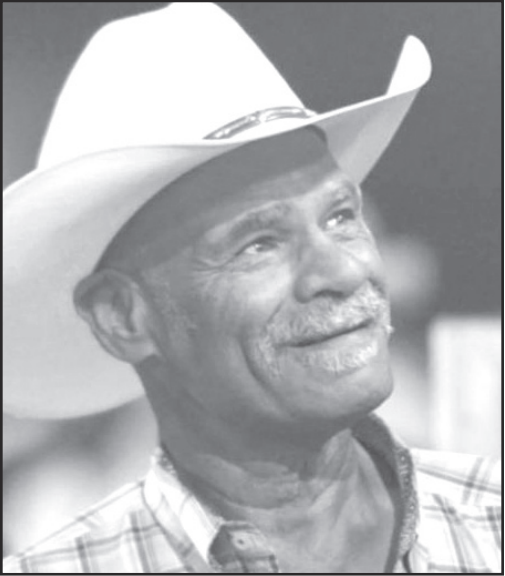
In October, the town hosts the annual Gumbo Festival, proceeds from which are used to assist the community with various projects.

Roy LeBlanc Okmulgee Invitational Rodeo

The second weekend of August, for the past 65 years, hundreds of competitors and thousands of spectators have come to Okmulgee to enjoy the Roy LeBlanc Okmulgee Invitational Rodeo.

Okmulgee's Invitational Rodeo is the nation's oldest African-American rodeo, one of the state's longest running rodeos and one of the largest African-American sporting events in the nation. On Saturday afternoon, visitors and residents line the streets of downtown Okmulgee for the annual parade featuring riding clubs, horses, marching and dance squads, motorcycles and cars.

The rodeo is held at the Bob Arrington



Clarence LeBlanc

Arena at the Claude Cox Omniplex just west of the Muscogee Nation Complex.

Kenneth LeBlanc continues the legacy left by his father, Roy, after whom the event is named.

Besides Roy LeBlanc, other founders of the rodeo and the Okmulgee County Round Up Club included Ernest Thigpen, D.P. Lilly, Larnell Williams, Willie Tate, John Grant, Ernest Bruner, Clarence Williams, Charles LeBlanc and Alfred Nonnett.

Clarence LeBlanc

Clarence LeBlanc is well known for his rodeo skills. He was recognized by the International Professional Rodeo Association at a ceremony in Edmond last year.

LeBlanc was recognized as one of the Most Deserving Old Timers of the IPRA during their International Finals Rodeo's 50th anniversary event Jan. 17-18.

LeBlanc qualified for his first finals in 1976. He is a graduate of Oklahoma State University and joined the International Pro Rodeo Association in 1975.

He qualified for the International Finals Rodeo 13 consecutive years and was the IPRA's first black world champion.

LeBlanc also won the steer wrestling world title in 1983 and again in 1990, while claiming the national title in 1984. In 1988 and '89, he was the owner of the Steer Wrestling and Hazing Horses of the Year.

He retired from competition in 2016.

Melvin Morris

Melvin Morris was born in Okmulgee, January 7, 1942. In 1959, Morris joined the Oklahoma Army National Guard and, soon after, joined the active duty United States Army.

Morris excelled in the military, becoming one of the first Green Berets in 1961 and twice volunteered for tours in Vietnam.

Morris received the Medal of Honor for his valorous actions on Sept. 17, 1969, while commanding the Third Company, Third Battalion of the IV Mobile Strike Force near Chi Lang, Vietnam. Then-Staff Sergeant Morris led an advance across enemy lines to recover the body of a fallen sergeant. Morris single-handedly destroyed, with a bag of grenades, an enemy force in a series of bunkers which was pinning down his battalion. Morris was shot three times during that engagement.

Morris received the Medal of Honor from President Barack Obama in a March 18, 2014, ceremony in the White House. The award came through the Defense Authorization Act, which called for a review of Jewish American and Hispanic American veterans from World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War to ensure no prejudice was shown to those deserving the Medal of Honor.

Morris retired from the Army after 22 years of service.

Okmulgee Black Hospital

The Okmulgee Colored Hospital, completed in 1922, served the African-American community from 1924 until it closed in 1957. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1984.

Leman Lewis purchased the building from the City of Okmulgee in June 2015.

Landmark for All Generations, Inc., was established that year with the mission to restore, rehabilitate, stabilize and preserve Oklahoma's first colored hospital.

Landmark for All Generations, Inc. is located at 210 N. Wood Drive.

"We believe this project will create a transformative and enduring impact upon the lives of all who inhabit and visit the Okmulgee community," Lewis said.

The structure will be used for a variety of purposes including an event center, business space and a multicultural center to preserve and promote Okmulgee's rich and diverse cultural heritage.

"Our mission is to bring the history of the former Okmulgee Colored Hospital to life for all generations," Lewis said.

The hospital is listed on Preservation Oklahoma's 2020 list of Oklahoma's Most Endangered Places.



FILE PHOTO

The Okmulgee Black Hospital



FILE PHOTO

The Pony Express at the Roy LeBlanc Okmulgee Invitational Rodeo



FILE PHOTO

Residents enjoying the Grayson Gumbo Festival



COURTESY PHOTO

Vietnam veteran Melvin Morris receiving the Medal of Honor from President Barack Obama

William "Frank" Haygood

Though he was not born in Okmulgee, Haygood has very close ties to the area.

Haygood was born in Cameron, Milam County, Texas, and was raised in the Tiger Flats-Sharp Community of Okmulgee County.

He was a baseball player, playing as shortstop, batting right and throwing left.

Around 1920, Haygood was good enough to be signed by a black team sponsored by the Okmulgee Merchants, who played at Petrolia Park. The merchants played many white semi-pro teams, but Haygood's fondest baseball memories were games against a tough club from Stroud, and the famed Kansas City Monarchs. As with most Negro Leaguers, playing against Satchel Paige

was always a thrill.

Haygood was a slick-fielding shortstop who hit for a high average and had excellent speed. Had he chosen to venture outside of Oklahoma, he would have been a good prospect to play in the Negro American League. Instead, he played most of his career with the Merchants, and several teams in the Texas-Oklahoma Negro League.

After retiring from baseball, Haygood owned his own plumbing company, but he couldn't completely give up sports. In 1955, Haygood and 10 other leading black Okmulgee citizens, started the first black rodeo.

Haygood died Nov. 21, 1983, in Okmulgee.

(Information provided)

Okmulgee Community Playhouse to hold Broadway Review

Two shows planned for Saturday at Orpheum

For those lovers of musicals, there is an opportunity to see some local residents perform. The Okmulgee Community Playhouse will hold a Broadway Review Feb. 27, at the Orpheum Theatre.

The Okmulgee Playhouse characters have been meeting carefully and safely and have planned this presentation of Broadway Tunes and a mystery plan.

“This Broadway Review features your favorite tunes from some of the nation’s beloved musicals,” Cassandra Northington said. “These include “South Pacific,” “Annie,” “Hello Dolly,” “Hamilton” and more. Singing along can be fun.”

The producers promise great entertainment for the whole family and kids.

“Perhaps the children might wish to be on a future stage themselves and be inspired by this experience,” Northington said.

The first curtain time is at 2 p.m. and an evening performance at 7:30 p.m. The doors open about a half hour before showtime.

Admission is \$5 for ages up to 64; seniors get in for \$3; and ages 12-20 is just \$1.

For more information, contact Cassandra at 918-830-1628, or Nicole at 918-759-7227.

The Orpheum is located at 7th and Morton in downtown Okmulgee.

Spring Fling registration discount deadline fast approaching

Vendors wanting to participate in the Okmulgee Chamber of Commerce’s annual Spring Fling Arts & Crafts Fair need to register by Monday, March 1 to receive the discounted rate. The event is scheduled for Saturday, March 27 in Brock Gym on the Okmulgee High School campus.

According to Chamber Executive Director Kay Rabbitt-Brower, vendors can choose between two booth sizes and will receive a \$5 discount if they submit their registration and pay their booth fees by 4 p.m. March 1. She adds vendor applications can be found on the Chamber’s website - www.OkmulgeeChamber.org - under the Events tab. Or vendors can pick up an application at the Chamber’s office at 112 N. Morton Avenue, or call 918-756-6172 and one can be mailed or emailed to them.

The fair will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and concessions will be available.

“A special treat this year is a visit from the Easter Bunny!” she said. “He will be available for photos from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.”

Rabbitt-Brower stated vendors and attendees are encouraged to wear masks and to social distance, and hand sanitizer will be available.

Anyone with questions is encouraged to call the Chamber between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.



CALENDAR of EVENTS



February 26
Lenten Fish Fry Fundraiser | The Knights of Columbus Council 1677 will hold its annual Lenten Fish Fry Fundraiser starting Friday, Feb. 26. The event will continue each Friday through

March 26. For a donation of \$9 per plate, you will receive fish, coleslaw, pinto beans, homemade jalapeño hushpuppies and dessert. Call 918-703-8185 to place an order for pickup or delivery at American Legion Post 10,

6th & Oklahoma, from 4 to 7 p.m.

March 5
Legislative Forum | Okmulgee Chamber of Commerce’s monthly Legislative Forum will be held Friday, March 5, at 8

a.m. The event will be held on the 6th floor of the McCulloch Building at 114 N. Grand Ave. until further notice.

The Okmulgee Times welcomes letters to the editor on any subject of public interest. We do not publish letters concerning commercial disputes or personal attacks. Because of limitations, we ask that you limit your letters to 500 words. Letters exceeding this word count will be edited; this is done so we can publish the maximum number of letters and ensure equal access to the letters column. Always be sure to include your daytime phone number and mailing address so we can verify authorship. Anonymous letters are not printed and space limitations allow only one letter per writer per month.

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County high school students sought for Summer Arts Institute

Online auditions open through early March; all accepted students attend on full scholarship

High school students in Okmulgee County are being invited to audition for the Oklahoma Summer Arts Institute (OSAI) at Quartz Mountain.

Students with a variety of talents are asked to apply, whether it be in music, art, singing, dance, or creative writing.

This year, the audition process will be held differently. There are 270 scholarships offered to attend OSAI, a two-week residency program. Auditions for the 2021 Institute are currently underway and are being conducted entirely online due to the continued rise in coronavirus cases. The program will still be held in person, but one month later than normal, July 10-25.

To be considered, students must complete a brief online application and submit audition materials demonstrating their artistic ability. The submission requirements vary from discipline to discipline. Performing artists and filmmakers will submit a video file. Writers and visual artists will submit a digital portfolio of their work. The application portal is currently open at apply.oaiquartz.org, and all auditions must be submitted by early March.

OSAI provides an experience far beyond that of an ordinary arts camp. Renowned teaching artists from across the country travel to Quartz Mountain, where



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off, along with minor leaks at service lines within the city. Pressure reportedly held steady with the City of Okmulgee water system all day Wednesday. The city representative reported that all customers in Rural Water Districts #1 (Schulter), and #20, now have some water coming to their home. Those districts began filling storage tanks again, which further boosted pressures in their systems.

Rural Water District #2 (Preston/Beggs) worked on repairs to infrastructure damaged by the weather, and repaired a main that broke Wednesday.

“Thank you to everyone that has continued to use water sparingly where service has been restored fully,” the city representative stated. “We have seen usage drop consistently across the Okmulgee system over the last few days, which has allowed more water to flow to the rural districts.”

Customers served by the City of Henryetta were encouraged to be diligent about repairing water leaks to ensure their water system continued to run effectively and efficiently.

As water service was resumed, several towns put out voluntary boil orders as a precaution. For their protection, residents are asked to bring the water to a full, rolling boil for at least one minute before drinking, consumption, food preparation, baby formula preparation, dish washing, tooth brushing, ice making, wound care, and bathing infants who may ingest bath water.

Thanks to all the water department and public works employees who have worked round the clock, many with over 100 hours in a week, to help get the water systems back up and running. Also, thanks to coordination and assistance from the Muscogee Nation and Okmulgee County Emergency Management, along with businesses and churches who provided bottled water, along with water buffalos to aid in the distribution around the county.

Currently in Okmulgee, car washes are closed and several major manufacturers have curtailed their water usage to help the current situation.

So you want to work at Covington Aircraft?

How to position yourself for a future career in the aerospace industry



DEB MARSHALL
OADC ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

On February 12, OADC staff participated in a joint meeting between Covington Aircraft, Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission (OAC), Oklahoma Department of Commerce Aerospace and Defense and representatives from local education institutions.

The group from the OAC included Grayson Ardies (State Director of Aeronautics) and Paula Kedy (Aviation Education Coordinator for the OAC). Joining us from the Department of Commerce were Geoffrey Camp (State Director of Aerospace and Defense) and Leshia Pearson (ACES Program Manager).

This meeting heavily focused on the workforce development side of this industry, with the objective being a clear pathway of education from public schools to technical schools to university degrees. Going through this course of study would position students (youth or adult) for career opportunities in a growing industry of high paying and very interesting jobs.

There is likely no one in this community that is not aware of Covington Aircraft and what an incredible story and business model it has. In addition to being great

community supporters of the Okmulgee community, they are also excellent examples of the strength of Oklahoma’s Aerospace Industry, which is currently the state’s second leading industry. Okmulgee County proudly boasts Liberty Partners and M&M Machining who also serve this industry.

Okmulgee County’s educational partners are also making great strides in the education component of aerospace related workforce development. The OADC is excited to highlight and celebrate these strides that are taking place because of the leadership and collaboration between Okmulgee Public Schools, College of Muscogee Nation, GCTC and OSUIT.

Okmulgee Public Schools: The Okmulgee High School Aviation Academy for Excellence incorporates standardized curriculum from AOPA. The new physical center will be opened soon. High school students will have the opportunity to be under the same roof as college students earning their Associates degree along with their high school diploma. Also offered at the new Academy will be adult education classes in drone operation, CAD, and Industrial Manufac-



Deb Marshall

turing.

AOPA stands for Aircraft Owners Pilot Association; their “You Can Fly” High School Aviation Curriculum offers two pathways of learning - The Pilot Pathway and the UAS (Drone) Pathway. They began field testing the aviation STEM curriculum in 2017 and schools across the nation are finding that the program helps students acquire the skill necessary to enter the growing aviation industry. It is free to schools with the only requirement that teachers receive the professional development needed to teach the curriculum. The OAC has been working to increase the number of Oklahoma high schools choosing to implement this curriculum.

And LISTEN UP! Did you know that Okmulgee High School is one of only sixteen (16) schools out of the 537 schools in the state that are currently implementing the AOPA “You Can Fly” program. Okmulgee High School is the ONLY school in the state that offers the UAS (Drone) pathway. This shows some incredible vision and leadership at Okmulgee Public Schools to be at the forefront of this education path.

Paula Kedy, Aviation Education Coordinator for the OAC (who is also a long time educator in Oklahoma) said this about Okmulgee Public Schools efforts “I had the opportunity to meet with Okmulgee High School’s leadership team in October 2020 and was so impressed with the goals that the school has set in regard to building quality STEM programs for students. Obviously, these have been difficult times for schools to be able to move forward with strong, innovative programs. It is clear to me that Okmulgee High School is working diligently to provide career opportunities for students. Aerospace is Oklahoma’s second leading industry, and it is exciting to see that Okmulgee is doing the necessary work to provide viable career pathways for students.”

Green Country Technology Center: Green Country Technology Center (GCTC) has also been part of discussions to develop a technical program to address aviation workforce needs in Okmulgee County. The proposed program would consist of Orientation and Overview of Aircraft, Aircraft Familiarization, Aircraft Powerplant, and Aircraft Electrical Systems. GCTC is currently in the curriculum development and exploration stage of this program; they are reaching out to local aviation industry partners asking for their input in building the curriculum. Any time a new program is being considered at GCTC there

are many variables to be considered. Employment placement after completion is the most critical component but enrollment numbers must also justify a new program as well as the availability of qualified instructors. Further exploration of this program will determine the timeframe in which it could potentially be launched for Okmulgee County.

Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology: OSUIT: The Workforce and Economic Development Department (WFED) at Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology (OSUIT) takes great pride in educating future and incumbent workers in the aviation and manufacturing industries. The WFED was awarded a Department of Defense (DoD), Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) Grant to facilitate growth in the manufacturing and aviation sectors for DoD Contractors. Upon receiving the grant, the WFED staff formed the Industrial and Aviation Technology Training Center (IATTC). The IATTC boasts a strong advisory committee composed of members from the Oklahoma Manufacturers Alliance (OMA), a State Representative, leading manufacturers, and two aviation companies one of whom is a prominent international airline. The IATTC employs faculty that has extensive industry experience, and holds their curriculum second to none. With aviation at the forefront of Okla-

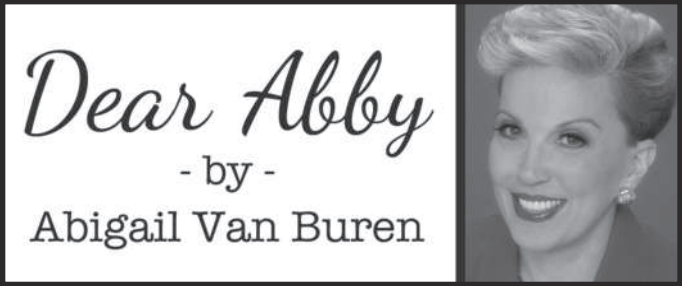
homa’s industrial revolution, the IATTC is poised to provide educational opportunities to those seeking employment and workers needing upskills.

Okmulgee County has a great capacity for attracting companies in this industry. With over 150 acres available (released by the FAA) the Okmulgee Regional Airport Industrial Park is ready for new and expanding aviation companies to land here (pun intended!) and make Okmulgee their home. As our airport industrial park grows, so will the job opportunities right here in our own backyard.

The best advice we could give students and young adults is to seriously consider this field as a future career path. You have some of the finest education opportunities right here. It’s time to explore these possibilities and prepare now for an aviation / aerospace career if this captures your interest!

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Son’s aversion to laundry causes a stink



DEAR ABBY: My 30-year-old son lives with me for financial reasons, and I love him dearly. He helps with bills and works a full-time job. My only problem with him is he wears the same pair of pants for weeks without washing them and hasn’t washed his sheets in months. I didn’t raise him that way. He does take a shower every night.

He owns only one pair of pants, and I can’t get him to buy another pair. I have complained to him several times about the bad smell. How can I get him to change his ways? -- FED-UP MOTHER IN TEXAS

DEAR FED UP: At this point in his life, that may not be possible. It seems strange to me that someone who smells bad could hold a full-time job, but I will take your word for it. The easiest solution to your problem might be for you to wash his bedding every few weeks. As to the fact that he has only one pair of pants, buy him a pair for his next birthday or for Christmas -- whichever comes sooner.

DEAR ABBY: I recently met a very nice woman online. During our first phone call, she told me about an injury she received a few months ago that has left her with a disability. I’m not bothered by it, and I’d like to get to know her better.

From the way she responded to a few things, I got the impression that she is still coming to terms with what has happened, as anyone would be. I have no experience with a situation like this, and I have no idea if, from the perspective of dating, it is the right thing

to engage someone who is going through this. Any thoughts? -- TENTATIVE IN INDIANA

DEAR TENTATIVE: Yes, it’s the right thing -- but only if you can be supportive and patient during what has to be an extremely emotionally disruptive time in this woman’s life. I am sure she could use a supportive male friend right now, as long as you two can continue to have an open and honest dialogue with each other.

DEAR ABBY: When I stopped by my brother’s house a couple of weeks ago, he mentioned that his 9-year-old son was grounded in his bedroom. He was being punished for snooping in his dad’s vintage collection of porn.

At first, I was upset with my brother and his wife, because it was their fault that the boy had access to it, and boys are naturally curious. But when I found out what his punishment was, I became enraged. Their “brilliant” idea was to make my nephew disgusted with porn by forcing him to look at the entire collection for three hours instead of playing outside.

Maybe this tactic works for cigarette smoking or chewing tobacco, but this seemed very wrong. I was so appalled, I overstepped; I went straight into my nephew’s room and told him he was allowed to go outside and play. Abby, what do you think? Am I being ridiculous? What should I have done? -- APPALLED IN OHIO

DEAR APPALLED: The child’s punishment was extreme and inappropriate. What you should have done was point out to your brother and sister-in-law that their punishment may have been counterproductive. Rather than working as aversion therapy, it could result in whetting their son’s appetite for more. You might also have suggested they consult a child psychologist for suggestions on how to deal with their son’s budding sexual curiosity, which is entirely normal, and urged that from now on they keep their col-



Measured Risk

Life on the great continent offered its share of surprises. For us, Africa was many things. Boring it was not.

Had I known my dirt bike could have landed at the bottom of a river before day’s end, I might have stayed in bed.

Rains had fallen for several days around our remote mission home.

My piki-piki slipped and slithered beneath me for miles along a muddy roadway, bringing me to the edge of a winding river. The bridge over which I was meant to pass was fully hidden beneath a torrent of waters. I had been slated to hold a church service in a fishing village, miles further ahead at Lake Victoria’s shoreline.

Great volumes of murky brown raced along before me from right to left, a steady surge passing beneath and above the bridge. Slowing the bike to a halt I let my feet find the muddy road surface, then sat there some moments taking in the scene. A young Luo man approached as I dismounted.

Smiling cheerily, he wasted no time voicing a solution to my dilemma, “Would you like to go over to the other side?” Then, hardly taking a breath he added, “I can get you there...”

The youth quickly surveyed the Suzuki bike and waved an open palm, “and your piki-piki, too!”

Wary of the offer, I raised an eyebrow.

“Come. Just come.”

I clambered behind him up a muddy hill to a spot where we could take in more of the river upstream. I was not quite ready for the scene before me. At the water’s edge lay a home-built canoe, long and narrow. Into the canoe was lifted a hefty bag of maize, the cargo of another traveler. What especial-

Things That Last

RANDY ZINN
PASTOR, RUSSELL MISSIONARY BAPTIST

We have heard it said, “All good things must come to an end.” But, is this really true? The simple answer is “No, not “all” good things must come to an end.” However, all of us have experienced some things in life we consider extremely good that came to an end and many of these brought great sadness. Some of these brought paradoxical emotions--both a feeling of loss for the past and an excitement for the door opening to future prospects.

Health is a good thing we usually enjoy for many years, but begins to change later in life. Most of us “older folks” can see a marked difference in our health from that of earlier years. We start off learning to walk and then we run. As times goes on, walking becomes a challenge for most of us. Our eyesight and hearing diminishes, our teeth become weak, our memory begins to wane and our hair turns gray or, for some of us, it just turns loose. You get the point, right? Woe and Whoa!

The good news is there are some things we find from the Scriptures that last forever and these doubtless are the most important. The first and foremost of these is our personal salvation from sin. In the all-time classic portion of Scripture in John 3:16, Jesus said He came to offer us “everlasting life.” How long does it last? Jesus said “everlasting” which by definition means life without end, forever and ever.

From Ecclesiastes 3:14 we read, “I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be forever: nothing can be put to it, nor anything taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before Him.” The devil, his demons nor anything else can rob us of our salvation. “...Greater is He that is in you, than He that is in the world (I John 4:4).”

A second thing that lasts forever is the spiritual food we receive from the Word of God. Jesus said in John 6:63, “The words I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.” During His temptation by the devil in the wilderness, Jesus said also in Matthew 4:4, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God,” and that Scripture is in the Bible for our admonition today as well.

Again, we find these words of Jesus in John 6:51, “I am the living bread which came down from Heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever.”

A third thing that will last forever is the spiritual works we do for the Lord. In I Corinthians 3, Paul talks about building our life on one of two different foundations: “wood, hay, stubble” which will perish or “gold, silver, precious stones” which shall last forever. In Verse 14, Paul tells us, “If any man’s work abide (lasts) which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.”

Our Lord illustrated this truth in His parable of two men--one who built his life on the sands of time in this world and one who built his life on the eternal Rock which is the Lord Jesus Christ. The one on the sand did not last (“great was the fall of it”) and the one on the Rock stood firm (“it fell not”) (Matthew 7:24-27).

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

DEAR ABBY

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lection under lock and key.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I suffered a miscarriage five months ago, in the 12th week. I’m still not doing well. I have put on a facade to get by, but I’m just starting to realize how deeply this is affecting my life.

I used to be a happy, friendly person. Always a smile on my face and laughter to be shared and hugs for my loved ones. Since the miscarriage, I put on a fake smile and try to be who I once was, but I can’t keep doing it. Every day there is a moment from that day or the aftermath that floods my mind. I’m angry, bitter, mad at the unfairness, and I no longer have compassion or sympathy for others.

This isn’t me. I don’t want to be this way. My happiness has been replaced with tears and sadness. The hopefulness is replaced by emptiness. I’m very lost, and I don’t know how to get out of this funk.

I no longer want to try to get pregnant again because the fear of the physical and emotional pain of another miscarriage has me paralyzed. Any advice you might give would be greatly appreciated. -- BROKEN IN MISSOURI

DEAR BROKEN: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your child. Your depression and the fear you have about another pregnancy are not unusual after a tragedy like the one you have experienced. You are grieving, and the emotions you are feeling are to be expected.

Please schedule an appointment with your OB/GYN and tell your doctor about all of these feelings, because the doctor can refer you to someone who can help you work through this. It will take time, but I assure you it is doable.

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Trinity Lutheran Church

This Sunday, Feb. 28, 2021, is the Second Sunday in Lent (Reminis-cere). The readings are from Genesis 32:22-32, 1 Thessalonians 4:1-7 or Romans 5:1-5 and Mat-thew 15:21-28.

Holding God to His Word

Jacob wrestled with God; he would not let Him go until he received a blessing from Him (Gen. 32:22-32). So it was with the Canaanite woman. Though Jesus seemed to ignore and reject her, she continued to call upon His name and look to Him for help (Mt. 15:21-28). Even when the Lord called her a little dog, she held on to Him in faith and would not let Him wriggle out of His words: “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” This Gentile wom-an shows herself to be a true Israelite, who strug-gles with God and man in Christ and prevails. “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire” (Mt. 15:27-28). This is the sanctify-ing will of God (1 Thess. 4:1-7) - to test your faith in order that it may be re-fined and strengthened. For tribulation produces perseverance; persever-ance, character; charac-ter, hope. And hope in Christ does not disap-point (Rom. 5:1-5).

This is Pastor Tiews’ last Sunday at Trinity Lutheran Okmulgee before he begins serving as a mis-sionary pastor in Germa-ny.

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Chris-tian C. Tiews
Elder: Jason Remington
Activities for the Week:
Sunday
9:00 & 10:45 a.m. Di-vine Service, in person (sermon also on our Facebook page, Trinity Lutheran Church Ok-

GIANTS

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caught my eye was a don-key being drawn, much against her will, down the steep bank to the canoe.

“Kuja! Kuja! (Come! Come!),” shouted the man leveraging the don-key’s harness. Another gent fervently shoved the animal’s backside. The donkey’s handler passed the harness rope to his partner who directed the animal into the water and alongside the ves-sel. Once the craft was loaded with some added goods, off they rowed. The donkey swam ner-vously alongside, its jaw held taut by the keeper. Now and then, it bumped against the canoe’s side. Whatever was true about the action-laced drama, the team’s labors con-vinced me. To entrust my old dirt bike over to their care.

With one condition.

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Writer-speaker Jerry Lout grew up in Okmul-gee County. After serving with his wife in overseas missions, he founded and directed a TU campus ministry. Twice visited by polio, Jerry authored “Living with a Limp.” His “Gi-ants in the Rough” memoir highlights the Africa years. Both books are available through Amazon. He wel-comes reader comments and warmly accepts invi-tations for speaking en-gagements. jerry@lout@gmail.com

mulgee) 3 p.m. Pastor Tiews’ Commissioning / Instal-lation as a missionary pastor to Germany

Pastor Rev. Dr. Chris-tian C. Tiews and Trinity Lutheran, a congregation of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, cordialy invite you to attend ser-vices.

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.

Cornerstone Four-square Church

A Place to Hear from Jesus

“The Cornerstone Four-square (CF) family would love for you to discover God with us this 2021, as we unlock the Red Let-ters of Jesus,” Rev. Mick-ey Baldwin, lead pastor, said. “We are people just like those in the Bible. We have hurts, dissappoint-ments and frustrations, and are discovering that the Words of Jesus is re-storing our lives together - yes, we are stronger to-gether. So, make your way to our Okmulgee campus on Sundays or engage us from the comfort of your home via Facebook Live and let our hearts be con-nected with hope.”

When you join a CF Sunday or Wednesday, you are being linked with family - you matter. CF is here for you.

The CF campus is lo-cated at 617 N. Oklaho-ma 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 to our CF Facebook Fam-ily.

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

Rev. Baldwin conclud-ed, stating, “Learning to see the Red Letters of Jesus speak into your life will be a new adventure. Let us connect and dis-cover Jesus Christ as you seek after his Words of Life for today.”

Other ways to connect with us can be found at these social media sites: Instagram - Corner-stoneOkmulgee, Twit-ter - @CornerstoneOK and Youtube. For more information, call 918-756-4787 or visit www.okmulgeefoursquare.org. #followingjesus #ho-peishere #FacebookON-LINE #easteriscoming

Henryetta First Christian Church

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

“God Knows” by Mary Morris

“But if you don’t do this, you will certainly sin against the Lord; be sure your sin will catch up with you.” (Numbers 32:23)

God knows all. That’s pretty scary when we think about all the things we’ve done in the dark, believing we have se-

crets. We’ve done things we shouldn’t, and we’ve not done things when we should have done them - sins of commission and sins of omission. We’re fallible, sure. Everybody sins, true. But neither of those things excuse the behaviors.

In the Lord’s law giv-en to the Israelites, it was written they were to give offerings for sins commit-ted freely, but also for sins they didn’t know they’d committed. That meant a lot of offerings! But with ritual activity comes the danger of those actions losing their intended val-ue. And that’s when God sent His son.

Jesus Christ lived to die for us, to take away the everlasting pain and suffering due us for our sins. We aren’t free TO sin, but we’re freed FROM it, its hold on us, so we have a choice. But first, we must choose the right path.

We are to love the Lord our God with all our strength, mind and heart, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. To leave off doing either of these is the kind of sin of omission our verse today speaks of. Be sure on which side your loyalties lie.

God knows...

Greater Jones Chapel AME Zion Church

Greater Jones Chapel AME Zion Church in-vites the public to come and worship with them. Terry Howard, Sr. is the pastor. Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. and morning worship begins at 11 a.m. The church is located at 1226 E. Smith St. in Okmulgee.

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Okmulgee County Spring Livestock Show Results

Okmulgee County FFA and 4-H students shined this past weekend at the Okmulgee County Spring Livestock Show. Congratulations to all the exhibitors on their hard work.

Here are the results from the various categories:

- Grand Champion Sheep:**
- Gage Tennyson, Beggs FFA
- Reserve Grand Champion Sheep:**
- Hannah Phillips, Morris 4-H
- Grand Champion Broiler Chicken:**
- Denver Markes, Beggs 4-H
- Reserve Grand Champion Broiler Chicken:**
- Louis Hicks, Beggs 4-H
- Grand Champion Meat Pen Rabbit:**
- Markee Gryder, Wilson 4-H
- Reserve Grand Champion Meat Pen Rabbit:**
- Annabelle Mowdy, Henryetta 4-H
- Grand Champion Fancy Chicken:**
- Jace Clark, Morris 4-H
- Reserve Grand Champion Fancy Chicken:**
- Lane Boatner, Morris 4-H

- Grand Champion Doe Goat:**
- Brylie Owen, Morris FFA
- Reserve Grand Champion Doe Goat:**
- Somer Rogers, Morris 4-H

- Grand Champion Market Goat:**
- Brylie Owen, Morris FFA
- Reserve Grand Champion Market Goat:**
- Denver Markes, Beggs 4-H

- Grand Champion Prospect Steer:**
- Jake McCullah, Preston 4-H
- Reserve Grand Champion Prospect Steer:**
- Allyson Kelley, Morris FFA

- Grand Champion Market Steer:**
- Hannah Pembrook, Beggs FFA
- Reserve Grand Champion Market Steer:**
- Carmun Scott, Morris 4-H

- Grand Champion Heifer:**
- Callie Ledbetter, Morris FFA
- Reserve Grand Champion Heifer:**
- Reid Groves, Beggs 4-H

- Grand Champion Hog:**
- Emma Selvidge, Morris 4-H
- Reserve Grand Champion Hog:**
- Jace Clark, Morris 4-H

- Showmanship Awards**
- Cattle**
- Junior Division:**
- Champion: Andrea Smith
 - 2nd: Reid Groves
 - 3rd: Lane Boatner
- Intermediate Division:**
- Champion: Kalen Groves
 - 2nd: Callie Ledbetter
 - 3rd: Hannah Pembrook
- Senior Division:**
- Champion: Ella Cox
 - 2nd: Cayden Ledbetter
 - 3rd: Cole Nichols

- Sheep**
- Junior Division:**
- Champion: Blain Phillips
- Intermediate Division:**
- Champion: Gage Tennyson
 - 2nd: Leanna Vanmeter
- Senior Division:**
- Champion: Hannah Phillips
 - 2nd: Kaylee Watson

- Swine**
- Junior Division:**
- Champion: Jaxon Selvidge
 - 2nd: Halia Salyer
 - 3rd: Jace Clark
- Intermediate Division:**
- Champion: Noah Wilson
 - 2nd: Ali Salyer
 - 3rd: Zane Clark
- Senior Division:**



Spring Livestock Show Participants

COURTESY PHOTOS



OCLS 2021 Grand Champion Buckle Winners



OCLS 2021 Reserve Grand Champion Buckle Winners

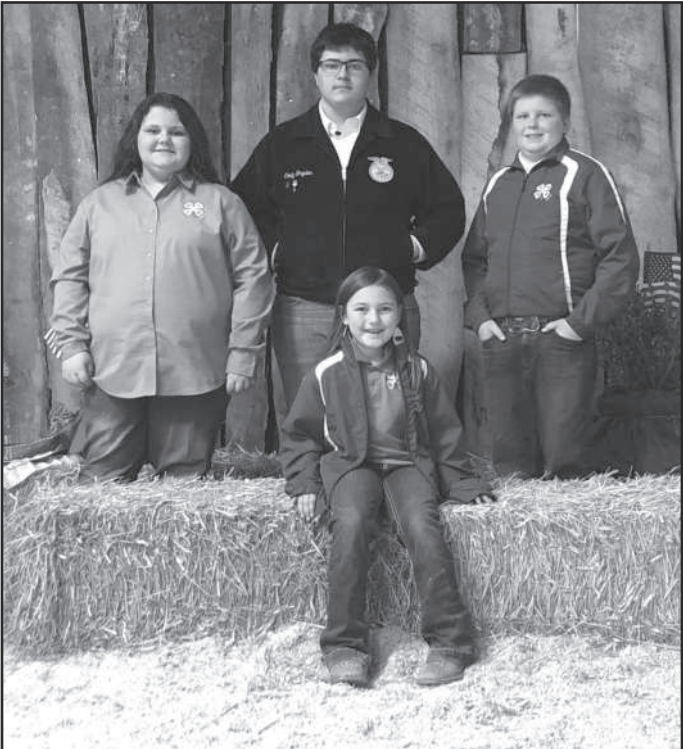
- Champion: Brylee King
 - 2nd: Corbin Clark
 - 3rd: James Martin
- Goat**
- Junior Division:**
- Champion: Hadley Sullins
 - 2nd: Tristan Mowdy
 - 3rd: Denver Markes

- Intermediate Division:**
- Champion: Somer Rogers
 - 2nd: Macey McCoy
 - 3rd: Alyssa Dickey
- Senior Division:**
- Champion: Brylie Owen
 - 2nd: Jessica Otto
 - 3rd: Addie Roseborough

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OCLS 2021 Sheep Showmanship



OCLS 2021 Chicken Showmanship



OCLS 2021 Rabbit Showmanship

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Meat Rabbit
Junior Division:
• Champion: Annabelle Mowdy
• 2nd: Markee Gryder
• 3rd: Michael Gryder
Intermediate Division:
• Champion: Jade Hicks
Senior Division:
• Champion: Merrick Winters
• 2nd: Bree Farley
• 3rd: Kiersten Overton

Chicken
Junior Division:
• Champion: Mckinlee Boatner
• 2nd: Laynie Ray
• 3rd: Markee Gryder
Intermediate Division:
• Champion: Jace Clark
• 2nd: Zach Elkins
• 3rd: Mylie Brinkley
Senior Division:

• Champion: Cody Gryder

There were 54 exhibitors in the Premium Sale held Tuesday at the fairgrounds. The Buckle Sponsors for the Spring Livestock Show were:

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- K Heart Ranch - Mark Kutz
- SCR Agriservices - Clint Scism
- McClendon-Winters Funeral Home
- Beggs Chamber of Commerce
- Bent Arrow Veterinary Services
- Cindy Kutz - Chinowth & Cohen

Premium Sale Dinner Sponsors were Stewart Martin Kubota, Mabrey Bank, Muscogee Creek Nation Agricultural Youth Program, Bradley Womack Agency, AFR, Mid America Stockyard of Bristow and B-5 Show Supplies.



OCLS 2021 Beef Showmanship



OCLS 2021 Goat Showmanship



OCLS 2021 Beef Showmanship



Morris 4-H & FFA



Wilson & Henryetta 4-H & FFA



Beggs 4-H & FFA



Twin Hills & Preston 4-H & FFA

ARTS

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they provide advanced, college-level training and mentorship to the young artists in one of eight artistic disciplines: acting, chorus, creative writing, dance, drawing & painting, film & video, orchestra or photography. Its multidisciplinary structure sets the Institute apart, allowing students both intensive study in their chosen discipline and new exposure to unfamiliar art forms.

Partial audition information for each discipline is listed below. Detailed application instructions are listed on the Oklahoma Arts Institute website. Applicants are also encouraged to follow OAI's social media accounts (@oai-quartz) for tips and updates.

First, students must submit a general online application and then submit their discipline-specific audition materials by the deadline listed at oai-quartz.org/OSAI.

Most materials must be submitted by March 15.

Acting: Applicants must upload a video of themselves performing two contrasting monologues from published plays. See the full guidelines at oaiquartz.org/disciplines/acting.

Chorus: Applicants must upload a video of themselves singing two pieces listed on the OAI website. See the full guidelines at oaiquartz.org/disciplines/chorus.

Creative Writing: Applicants must submit creative writing samples on-

line. See the full guidelines at oai-quartz.org/disciplines/creative-writing.

Dance: Applicants must submit a video of themselves performing eight required combinations and two prompted solos as demonstrated on the OAI website. See the full guidelines at oaiquartz.org/disciplines/dance.

Drawing & Painting: Applicants must submit three portfolio pieces and one original still-life drawing per the guidelines. See the full guidelines at oaiquartz.org/disciplines/drawing-painting.

Film & Video: Applicants must submit an original film (maximum five minutes) and participate in a Zoom interview. Students must sign up for a Zoom interview on an available date through March 9, and submit their film 24 hours before their interview. See the full guidelines at oaiquartz.org/disciplines/film-video.

Orchestra: Applicants must submit a single, unedited video recording per the instrument-specific instructions. See the full guidelines at oaiquartz.org/disciplines/orchestra.

Photography: Applicants must submit six to eight original images and take part in a Zoom interview. Students must sign up for a Zoom interview on an available date, through March 9, and submit their film 24 hours before their interview. See the full guidelines at oaiquartz.org/disciplines/photography.

For more information, visit oai-quartz.org.



02/16/2021
4:13 a.m. - Pedestrian Check - Hwy. 16 approximately 3 miles east of Hwy. 75 - Two subjects walking EB.
4:45 a.m. - Alarm - 20000 block of S. 350 Rd. - Front entry, business, Morris Ranch.
8:11 a.m. - Alarm - 17000 block of Hwy. 62 - Residential burglary. Indicator north and west door.
8:21 a.m. - Abandoned Vehicle - Garfield/190 Rd. - Vehicle check on side of the road.
10:25 a.m. - Robbery - Dustin Rd./10th St. - RP advised party was assaulted this morning and does not want to make a report on assault but wanting to make a report in reference to stolen wallet.
12:20 p.m. - Violation of PO - 27000 block of Wilson Rd. - 3rd party RP advised RP has protective order on son and he is at residence now.
12:32 p.m. - Shooting/Shots Fired - 18000 block of Bristlecone Rd. - RP advised Saturday she believes someone fired shots at her mailbox around 11:45 p.m. because she heard a pop. Her daughter saw a white Dodge truck with lights all over it peel out.
1:22 p.m. - Suicide - 10000 block of Pierce Ave. - Possible fatality.
1:35 p.m. - Stolen Vehicle - Hwy. 75/Lakeridge - Left 2002 Toyota four door with Texas plates overnight and now it is gone. Checked with Troop and they did not tow it.
2:47 p.m. - Alarm - 18000 block of S. 250 Rd. - Residential burglary, kitchen glass break.
2:53 p.m. - Abandoned Vehicle - 171 Rd. north of Hwy. 62/Hornbeam - RP advised of black in color Impala left in roadway blocking traffic. Tow Company said the County would have to dispatch them in order to move it.
3:39 p.m. - Alarm - 9000 block of Risenhoover - Alarm, hold up.
5:45 p.m. - Alarm - 9000 block of Risenhoover - EZ Plus, Preston.
7:15 p.m. - Alarm - 17000 block of Hwy. 62 - Morris Auto Sales south entry.
8:33 p.m. - Other - 19000 block of Wilson Rd. - Male subject fallen into semi-truck tanker.
9:12 p.m. - Fire - 15000 block of Banyan Rd. - Travel trailer.

02/17/2021
10:56 a.m. - Fire - 14000 block of N. 210 Rd. - RP advised of a garage fire. Two kids and three adults all out of the house.
2:32 p.m. - Alarm - 23000 block of Banyan Rd. - Panic alarm.
5:28 p.m. - Welfare Check - 20000 block of S. 280 Rd. - RP requesting a welfare check on male. RP advised dad's girlfriend called her and advised she hadn't spoken with him in four days. They normally speak daily. Phone going straight to voicemail. Subject is 100 percent disabled veteran.
5:40 p.m. - Animals - 252 Rd. - RP advised of two dogs tied a tree and looks like they can't move.

02/18/2021
6:08 a.m. - Alarm - 18000 block of S. 250 Rd. - Indicator dining room motion.
8:34 a.m. - Domestic - 6400 block of N. 212 Rd. - Domestic in progress. Advised she was beat up by a man.
6:59 p.m. - Welfare Check - 14000 block of Truman Rd. - Requesting a welfare check on her brother. Advised last spoke at noon and said his leg was swelled double the size and felt weak. RP called back and advised his daughter spoke with him but she is still worried about him. He stated his blood sugar dropped to daughter but was eating and drinking juice. Liberty FD advised made contact with brother. Advised he met them at the door with a gun and shot at them.

02/19/2021
1:06 p.m. - Animals - S. Hwy. 75/Live Stock Barn - Advised OHP and OCSO.
6:07 p.m. - Animals - Hwy. 16 between 250 Rd./270 Rd. - Cows out.
7:58 p.m. - Domestic - 11000 block of Locust Rd. - Third party RP received a call from mother in Dallas, Texas of a female individual in a domestic. No specific information relayed.

02/20/2021
5:05 a.m. - Burglary - 8400 block of Cartwright - RP could only get out "burglars."
6:34 a.m. - Domestic - 24000 block of S. 220 Rd. - Husband is drunk and has been beating her.
7:31 a.m. - Accident No Injury - Hwy. 75/Creager - EMS, OHP and OCSO have been advised.
5:38 p.m. - Accident No Injury - Hectorville/240 Rd. - Minor accident.
6:44 p.m. - Animals - 22000 block of Hwy. 62 - RP advised of four cattle, three black and a red and white bull. Were in middle of the roadway. OHP advised.

Was able to get cattle into a fenced in area at this location.
7:40 p.m. - Animals - Loop 56 in the curve just east of Mission - Report of large dead buck in the middle of the roadway.
8:09 p.m. - Trespassing - 2300 block of N. Mission Ln. - RP advised there was a male in camo and a female messing around her truck. Advised they left on bikes going SB on Mission. Requesting deputy to drive the area.
9:38 p.m. - Suspicious Person/Vehicle - Hwy. 75/south of 36th St. - Suspicious vehicle NB lane, possibly taking items from flea market on east side of Hwy. 75.

02/21/2021
12:29 a.m. - Assault and Battery - 800 block of S. Kern - RP states male has assaulted her boyfriend.
12:22 p.m. - Animals - NE corner of 110 Rd./Howard - RP advised of dead cow and another one near death.
12:25 p.m. - Area of 110 Rd. and Howard Rd. - Report of a cow's head stuck in fence, trying to get out. Two cows dead.
12:42 p.m. - Animals - Okmulgee County - RP requesting call in reference to girlfriend/wife giving his kittens chemicals.
5:00 p.m. - Vandalism - 19000 block of Hwy. 75 - RP advised his place was vandalized and was missing things. Requesting to speak to a deputy.
7:04 p.m. - Other - 7500 block of Saye - RP called and advised she was trying to get her stuff. The male subject hit her.
10:12 p.m. - Reckless Driver - Hwy. 75 - Glenpool PD advised of dark four door sedan in SB/NB lane.

02/22/2021
6:13 a.m. - Reckless Driver - Hwy. 75 SB/Harrelld Rd. - Report of a silver Dodge Ram pickup all over the roadway. Advised County and OHP.
6:59 a.m. - Abandoned Vehicle - Alt. Hwy. 75 between Beggs and Preston - Unoccupied and off the roadway.
8:01 a.m. - Reckless Driver - Between Schulter and Okmulgee going NB - RP requesting deputy in area due to constant speeders. Advised it is all day every day. Requesting extra patrol.
11:22 p.m. - Welfare Check - 14000 block of N. 330 Rd. - RP advised she works at school, and she has been unable to make contact with family/children that have not been attending virtual school in two weeks. She is unable to make contact with the mother. Two girls and one boy. Requesting a welfare check.



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15-18 at the park and will include daily supervised riding, training, physical fitness, bike prep, riding skills, field events, adventure hikes on the trails as well as a lot of fun for the kids that attend. Camp classes are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

“Many riders come out and say they want to learn to jump,” Bob says. “I have to tell them, jumping is easy; it’s the landing they have to make sure they work on.”

Dirt bikes are available for guests to rent if they want to ride but do not have a bike of their own.

“We also sell used dirt bikes as well as service the bikes here at the park,” Jandebaur said.

The tracks at the park tailor to beginners as well as professional riders. During racing season, the park hosts a race every Friday beginning in March. Many of the riders that come to the park are from all over the Mid-West.

The park’s first event of the 2021 season will be the Youth Spring National held the first weekend in March.

In addition to offering dirt track racing, the Jandebaur family is passionate about giving back to their community and honoring the legacy of their family.

Soon, the Douglas and Charlotte Jandebaur Foundation will help fund a museum in the park’s clubhouse to highlight the life and career of Douglas Jandebaur, who will soon be turning 90, as well as the legacy of he and his family.

“We will display some of my dad’s bike collection and trophies he and our family have won over the years,” Bob said. “We also have hundreds of photos he’s collected over the years.” Douglas Jandebaur is, after all, the one that initially had a passion for motorcycles and racing them. Bob says one of the bikes that will be on display in the museum is the one his father rode at Daytona during his racing career.

Another feature the family is ex-



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cited to offer in the coming weeks is electric mountain bikes. Equipment arrived this week to begin creating trails for the ebikes which are becoming more and more popular across the world. The bikes will be available for guests to rent and will be able to travel a maximum of 80 miles.

“We know not everyone that comes to the park wants to ride a dirt bike,” Bob said. Initial plans are to have 2 ebikes and add more as interest grows.

The accommodations offered at Jandebaur’s makes the park more of a getaway for guests, and that is what the family is hoping to expand on in the coming months.

Plans include having five cabins built for guests to stay in that will be situated along the bank of the pond on the property to allow guests to relax and fish.

“I feel like this park has a soul,” Jandebaur said. “I am just the guy that opens up the gate and runs the tractor.”



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Jeffrey to be Honored on 90th Birthday

Mrs. Jimmie Lee Dixon Jeffrey will be turning 90 years old on March 1. Her family has decided, due to COVID-19, they will celebrate with her family and close friends by having a “Happy Birthday Drive Celebration” beginning at 2 p.m. Please drive by to wish Mrs. Jimmie (as she is affectionately called) well on her 90th birthday celebration. The address is 919 E. Henry St. in Okmulgee.

Beggs native named to Harding Dean's list

Jayda Lynn, Freshman communication sciences and disorders major from Beggs, is among more than 1,200 Harding University students included on the dean’s list for grades achieved during the fall 2020 semester. To be eligible, a student must be carrying 12 or more hours with a 3.65 or higher grade-point average and no incompletes.

Harding University is a private Christian, liberal arts university located in Searcy, Arkansas.



OSUIT

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puters, computer systems and networks from multiple threats, including hackers, cyberterrorists, worms and spyware. The curriculum further equips students to investigate a wide variety of cybercrimes and activities.

The campus was listed among thousands of public institutions in the nation, and the comprehensive research guide is based on an assessment of 2,277 accredited colleges and universities.

The 2021 rankings are calculated through a unique scoring system, which includes student engagement, the potential return on investment, and leading third-party evaluations. Each program is evaluated based on curriculum quality, graduation rate, reputa-

tion, and post-graduate employment. Intelligent.com analyzed thousands of schools with comparable programs on a scale of 0 to 100, with OSUIT making it to the final list for two degree programs.

The methodology uses an algorithm that collects and analyzes multiple rankings into one score to easily compare each university’s degree program. Please visit the listed sources below to access each program’s complete ranking.

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Dr. James Quinn is guest of Okmulgee Lions



There could not have been a more perfect time-sensitive program for Tuesday’s Okmulgee Lions Club meeting than the one presented by Dr. James Quinn, Licensed Psychotherapist. I know what you’re thinking but I’m one step ahead of you, it wasn’t just merely for the Lions benefit, but for community-wide benefit.

Research and science agree that calamitous situations do bring on onsets of depression, oppression, anxiety, and frayed nerves, along with the ice and snow, and below zero weather, but, although it is not directly in the Bible, we can only cling to the passage that says “this too shall pass.” And God, could you please hurry it up just a little, we’d sure like to climb down off these walls.

Dr. Quinn was raised in Westville and completed his Bachelor’s Degree from Northeastern Oklahoma State University, Tahlequah, and was a teacher and coach for several years. He returned to college and earned a Master’s and a PhD from the University of Arkansas.

Dr. Quinn has worked full-time for Laureate (Tulsa), has taught classes for Langston University, and also had a small private practice in Tulsa. When he was offered a position at OSUIT, he immediately accepted the offer, teaching Psychology and Statistics classes. He said Okmulgee kind of reminded him of his hometown of Westville - small community to raise a family, lakes and ponds, hills and trees, much like where he was raised.

Of course, everyone (and even the hermits) have realized and experienced all the stressful events over



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Pictured are President Rev. Dr. Christ Tiewes, Dr. James Quinn and program chair Duaine Janzen.

more than just the past year - COVID-19, political events, job losses, high unemployment, demonstrations, unnecessary loss of lives, forced isolation in many cases - they all begin to eat away at the fabric of our peace and contentment. Dr. Quinn says this is when we all need a good friend to talk with, including family, relationships, hobbies, church, clubs (such as Lions or Rotary), and not just sit and stew over things we can’t change nor control, anyhow.

There are a lot of resources in Okmulgee to ask for help, such as Recovery Oklahoma, CREOKS, Creek Nation, Deep Fork, Oklahoma Department of Health (mostly bono), Anne Maroney Shelter and private counselors.

Dr. Quinn stressed the importance of couples communicating with each other, and as parents, reaching out to their children. It doesn’t hurt to let them know they are loved even though all parties might be going through trying times. The old joke is told of the farmer’s wife asking her husband why he never tells her he loves her. His reply was, I told you I loved you 40 years ago when I married you, and if I change my mind, I’ll let you know.

What a very appropriate program, particularly at this time. To sum up Dr. Quinn’s analysis, “what

doesn’t kill you makes you stronger”, and “we all are put on this earth to do something of purpose.” Maybe yours is to give us a visit and bind together to make our club stronger.
“WE SERVE.”

Calendar of Events • March 2021

Programs

- March 2 - Dollie Wooddell, District Governor. Program chair is Dean Craig.
- March 8 - Board Meeting
- March 9 - Cindy Swearingen, State Dept. of Education. Program chair is Beth Flud.
- March 12-13 - 3-NW District Convention
- March 16 - Carla Blair, Lemon Tree Landing. Program chair is Connie Fillmore.
- March 23 - Mike Ashley, Okmulgee Postmaster. Program chair is Dean Craig.
- March 26-27 - 3-SW District Convention
- March 30 - Amanda Couch, Uninsured Motorist Program. Program chair is Fay Tipton.

Birthdays:

- March 6 - Hans Northington
- March 22 - Kyle Powell



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The Morris Lady Eagles held off Claremore Sequoyah Monday evening to take home the Class 3A, Area IV, district championship.

Total Domination

Demons cruise past Sperry for 3A District Trophy

LARRY OWEN
SPORTS EDITOR

The Beggs Golden Demons took the first step toward a state tournament appearance Tuesday evening with a convincing 61-35 victory over the Sperry Pirates.

The 26-point win came in the championship game of the Class 3A, Area IV, district tournament at the Beggs Event Center.

The district title victory puts the sixth-ranked Demons in the proverbial driver's seat in the playoffs, needing just three more wins to punch their ticket to the state tournament for the first time since 2002.

The Beggs squad looked to dwindle that total to two games Thursday evening with a meeting with the Idabel Warriors in the winner's bracket semifinals of the Class 3A, Area IV, regional tournament at the Beggs Event Center. A win Thursday would put the Beggs squad into Saturday's regional championship game at Antlers High School and an automatic spot in next week's area tournament at Henryetta High School.

A loss to Idabel on Thursday will drop the Demons into Friday's consolation semifinal round at 8 p.m. at Antlers High School and make it harder to snap their 18-year state tournament drought.

In Tuesday's district title win over Sperry, the Demons led wire-to-wire, scoring the game's first seven points.

After Sperry scored the next five points to make it a 7-5 contest, Beggs put the game away after the first eight minutes of action by closing out the opening period with a 12-2 run to lead 19-7 after one quarter.

The Beggs offense continued to be productive in the

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A Nail Biting Victory

Lady Eagles hold off late rally to win 3A District title

LARRY OWEN
SPORTS EDITOR

The Morris Lady Eagles needed all 32 minutes of gameplay Monday evening to come away with the Class 3A, Area IV, district championship.

The Lady Eagles, ranked ninth in 3A, held off a late fourth-quarter rally here Monday to earn a hard-fought 50-48 victory over the Claremore Sequoyah Lady Eagles in the postseason-opening contest.

With the thrilling win, the Morris ladies are now just three wins away from snapping their 10-year state tournament appearance drought.

The next obstacle in the Lady Eagles' journey through the playoffs was the Hugo Lady Buffaloes, whom the Morris cage squad met Thursday at 6 p.m. in the winner's bracket semifinals of the Class 3A, Area IV, regional tournament on the Lady Buffaloes' home court.

A win Thursday would propel

the Lady Eagles into Saturday's regional championship game at 6 p.m. at Spiro High School, while a loss Thursday would drop the Morris ladies into Friday's consolation semifinal round at 6 p.m. in Spiro. A win over Hugo on Thursday will also give the Lady Eagles an automatic spot in next week's area tournament in Henryetta.

In Monday's district title contest against Claremore Sequoyah, the Lady Eagles came out of the open-

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Comeback Kids

Lady Pirates overcome sluggish start to capture 2A district crown

LARRY OWEN
SPORTS EDITOR

The Preston Lady Pirates overcame an early offensive struggle Monday evening to capture the Class 2A, Area II, district championship with a 42-31 victory over the host Chouteau-Mazie Lady Wildcats.

Monday's district title game was originally scheduled to take place at the Jim Waller Event Center in Preston, but was moved to Chouteau due to Preston having water issues related to last week's inclement weather.

The district championship win for the Lady Pirates puts the Preston cage squad just three wins away from their first state tournament appearance since 2017.

The Lady Pirates were scheduled to battle the top-ranked Dale Lady Pirates Thursday evening in the



COURTESY PHOTO
The Preston Lady Pirates defeated Chouteau-Mazie Monday evening to capture the Class 2A, Area II, district championship.

winner's bracket semifinals of the Class 2A, Area II, regional tournament at Tulsa McLain High School, as well as an automatic berth in next week's area tournament in Fort Gibson.

A win over Dale on Thursday will put the Preston squad in Saturday's regional championship game at

McLain High School, while a loss on Thursday will drop the Lady Pirates into Friday's consolation semifinal round at 1 p.m. in Tulsa.

In Monday's district title contest against Chouteau-Mazie, the Preston squad was outscored 7-4 in

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Henryetta cagers swept in district title contests

LARRY OWEN
SPORTS EDITOR

The Henryetta varsity basketball teams suffered a pair of double-digit losses here Tuesday evening.

The setbacks took place in the championship games of the Class 3A, Area II, district tournament against the host Valliant Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs.

The Lady Knights struggled offensively in the first three quarters of Tuesday's playoff opener, falling by a 69-26 decision to the 11th-ranked Lady Bulldogs in the opening contest, while the Knights were unable to fully overcome a double-digit halftime lead, ending up on the losing end of a 66-43 outcome to the 20th-ranked Bulldogs in the night-

cap.

The Henryetta squads were back in action Thursday afternoon, competing in the consolation quarterfinals of the Class 3A, Area II, regional tournament at the Henryetta Event Center. The Lady Knights were scheduled to battle Newkirk at 1 p.m. Thursday in an elimination contest, while the Knights were matched up against Dewey in their 'must win' game Thursday at 3 p.m.

Wins on Thursday will put the HHS cagers into Friday's consolation semifinal round at Adair High School at 1 and 3 p.m., respectively. Losses on Thursday will bring the 2020-21 seasons to a close for the Knights and Lady Knights.

Results of Thursday's regional tour-

namment action was not available at presstime. See Wednesday's edition for complete details on Henryetta's regional tournament action.

In Tuesday's girls district title game, the Lady Knights were outscored 24-4 in the opening period and 24-6 in the second stanza to trail 48-10 at the half-time break.

Valliant came out of the third quarter with a 16-4 advantage to push the Henryetta deficit to 64-14 with eight minutes remaining in the district title contest.

The Lady Knights found their offense in the final frame, outscoring the host Lady Bulldogs 12-5, but wound up on the short end of a 69-26 outcome.

The top scorers for Henryetta in the contest were Lavenda Billy and McKayla Greenhaw, each finishing with eight points. Aliyah Harjochee was next in the scoring column for the Lady Knights with five points, followed by Katie Williamson with three and Cassidy Lee two.

In the boys district championship, the Knights trailed 15-6 after the first eight minutes of action. The Henryetta gentlemen tallied 11 points in the second stanza only to see the host Bulldogs counter with 15 points for a 30-17 advantage for Valliant at the intermission.

A 19-12 advantage for the Knights in the third period cut the deficit to single

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Win or Go Home

Pirates' road to state becomes tougher after district title loss

LARRY OWEN
SPORTS EDITOR

The Preston Pirate varsity basketball team faces some tough challenges over the next two weeks if they are to punch their ticket to the state tournament for the first time since 2017.

The Pirates will need to win six-straight games over the next 10 days in order to reach the state tournament following a heartbreaking 53-47 loss here Monday night to the host Chouteau-Mazie Wildcats.

The 6-point setback came in the championship game of the Class 2A, Area II, district tournament.

The loss puts the Pirates in the consolation bracket of the Class 2A, Area II, regional tournament at Tulsa McLain High School.

The first obstacle in Preston's run through the loser's bracket was Thursday afternoon at 3 p.m. in a consolation quarterfinal matchup against the Haskell Haymakers. A win over Haskell will put the Pirates into Friday's consolation semifinal round at 8 p.m., while a loss on Thursday will bring the Preston squad's season to a close.

In Monday's district title contest against Chouteau-Mazie, both teams tallied eight points in the opening frame, then the host Wildcats came out of the second period with a 19-11 advantage to send the teams to their respective locker rooms with the Pirates trailing 27-19.

The Preston gentlemen took the high-scoring third quarter by a slim 19-17 margin to cut the deficit to six, 44-38, with eight minutes remaining in regulation.

The Pirates attempted to overcome the 6-point deficit in the final stanza, but found themselves in a 9-9 deadlock in the frame to come up on the losing end of a 53-47 decision.

Jervais Goree fueled the Preston offense with a team-best 23-point performance.

Markhi Johnson was next in scoring for the Pirates with eight, followed by Keyton Smith with seven, Kareffren Bagby five, and Malachi Ligons four.

Class 2A District Tournament
Chouteau-Mazie 53, Preston 47
Preston: 8 - 11 - 19 - 9 (47)
Chouteau: 8 - 19 - 17 - 9 (53)

Preston Scoring: Jervais Goree 23, Markhi Johnson 8, Keyton Smith 7, Kareffren Bagby 5, Malachi Ligons 4.

Repeat Qualifiers

Morris' Adams, Wright head back to State after runner-up finishes

LARRY OWEN
SPORTS EDITOR

Okmulgee County will have two representatives at the 2021 Oklahoma State Wrestling Championships this weekend in Oklahoma City.

Both county representatives this season will come from Morris High School. A third Eagle wrestler could get a chance to compete at this year's state wrestling tournament after earning a sixth-place finish at the Class 3A West regional tournament at Plainview High School.

The first Morris varsity wrestler to punch his ticket to the state wrestling tournament was senior Kolby Adams. Adams will be making his fourth-straight appearance at the state wrestling tournament after coming away with the regional runner-up medal in the 160-pound weight division.

Joining Adams at this year's state wrestling tournament will be sophomore Jaxen Wright. Wright will be making his second-straight appearance at the state meet after finishing as the regional runner-up in the 145-pound weight division.

Morris senior Ryan Allred could find himself in another state wrestling tournament this year. After finishing sixth in the 152-pound weight class at the regional tournament, Allred - a 2020 state qualifier - will only be able to compete at the state wrestling tournament this year if one of the Top 5 finishers in the



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Morris sophomore Jaxen Wright (second from right) qualified for the state wrestling tournament for the second-consecutive year with a runner-up finish in the 145-pound weight division at the Class 3A West regional tournament in Plainview.

152-pound weight class is unable to compete due to injury or other circumstance.

The Eagles sent a total of seven wrestlers to the Class 3A West regional wrestling tournament. Besides Adams, Wright, and Allred, the other four MHS grapplers to compete at regionals were Ayron Toothman (132 lbs.), Pistol Hogan (138 lbs.), Jace Allred (170 lbs.), and Gage Adkins (182 lbs.).

At the East regional tournament, the Henryetta Golden Knights sent four wrestlers to the postseason meet. Christian Gray (126 lbs.) and Issac McNac (Heavyweight) were the top individual finishers, as both grapplers earned first-round victories.

The other two competitors for the Knights at the regional tournament were Tucker Watson (120 lbs.) and Dylan Bain (145 lbs.) with Bain being the only HHS wrestler of the duo to earn a win at the meet.

The Okmulgee Bulldogs had one representative at the East regional meet - Xander Dunn. Dunn competed in the 126-pound weight division at the event.

Jay was the regional champion at the Class 3A East Regional Tournament, outlasting Blackwell 187-182.5.

The Henryetta Golden Knights finished tied for 22nd overall with Cash-ion and Victory Christian at the event with nine team points.

At the Class 3A West

Regional Tournament, the Morris Eagles finished ninth overall as a team with 69.5 points, missing eighth by one-half of a point. Marlow was crowned the 2021 Class 3A West regional champions, running away with the event with 276 team points. Comanche was the regional runner-up at the regional meet, finishing with 177 team points.

The 2021 Oklahoma State Wrestling Championships are scheduled to take place today and Saturday at the State Fairgrounds Arena in Oklahoma City.

Below are the individual results of the Okmulgee County wrestlers that competed at the Class 3A regional wres-

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District Heartbreaker

Late basket derails Lady Demons' comeback bid against Sperry

LARRY OWEN
SPORTS EDITOR

A Tale of Two Halves.

The Beggs Lady Demons overcame a huge double-digit halftime deficit and led by two late Tuesday evening in their Class 3A, Area IV, district championship meeting with the Sperry Lady Pirates.

The Lady Demons then watched their dreams of a district championship fall by the wayside, as Sperry scored four points in the final 1:06 of regulation to hand the Beggs ladies the heartbreaking 43-41 setback.

The 2-point loss puts the Lady Demons one defeat away from having their 2020-21 season end before earning a spot at the state tournament.

The first chance the Beggs cage squad had of avoiding elimination came Thursday at 1 p.m. in the consolation quarterfinals of the Class 3A, Area IV, regional tournament at the Beggs Event Center in an elimination matchup with the Idabel Lady Warriors.

A win Thursday will keep the Lady Demons' State dreams alive for at least one more day and will put the Beggs squad into Friday's consolation semifinal round at 1 p.m. at Antlers High School. A loss Thursday ends the Lady Demons' season.

In Tuesday's district championship meeting with Sperry, the Beggs squad managed just seven points in each of the first two periods, while Sperry put up totals of 16 and 15, respectively, to lead 31-14 at the intermission.

After both teams exchanged points to begin the second half, the Lady Demons went on a 15-3 run to



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Beggs' Kiamynd Daniels (10) shoots over a Sperry defender during Tuesday's Class 3A, Area IV, district tournament at the Beggs Event Center.

close out the third quarter and cut the deficit to five, 36-31, heading into the final period of regulation.

Caylee York opened the final frame with a 3-point basket at the 7-minute mark. Thirty-three seconds later, York made two of three free throw attempts to knot the score at 36-36.

With 5:53 left in regulation, York gave Beggs its first

lead of the contest, 37-36, by sinking one of two charity tosses.

Sperry regained the lead at 39-37 with a 3-point basket at the 4:20 mark, then a steal and layup by Beggs' Saniah Jordan with 3:09 left deadlocked the score at 39-39.

Sixteen seconds later, Jordan put the Lady Demons back on top, 41-39, by making both ends of a 1-and-1 foul situation.

The Beggs lead lasted until the 1:23 mark when the visiting Lady Pirates drained a 3-point basket, giving Sperry a narrow 42-41 advantage.

Sperry made one of two free throws with 1:06 remaining in regulation to double its lead to two, 43-41.

The Lady Demons were unable to get any shots to fall in the final minute of the fourth quarter to suffer the heartbreaking 43-41 defeat.

York was tops in scoring for Beggs, finishing with 13 points. Haily Barnes joined York in double-digit scoring with 11 points. Jordan just missed double figures for Beggs with nine, while Kiamynd Daniels chipped in five points for the Lady Demons in the contest.

Heiress Hicks rounded out Beggs' scoring with three points.

Class 3A District Tournament
Sperry 43, Beggs 41

Sperry: 16 - 15 - 5 - 7 (43)
Beggs: 7 - 7 - 17 - 10 (41)

Beggs Scoring: Caylee York 13, Haily Barnes 11, Saniah Jordan 9, Kiamynd Daniels 5, Heiress Hicks 3.

COMEBACK

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a low-scoring first period. The Lady Pirates overcame the sluggish start in the second quarter, doubling up the host Lady Wildcats 16-8 in the stanza for a five-point halftime advantage, 20-15.

Both teams once again struggled to produce points in the third period with Preston coming out with a 6-3 margin to increase its lead to eight, 26-18, with eight minutes left in regulation.

The scoring went back and forth in the final frame with the Lady Pirates escaping with a 16-13 advantage to complete the 42-31 victory.

Maycie Jones led Preston with a team-high 13 points. Jadyn Roberts also reached double figures for the victorious Lady Pirates with 11 points. Adrianne Wilson narrowly missed double-digit scoring in the district title contest, finishing with nine points.

KaTory Batiste chipped in three points for the Lady Pirates, while Ashlynn Foster, Shaunassi Jordan, and Mya Tiger rounded out the Preston scoring with two

points each.

Class 2A District Tournament
Preston 42, Chouteau-Mazie 31

Preston: 4 - 16 - 6 - 16 (42)
Chouteau: 7 - 8 - 3 - 13 (31)

Preston Scoring: Maycie Jones 13, Jadyn Roberts 11, Adrianne Wilson 9, KaTory Batiste 3, Ashlynn Foster 2, Shaunassi Jordan 2, Mya Tiger 2.

A ‘Must Win’ Situation

Eagles come up short in district title bid

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SPORTS EDITOR

The Morris Eagle high school basketball team finds themselves in a ‘must win’ situation for the remainder of the 2021 postseason after suffering a 46-37 loss to the host Claremore Sequoyah Eagles Monday night.

The 9-point setback came in the championship game of the Class 3A, Area IV, district tournament.

Monday’s district title game was originally scheduled to take place at the Don Shoemaker Sports Complex in Morris, but was moved to Claremore Sequoyah after water issues in Morris following last week’s inclement weather.

The loss to Claremore Sequoyah makes the Eagles’ bid for a state tournament appearance a little bit harder to accomplish, as the Morris cage squad will need six-straight wins over the next two weeks in order to secure a spot at the Big Dance.

The first hurdle the Eagles will need to clear on their trip through the loser’s bracket came Thursday afternoon in the consolation quarterfinals of the Class 3A, Area IV, regional tournament at Hugo High School against the Atoka Wildcats. A win Thursday would put the Morris squad into Friday’s consolation semifinal round at 3 p.m., while a loss Thursday would bring the Eagles’ 2020-21 season to

an abrupt end.

In Monday’s district championship game against Claremore Sequoyah, the visiting Eagles trailed 15-6 after one and 28-16 at halftime.

Both teams put up 11 points in the third quarter to keep the deficit at 12 (39-27), heading into the final eight minutes of action.

Morris attempted to overcome the double-digit deficit in the final frame, but was only able to manage a 3-point margin, 10-7, in the fourth period to suffer the 46-37 defeat.

Tucker Kelsey was the lone double-figure scorer for Morris, finishing with a team-high 11 points. Giorgio Dunn just missed double digits for the visitors with nine, while Jaxsun Fulton and Jeremiah Jones were next with seven and six points, respectively.

Ty Long and Keegan Burgess rounded out the Morris scoring with two points each.

**Class 3A District Tournament
Claremore Sequoyah 46, Morris 37**
Morris: 6 - 10 - 11 - 10 (37)
Cl. Sequoyah: 15 - 13 - 11 - 7 (46)
Morris Scoring: Tucker Kelsey 11, Giorgio Dunn 9, Jaxsun Fulton 7, Jeremiah Jones 6, Ty Long 2, Keegan Burgess 2.

Over and Out

Season ends for Dragons in OT loss to Davenport

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SPORTS EDITOR

The Dewar Dragon varsity basketball team saw their season come to a close in heartbreaking fashion here Tuesday afternoon.

The Dragons watched an 8-point halftime lead disappear, needing a late basket to force overtime in their Class A, Area II, regional consolation title game against the Davenport Bulldogs.

The Dewar squad was unable to overtake the Bulldogs in the extra 4-minute period, suffering the season-ending 42-37 setback.

The Dragons found themselves in the loser’s bracket championship game following a loss to Covington-Douglas last Saturday in the regional winner’s bracket semifinal contest.

The Dewar cagers found themselves one win away from an area tournament appearance by routing Summit Christian 82-67 on Monday in the consolation semifinal round of the regional tournament.

In Tuesday’s consolation title contest, the Dragons took the low-scoring first period by a 7-5 margin, then outscored Davenport 13-7 in the second stanza to go into halftime with a 20-12 advantage.

The Dewar squad was held to just six points in the third quarter, while the Bulldogs put up 13 points in the frame to make it a 26-25 Dewar lead with eight minutes remaining in regulation.

Davenport took the first seven minutes of the fourth quarter 9-6 for a 34-32 advantage. The Dragons deadlocked the score at 34-34 with a pair of free throws by Joey Fowler. Neither team was able to score in the final seconds of the period to send the game to a 4-minute overtime with the score tied at 34-34.

In the overtime frame, the Dragons were limited to three points, while Davenport put up eight points to hand the Dewar squad the season-ending 42-37 defeat.

Thomas Brownfield led Dewar with a team-best 16 points. Fowler was next in the scoring for the Dragons with 13 points.

Kaelem Carter chipped in seven points in the loss, while Tryton Mack rounded out the Dewar scoring with one point.

**Class A Regional Tournament
Consolation Finals
Davenport 42, Dewar 37 (OT)**
Davenport: 5 - 7 - 13 - 9 - 8 (42)
Dewar: 7 - 13 - 6 - 8 - 3 (37)
Dewar Scoring: Thomas Brownfield 16, Joey Fowler 13, Kaelem Carter 7, Tryton Mack 1.

An Abrupt End

Lady Tigers’ season concludes with regional tourney defeat

LARRY OWEN
SPORTS EDITOR

The 2020-21 season came to a close for the Wilson Lady Tiger varsity basketball team here last Saturday afternoon.

The season-ending setback came by a 67-33 decision to the Battiest Lady Panthers in the consolation quarterfinals of the Class B, Area IV, regional tournament.

The Lady Tigers finish their first season under new head coach Mariah Miles with a 7-10 record.

In last Saturday’s regional tournament battle with Battiest, the Lady Tigers trailed 21-5 after one and 38-15 at halftime. The Wilson ladies were outscored 15-10 and 14-8, respectively, in the final two frames to suffer the season-ending 67-33 defeat.

Wilson was led in scoring by Sieriah Husman with nine, followed by Terra Blackbear and Kailee Branson with seven each. Mellani Blackbear was next for the Lady Tigers with six, while the duo of Britney Hartley and Brooke Branson rounded out the Wilson scorers with two points each.

**Class B Regional Tournament
Consolation Quarterfinals
Battiest 67, Wilson 33**
Wilson: 5 - 10 - 10 - 8 (33)
Battiest: 21 - 17 - 15 - 14 (67)
Wilson Scoring: Sieriah Husman 9, Terra Blackbear 7, Kailee Branson 7, Mellani Blackbear 6, Britney Hartley 2, Brooke Branson 2.



LARRY OWEN | SPORTS EDITOR

The Beggs Golden Demons captured the Class 3A, Area IV, district championship with a 61-35 victory over Sperry on Tuesday evening in Beggs.

DOMINATION

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second stanza, torching the nets for 16 points, while the Demon defense kept the visitors off the scoreboard in the frame to take a commanding 35-7 advantage into the halftime break.

Sperry snapped its scoring drought with a 3-point basket at the 7:20 mark of the third quarter to make it a 35-10 contest.

The Demons took the final seven minutes of the frame by a 15-11 margin to extend their lead to 50-21

with eight minutes left in regulation.

Sperry edged the host Beggs squad 14-11 in the final quarter, but it was the Demons that walked off their home court with the 61-35 victory and the district championship.

Trey Gaines led the balanced offensive attack for the Beggs gentlemen with a game-high 18 points.

The duo of Jameson Ross and Kaden Stanton also reached double figures for the Demons in the win, finishing with 10 points apiece. Kameron Whiteley was next for Beggs with nine, followed by Blake Gomez with six and Kendal Daniels with four.

Kyron Grayson and Caleb Parker rounded out the Demon scorers with two points each.

**Class 3A District Tournament
Beggs 61, Sperry 35**
Sperry: 7 - 0 - 14 - 14 (35)
Beggs: 19 - 16 - 15 - 11 (61)
Beggs Scoring: Trey Gaines 18, Jameson Ross 10, Kaden Stanton 10, Kameron Whiteley 9, Blake Gomez 6, Kendal Daniels 4, Kyron Grayson 2, Caleb Parker 2.

LADY EAGLES

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ing frame with a 17-7 advantage.

Claremore Sequoyah managed a 16-12 margin in the second quarter to cut the Morris lead to six, 29-23, at halftime.

Both teams tallied 11 points in the third period to keep the Morris lead at six, 40-34, after three quarters of action.

Claremore Sequoyah put up 14 points in the final frame. The visiting Lady Eagles thwarted the comeback bid, countering with 10 points in the stanza to come away with the 50-48 victory and the district championship.

Charlie Barnett led the Morris cagers in scoring, finishing with a game-high 18 points. Maddie Moore also totaled double-digit scoring for the victorious Lady Eagles with 12 points.

Other Morris scorers in the thrilling win were Ka-

leah Barnett with eight and Emma Duclos and Jessica Wilson with six each.

**Class 3A District Tournament
Morris 50, Claremore Sequoyah 48**
Morris: 17 - 12 - 11 - 10 (50)
Cl. Sequoyah: 7 - 16 - 11 - 14 (48)
Morris Scoring: Charlie Barnett 18, Maddie Moore 12, Kaleah Barnett 8, Emma Duclos 6, Jessica Wilson 6.

Promising Season Closes

Tigers suffer back-to-back losses at Class B regionals

LARRY OWEN
SPORTS EDITOR

The Wilson Tiger varsity basketball team had their promising season come to a close Monday evening. The season-ending loss came to the Stringtown Tigers in the consolation semifinals of the Class B, Area IV, regional tournament.

The Wilson cage squad found themselves in the loser’s bracket game against Stringtown following a 70-38 defeat at the hands of the Battiest Panthers last Saturday evening in the winner’s bracket semifinals of the regional tournament.

The Tigers close out 2020-21 with a 9-8 record, which included winning their first district championship since 2011.

In last Saturday’s winner’s bracket semifinal contest, the Wilson squad trailed 17-13 after the first eight minutes of action, then went into the halftime break down 35-19 after being outscored 18-6 in the second period.

Battiest took the final two frames by margins of 15-7 and 20-12, respectively, to hand the Tigers the 70-38 setback.

Michael McKinney was tops in scoring for Wilson with 16, followed by Asa Mitchell with 12 and Logan Moore with six. Yahv Williams rounded out the Tiger scorers with four points.

In Monday’s season-ending loss to Stringtown, the Wilson cagers struggled offensively in the first period, being held to just four points in the frame, while the host Tigers put up 18 points in the quarter to put the visitors in an early double-digit deficit.

Wilson’s offense picked up a little bit in the second stanza, as the Tigers tallied 10 points in the period. Stringtown countered with 16 points in the quarter to make it a 34-14 contest at the intermission.

Wilson was outscored 16-5 in the third period to fall further behind, 50-19, heading into the final eight minutes of action.

The visiting Tigers managed a 16-11 margin in the final stanza, but the late advantage was not enough to overcome the huge deficit, putting Wilson on the short end of a 61-35 outcome.

Michael McKinney led all Wilson scorers with a team-best 14 points. Asa Mitchell was next for the Tigers with seven, followed by Jacob Finley with five and Logan Moore four. Ryder Herring and Yahv Williams rounded out the Wilson scoring with three and two points, respectively.

Class B Regional Tournament Winner’s Bracket Semifinals

Battiest 70, Wilson 38

Wilson: 13 - 6 - 7 - 12 (38)

Battiest: 17 - 18 - 15 - 20 (70)

Wilson Scoring: Michael McKinney 16, Asa Mitchell 12, Logan Moore 6, Yahv Williams 4.

Consolation Semifinals

Stringtown 61, Wilson 35

Wilson: 4 - 10 - 5 - 16 (35)

Stringtown: 18 - 16 - 16 - 11 (61)

Wilson Scoring: Michael McKinney 14, Asa Mitchell 7, Jacob Finley 5, Logan Moore 4, Ryder Herring 3, Yahv Williams 2.

Preston standout receives national recognition

Taylan Starr ranked in Top 100 Softball Players

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STAFF WRITER

Do you remember the days of summer little league? Heading to the local park to cheer on your kids, nieces, and nephews? While you still can find children running the bases at your local ball parks, many have found their way to competitive teams that travel not only across the state on a weekly basis, but also across the nation as early as coach pitch.

Competitive baseball and softball teams have been making their mark on the sport for several years now. Athletes are competing on competitive traveling teams as well as their hometown team. Competitive traveling teams are typically made up of athletes from several communities or other states.

Preston’s own Taylan Starr is one of the many athletes in Okmulgee County that compete locally as well as on a national team.

Taylan, daughter of Eric and Patty Starr, has been a softball player since she was eight years old. The now seventh grader is a member of the Preston Pirates Junior High



Taylan Starr

Softball Teams as well as the Tulsa Elite Knight 08 softball team.

Recently, Taylan found her name among the Top 100 softball players in the nation for the Class of 2026 according to extrainnings.com. The website ranks softball players across the nation based on their position and age. Taylan tied for the 25th spot at the shortstop/outfield position.

The website was recently quoted saying Taylan “is a strong competitor on both sides of the ball.”

Taylan can be found at shortstop, on the pitchers’ mound, in the in-



COURTESY PHOTO

Preston’s Taylan Starr was named in the Top 100 Softball Players for the Class of 2026, finishing her 2020 season with a .452 batting average and three homeruns. She helped her competitive team, the Elite Tulsa Knights, to the National Championship game in Kansas City with 22 RBIs on the year.

HENRYETTA

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digits, 42-36, heading into the final frame of regulation.

The Henryetta squad was unable to complete the second-half comeback, as the Knights were outscored 24-7 in the final stanza to suffer the 66-43 defeat.

Nick Hudson had the hot hand offensively for Henryetta in the contest, finishing with a team-best 17 points. Alex Hudson was next for the Knights with 14 points, while Ethan Palmer knocked down a pair of

3-point baskets during the second-half comeback attempt to finish with six points for Henryetta.

The trio of Phillip Rice, Jordan Short, and Riley Pixler rounded out the HHS scoring with two points apiece.

Class 3A District Tournament

Girls Bracket

Valliant 69, Henryetta 26

Henryetta: 4 - 6 - 4 - 12 (26)

Valliant: 24 - 24 - 16 - 5 (69)

Henryetta Scoring: Lavenda Billy 8, McKayla Green-

haw 8, Aliyah Harjochee 5, Katie Williamson 3, Cassidy Lee 2.

Boys Bracket

Valliant 66, Henryetta 43

Henryetta: 6 - 11 - 19 - 7 (43)

Valliant: 15 - 15 - 12 - 24 (66)

Henryetta Scoring: Nick Hudson 17, Alex Hudson 14, Ethan Palmer 6, Phillip Rice 2, Jordan Short 2, Riley Pixler 2.

WRESTLING

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tling tournaments in Blackwell and Plainview.

OSSAA 3A East Regional Tournament

Henryetta Individual Results

120 lbs. - Tucker Watson

First Round: pinned by Caleb O’Dell (Blackwell); 0:30

Consolation First Round: pinned by Daniel Avalos (Sperry); 4:26

126 lbs. - Christian Gray

First Round: decisioned Waylon McGill (Barnsdall); 14-8

Quarterfinals: pinned by Eli Griffin (Cascia Hall); 0:47

Consolation Second Round: pinned by Caleb West (Sperry); 2:29

145 lbs. - Dylan Bain

First Round: decisioned by Teyton Chandler (Victory Christian); 5-4

Consolation First Round: pinned Jude Robinson (Inola); 3:01

Consolation Second Round: decisioned

by Deacon Hendren (Pawhuska); 8-3

Heavyweight - Issac McNac

First Round: pinned Ace Hodges (OCS); 2:14

Quarterfinals: pinned by Miccael Brown (Tonkawa); 0:51

Consolation Second Round: pinned by J.D. McCleary (Blackwell); 3:47

Okmulgee Individual Results

126 lbs. - Xander Dunn

Preliminaries: pinned by Caleb West (Sperry); 5:08

First Round: pinned by Kaiden Alley (Blackwell); 3:56

OSSAA 3A West Regional Tournament

Morris Individual Results

132 lbs. - Ayrton Toothman

First Round: pinned by Michael Blackcrow (Geary); 3:25

Consolation First Round: pinned Billy Scott (Cordell); 0:22

Consolation Second Round: pinned by Cade Lewis (Anadarko); 1:30

138 lbs. - Pistol Hogan

First Round: pinned Cameron Duroy (McLoud); 2:56

Quarterfinals: pinned by Lake Epperson (Comanche); 1:55

Consolation Second Round: pinned Aspen Jolly (Sulphur); 1:16

Consolation Third Round: decisioned by Malachi Harris (Checotah); 8-7

145 lbs. - Jaxen Wright (Runner-up) First Round: pinned Stephen Johnson (Perkins-Tryon); 1:33

Quarterfinals: pinned Hunter Helms (Hinton); 2:56

Semifinals: pinned Brad Dick (Vinita); 2:47

Championship: decisioned by Bryson Hughes (Marlow); 4-3

152 lbs. - Ryan Allred (Sixth Place)

First Round: pinned Spencer Flinn (Pauls Valley); 0:39

Quarterfinals: decisioned Cody Davis (Marlow); 5-2

Semifinals: pinned by Jack Wilkins (Salina); 2:25

Consolation Semifinals: pinned by Rich Hart (Perkins-Tryon); 1:22

Fifth Place Match: lost to Cody Davis (Marlow) by injury default

160 lbs. - Kolby Adams (Runner-up)

First Round: pinned Victor Rosales (Lexington); 0:40

Quarterfinals: pinned Josh McFee (Perkins-Tryon); 1:38

Semifinals: decisioned Brier Smith (Salina); 5-3

Championship: pinned by Kolby DeProng (Bridge Creek); 2:48

170 lbs. - Jace Allred

Preliminaries: pinned Tucker Priebe (Cordell); 1:33

First Round: pinned by Andrew Johnston (Marlow); 2:25

Consolation First Round: defeated Michael Barahona (Pauls Valley); 15-0 (3:48)

Consolation Second Round: pinned by Dalton Mathews (Lexington); 1:12

182 lbs. - Gage Adkins

First Round: pinned by Drew Powell (Bridge Creek); 0:38

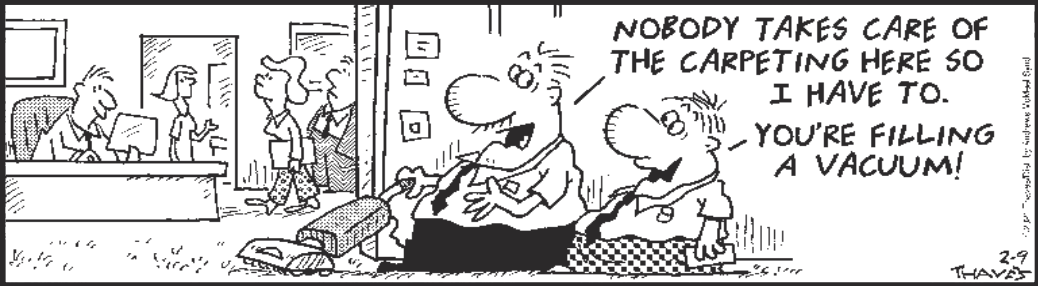
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Consolation Second Round: pinned by Josh Ralston (Hinton); 2:34

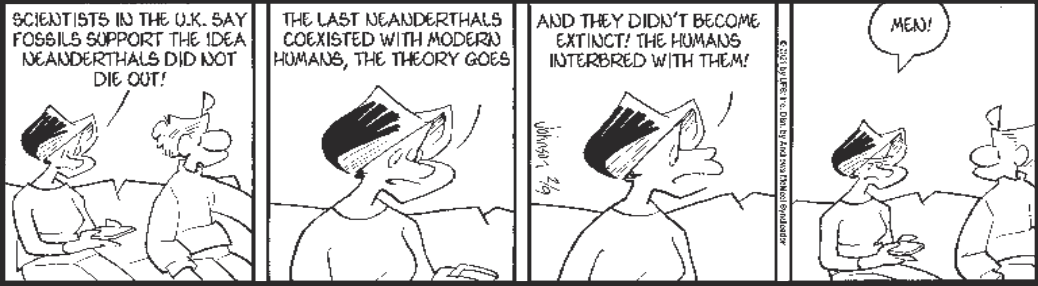
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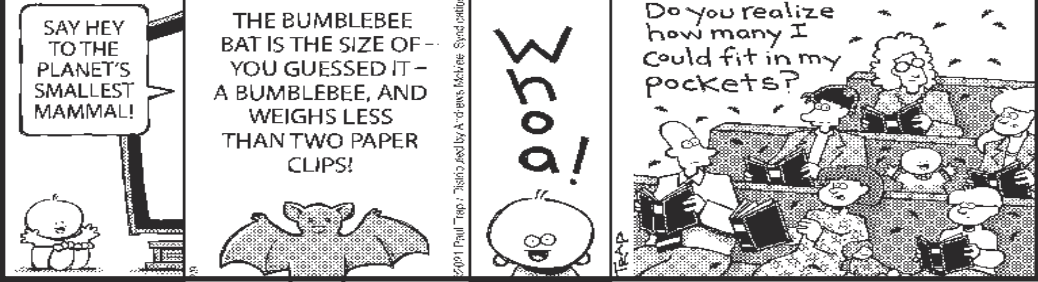
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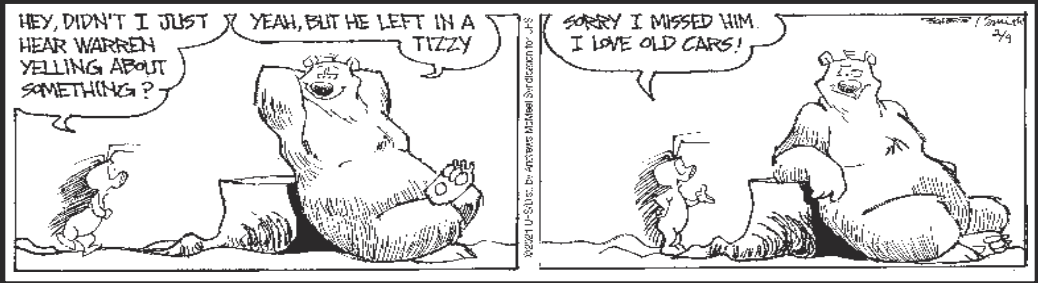
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ASTROGRAPH

Update your image, and be cognizant of what's trending this year. Keeping up will help you forge into the future with confidence. There is a chance to bring about positive changes to your life if you are eager to take on any challenge you meet. Romance is featured.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)
Don't be afraid; show your feelings and let others know what you want. Taking the high road and being honest with yourself and others will help you come to terms with your life.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
all on your allies to ensure that you get the support you require to reach your goal. Expect to face opposition if you want to bring about change. Spend quality time with a loved one.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Take better care of your health, well-being and important relationships. Uncertainty will loom if you are indecisive or you let your emotions override practicality. Stubbornness will stand in your way.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Temptation will lead to excessive behavior. Focus on opportunities that will help you get ahead and maintain a comfortable lifestyle. Align yourself with people who have your best interest at heart.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Use your imagination. Structure your day to encourage success, peace of mind and happiness. Learn from experience, and protect meaningful relationships. Romance is in the stars.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Get your facts straight before you indulge in rhetoric that can taint your reputation. Refuse to let anyone push you around or involve you in an unhealthy situation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
You've got control, so stop wasting time. Make a promise, do your thing, shoot for the stars and follow through with your plans. Refuse to let uncertainty get in the way of your goals.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Tidy up loose ends before someone steps in and takes charge. Don't leave yourself open for criticism or complaints. Concentrate on stabilizing your position and relationships with loved ones.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
Stop wasting time. Look around, size up your situation and make a dent in the clutter. It's time to find peace of mind and to set goals that will help you get on with your life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
Spend less time dealing with manipulative people and more time picking up information and skills that can help you get ahead. It's time to do your own thing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
An exciting prospect will grab your attention. A change in the way you handle your affairs will lead to a better lifestyle. Embrace the future with optimism, and you'll gain peace of mind.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)
Take the high road. Refuse to let others' actions bother you. Set your sights on what's essential and on those who mean the most to you. Ask questions and adapt to change.

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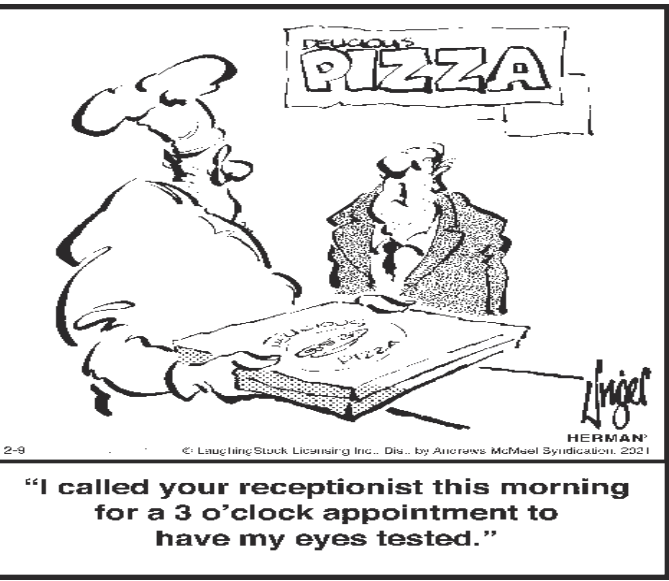
PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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HOW TO PLAY:

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"ZC ITOHZO ECROZAKJV
OGIODZKJHY, LCFT RKJXEOZ
RFEZ PO TOYOJZYOEYVL UCIFEQX
CJ ZAO ERHYVOEZ XOZHKY."
— VKCTVKC HTRHJK

Previous Solution: "I think of my work as ephemeral architecture, dedicated to the beauty of the female body." — Christian Dior
TODAY'S CLUE: X symbol Q

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ACROSS

1 "Mind the —"

4 Pet toy

8 Trend

11 Cry of discovery

12 Drama award

13 Busy European airport

14 Firm

16 Bagel center

17 Picnic hamper

18 Garden pond fish

20 Beloved

21 Young horse

24 Dairy case buy

28 Weep

30 Grape producer

33 El Dorado loot

34 Female horse

35 Tended the garden

36 Vanity

37 Sign on a door

38 Bear hair

39 Beneficial

41 Enjoy a hot tub

43 Glove compartment items

46 Whammy

48 Ankle injury

50 Three musicians

53 Military recruit

55 Turn down

56 Roulette color

57 Pfc. boss

58 Health resort

59 Poker stake

60 Oui, in Ottawa

DOWN

1 Clothing

2 Down the road

3 Outmoded

4 Short jacket

5 Lean against

6 Burning

7 Onion cousin

8 Move to and —

9 Every

10 Use henna

13 Great Lakes state

15 Approved

19 Recurrently

22 PDQ

23 Folk teachings

25 Doesn't stay

26 Natural impulse

27 Mouth part

29 Gentle bear

30 Channels 2-13

31 Debt memos

32 Fiddling despot

34 Wisdom teeth

39 Small music maker

40 Game official

42 Popeye's greeting

44 Easy victim

45 Battle tactic

47 Warrior princess

48 Narrow cut

49 Fishing gear

50 NFL scores

51 Gym iteration

52 — pickle

54 Montreal turndown

Answer to Previous Puzzle

N	U	K	E		B	B	C		A	B	E	T
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02 • KJRH (NBC)	THE BLACKLIST		DATELINE				LOCAL NEWS	TONIGHT SHOW
06 • KOTV (CBS)	MACGYVER		MAGNUM PI		BLUE BLOODS		LOCAL NEWS	THE LATE SHOW
08 • KTUL (ABC)	SHARK TANK		20/20				LOCAL NEWS	JIMMY KIMMEL
11 • OETA (PBS)	OKLAHOMA NEWS REPORT		WASHINGTON WEEK	FIRING LINE	SUZE ORMAN			
19 • KQCW (CW)	WHOSE LINE?	WHOSE LINE?	PENN & TELLER		KQCW NEWS AT 9		BIG BANG THEORY	SCHITT'S CREEK
23 • KOKI (FOX)	WWE SMACKDOWN				FOX 23 NEWS		FOX 23 NEWS	MODERN FAMILY
41 • KMYT (MY TV)	LAW & ORDER: CI		LAW & ORDER: CI		LAST MAN STANDING	LAST MAN STANDING	THE SIMPSONS	FAMILY GUY
44 • KTPX (ION)	HAWAII FIVE-0		HAWAII FIVE-0		HAWAII FIVE-0		HAWAII FIVE-0	
47 • KWHB (CTN)	GREAT AWAKENING	FAITH ALIVE	THE GOOD LIFE		GOOD NEWS	GOOD NEWS	IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE	GREAT AWAKENING
MONDAY, MARCH 1	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)	THE VOICE				DEBRIS		NEWS	TONIGHT SHOW
06 • KOTV (CBS)	THE NEIGHBORHOOD	BOB HEARTS ABISHOLA	ALL RISE		BULL		NEWS	LATE SHOW
08 • KTUL (ABC)	THE BACHELOR				THE GOOD DOCTOR		NEWS	JIMMY KIMMEL
11 • OETA (PBS)	MAGIC MOMENT				SUZE ORMAN			
19 • KQCW (CW)	ALL AMERICAN		BLACK LIGHTNING		KQCW NEWS		BIG BANG THEORY	SCHITT'S CREEK
23 • KOKI (FOX)	9-1-1		9-1-1		FOX 23 NEWS		FOX 23 NEWS	MODERN FAMILY
41 • KMYT (MY TV)	LAW & ORDER: SVU		LAW & ORDER: SVU		LAST MAN STANDING	LAST MAN STANDING	THE SIMPSONS	FAMILY GUY
44 • KTPX (ION)	NCIS: LOS ANGELES		NCIS: LOS ANGELES		NCIS: LOS ANGELES		NCIS: LOS ANGELES	
47 • KWHB (CTN)	GREAT AWAKENING	PASTOR OCK SOO PARK	GAITHER HOMECOMING		GOOD NEWS	JOSEPH PRINCE	CHRIST IN PROPHECY	GREAT AWAKENING
TUESDAY, MARCH 2	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)	YOUNG ROCK	KENAN	THIS IS US		NEW AMSTERDAM		NEWS	THE TONIGHT SHOW
06 • KOTV (CBS)	NCIS		FBI		FBI: MOST WANTED		NEWS	THE LATE SHOW
08 • KTUL (ABC)	TO TELL THE TRUTH		BLACK-ISH	MIXED-ISH	SOUL OF A NATION		NEWS	JIMMY KIMMEL
11 • OETA (PBS)	KEN BURNS: NATIONAL PARKS				JOHN DENVER: COUNTRY BOY			THIS LAND IS YOUR LAND
19 • KQCW (CW)	THE FLASH		SUPERMAN & LOIS		KQCW NEWS		BIG BANG THEORY	SCHITT'S CREEK
23 • KOKI (FOX)	THE RESIDENT		PRODIGAL SON		FOX 23 NEWS		FOX 23 NEWS	MODERN FAMILY
41 • KMYT (MY TV)	CHICAGO PD		CHICAGO PD		LAST MAN STANDING	LAST MAN STANDING	THE SIMPSONS	FAMILY GUY
44 • KTPX (ION)	NCIS: NEW ORLEANS		NCIS: NEW ORLEANS		NCIS: NEW ORLEANS		NCIS: NEW ORLEANS	
47 • KWHB (CTN)	GREAT AWAKENING	TRANSFORMING GRACE	PROPHECY WATCHERS	SKYWATCHTV	GOOD NEWS	ROBERT JEFFRESS	MICHAEL YOUSSEF	GREAT AWAKENING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3	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)	CHICAGO MED		CHICAGO FIRE		CHICAGO P.D.		NEWS	TONIGHT SHOW
06 • KOTV (CBS)	TOUGH AS NAILS		SEAL TEAM		S.W.A.T.		NEWS	LATE SHOW
08 • KTUL (ABC)	THE GOLDBERGS	AMERICAN HOUSEWIFE	THE CONNORS	CALL YOUR MOTHER	TBA		NEWS	JIMMY KIMMEL
11 • OETA (PBS)	THE COLORADO			ENERGY PARADOX			OVERCOMING ANXIETY	
19 • KQCW (CW)	RIVERDALE		NANCY DREW		KQCW NEWS		BIG BANG THEORY	SCHITT'S CREEK
23 • KOKI (FOX)	NAME THAT TUNE		NAME THAT TUNE		FOX 23 NEWS		FOX 23 NEWS	MODERN FAMILY
41 • KMYT (MY TV)	DATELINE		DATELINE		LAST MAN STANDING	LAST MAN STANDING	THE SIMPSONS	FAMILY GUY
44 • KTPX (ION)	BLUE BLOODS		BLUE BLOODS		BLUE BLOODS		BLUE BLOODS	
47 • KWHB (CTN)	GREAT AWAKENING	STEVE BILSBOROUGH	CBN NEWSWATCH	CLEAR VISION	GOOD NEWS	JOSEPH PRINCE	FAITH LIFE CHURCH	GREAT AWAKENING
THURSDAY, MARCH 4	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)	SUPERSTORE	YOUNG ROCK	LAW & ORDER: SVU		DATELINE		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 CHASE		NEWS	JIMMY KIMMEL
11 • OETA (PBS)	DOLLY PARTON & FRIENDS				THE CARPENTERS			ENERGY PARADOX
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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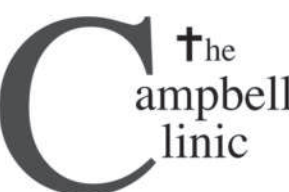


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02 • KJRH (NBC)	SATURDAY TODAY			ONE TEAM	2 NEWS WEEKEND MORNING				EARTH ODYSSEY	WILD CHILD	ROOTS LESS TRAVELED
06 • KOTV (CBS)	CBS THIS MORNING SATURDAY				SIX IN THE MORNING WEEKEND				LUCKY DOG	INNOVATION NATION	NCAA BASKETBALL
08 • KTUL (ABC)	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	NANCY ZIERMAN: EXTRAORDINARY GRACE			ENERGY PARADOX		
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				PAID PROGRAM	COLLEGE HOOPS TIPOFF	NCAA BASKETBALL
41 • KMYT (MY TV)	PAID PROGRAM	PAID PROGRAM	YOUNG ICONS	BIZ KIDS	PAID PROGRAM	PAID PROGRAM	PAID PROGRAM	PAID PROGRAM	WEEKEND MARKETPLACE		
44 • KTPX (ION)	LAW & ORDER		LAW & ORDER		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. 27	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)	GYMNASTICS			GOLF							
06 • KOTV (CBS)	NCAA BASKETBALL (CONT.)		NCAA BASKETBALL	NCAA BASKETBALL				NCAA BASKETBALL			
08 • KTUL (ABC)	PAID PROGRAM	PAID PROGRAM	PAID PROGRAM	UFC 259 COUNTDOWN			NCAA BASKETBALL		PAID PROGRAM		PAID PROGRAM
11 • OETA (PBS)	EAT YOUR MEDICINE			SUZE ORMAN					RICK STEVES' STORY OF FACISM IN EUROPE		
19 • KQCW (CW)	PAID PROGRAM	PAID PROGRAM	CHASING THE DREAM	MSVOKO 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	CENTRAL AVENUE
44 • KTPX (ION)	LAW & ORDER (CONT.)		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. 27	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	1ST LOOK	YOUNG ROCK	KENAN	WEAKEST LINK	SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE	
06 • KOTV (CBS)	PAID PROGRAM	CBS NEWS	NEWS	NEWS	FBI	FBI: MOST WANTED	48 HOURS				
08 • KTUL (ABC)	PAID PROGRAM	ABC NEWS	NEWS	DISCOVER OKLAHOMA	NBA COUNTDOWN	NBA: DALLAS MAVERICKS VS. BROOKLYN NETS					
11 • OETA (PBS)	MAGIC MOMENTS				DOLLY PARTON & FRIENDS				LORETTA LYNN: MY STORY		
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		BOXING		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. 28	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		SUNDAY TODAY		2 NEWS WEEKEND MORNING			MEET THE PRESS	2 NEWS	JOEL OSTEEN	NHL HOCKEY
06 • KOTV (CBS)	MISSION UNSTOPPABLE		HOPE IN THE WILD	SIX IN THE MORNING	CBS SUNDAY MORNING				FACE THE NATION	IN TOUCH MINISTRIES	NCAA BASKETBALL
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	TRANSFORMATIONAL POWER OF YOGA			OVERCOMING W/ DR. DANIEL AMEN MD.			PAIN FREE LIVING
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 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	BLUE BLOODS	BLUE BLOODS	BLUE BLOODS	BLUE BLOODS	BLUE BLOODS	BLUE BLOODS	BLUE BLOODS
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	
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02 • KJRH (NBC)	NHL HOCKEY (CONT.)			GOLF							
06 • KOTV (CBS)	NCAA BASKETBALL (CONT.)			NCAA BASKETBALL				NCAA BASKETBALL			
08 • KTUL (ABC)	BOSTON AVE. (CONT.)	PAID PROGRAM	PAID PROGRAM	PAID PROGRAM	PAID PROGRAM	NBA COUNTDOWN	NBA: LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS VS. MILWAUKEE BUCKS				
11 • OETA (PBS)	PAIN FREE LIVING (CONT.)		THE BLACK CHURCH			THE BLACK CHURCH					
19 • KQCW (CW)	PAID PROGRAM	MOM	MOM	PAID PROGRAM	SPORTS STARS OF TOMOROW	PAID PROGRAM	PAID PROGRAM	ANIMAL SCIENCE	PAID PROGRAM	WE ARE HOPE	FLAME INTERNATIONAL
23 • KOKI (FOX)	XPLORATION WEIRD BUT...	PBA BOWLING	NASCAR RACEDAY			NASCAR					
41 • KMYT (MY TV)	PAID PROGRAM	PETS.TV	DRAGONFLYTV	BREAKDOWN	FAMILY FEUD			FAMILY FEUD		MONK	
44 • KTPX (ION)	BLUE BLOODS (CONT.)	BLUE BLOODS		BLUE BLOODS	BLUE BLOODS			BLUE BLOODS		BLUE BLOODS	
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DISTRICT COURT OF OKMULGEE COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS WILLIAM GRIM-METT, Deceased.

Case No. PB-2021-15

ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING

On February 18, 2021, Harold Rodney Grimmer filed a Petition For Letters Of Administration, For Appointment Of Personal Representative And For Determination Of Heirs in this case.

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

This Order shall constitute the notice of this hearing.

February 22nd 2021.

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

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DISTRICT COURT OF OKMULGEE COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PAUL WEST, Deceased.

Case No. PB-2021-12

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against Paul West are required to present the same with the necessary vouchers to Shirley Flanary, Personal Representative, at the office of her attorney, Hugh M. Robinson, 114 N. Grand, Suite 200, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, 74447, by the following presentment date: May 1, 2021, or the same will be forever barred.

Date Feb 23.2021.

/s/ Shirley Flanary
SHIRLEY FLANARY
Personal Representative
HUGH M. ROBINSON
Attorney at Law
Suite 200, McCullough Building
114 North Grand
Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447 918-756-2200 Telephone

ROBIN GAYLE MILLS
Personal Representative
Dated: February 5, 2021

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR OKMULGEE COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JULIA BOONE, Deceased.

Case No. P-1997-167
ALIAS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

STATE OF OKLAHOMA ss. COUNTY OF OKMULGEE

All creditors having claims against JULIA BOONE, 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 ROSITTA GREEN, Personal Representative, in care of:

KELLY M. HUNT,
DRU R. TATE
South County Law Firm, PLLC
1700 E. 6th St.
Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447

on or before the following the presentment date, on the 10th day of April, 2021, or the same will be forever barred.

Dated this 9th day of February, 2021.

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

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STATE OF OKLAHOMA

GLORIA B. GILCHRIST, Plaintiff(s), -vs- JAMES BRYAN WENETSCHLAEGER and LEGACY CUSTOM WOODWORKS, LLC, Defendant(s).

Case No. CJ-2020-124

NOTICE OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF OKLAHOMA
TO: JAMES BRYAN WENETSCHLAEGER and LEGACY CUSTOM WOODWORKS, LLC

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you in the District Court of Okmulgee County, Oklahoma, Case No CJ-2020-124, as styled above, wherein Plaintiff Gloria B. Gilchrist has filed a *Petition* alleging causes of action against Defendants, James Bryan Wenetschlaeger and Legacy Custom Woodworks, LLC, for quiet title and slandered of title, relating to a *Mechanic's Lien Statement of Claim* filed upon Plaintiff's real property at 3305 Peoria Ave., Beggs, OK 74421. Said Petition requests the Court to determine the aforementioned lien filed in Okmulgee County void, released and unenforceable, and further seeks a monetary award in Plaintiff's favor and against the Defendants for attorney's fees and costs incurred by Plaintiff.

You are hereby notified that you have been sued and must answer the *Petition* filed by the Plaintiff on or before the 9th day of April, 2021, or the allegations contained in said *Petition* will be taken as true and judgment in favor of Plaintiff will be rendered as described above.

Given under my hand and seal this 18th day of February, 2021.

Okmulgee County Court Clerk
By: /s/ Desiree Underwood
Deputy

Prepared by:
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OKMULGEE COUNTY, STATE OF OKLAHOMA

BANK OF OKLAHOMA, N.A. Plaintiff, vs. LISA R. RISNER and GABRIELLE J. RISNER Defendants

CASE NO.CS-2020-016

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: LISA R. RISNER and GABRIELLE J. RISNER

The Sheriff of OKMULGEE County, Oklahoma, Greetings:

You will take notice that the Plaintiff, BANK OF OKLAHOMA, N.A., filed its petition in the District Court of OKMULGEE County, Oklahoma, against the above-captioned Defendant, LISA R. RISNER and GABRIELLE J. RISNER, seeking a money judgment against Defendants, LISA R. RISNER and GABRIELLE J. RISNER in the amount of \$3261.64, with post-judgment interest at the statutory rate pursuant to 12 O.S. Sec. 727, until paid; and all costs of this action including a reasonable attorney's fee, and unless Defendants answers said petition on or before the 12th day of April, 2021, said petition will be taken as true and judgment will be rendered for Plaintiff for \$3261.64, with post-judgment interest at the statutory rate pursuant to 12 O.S. Sec. 727, until paid; and all costs of this action including a reasonable attorney's fee.

Dated this 29th day of January, 2021.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OKMULGEE COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

In the Matter of the Estate of RAYMOND MCKINLEY PENN Deceased.

PB No. 2019-111

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING ON PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, DISTRIBUTION OF PROPERTY AND DISTRIBUTION

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested in the estate of RAYMOND MCKINLEY PENN, deceased, that on the 3rd day of February 2021, James P. Penn filed in the District Court of Okmulgee County, Oklahoma a Final Account and Petition for Order Allowing Final Account, Determining Heirship and Final Decree of Distribution.

The Hearing on the Final Account and the Petition for Determination of Heirs, Distribution of Property and Discharge shall be held on the 30th day of March 2021 at 9:00 am. You must file a written protest in the above styled numbered cause prior to the above date with the Clerk of this Court. Should you fail to do so, the Final Accounting, Distribution and Discharge will be granted as prayed.

By: /s/ Brenda S Golden

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OKMULGEE COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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By: /s/ Brenda S Golden

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Casserole, by definition, refers to the pan your food it is cooked in and then used to serve said food, from oven to table with one dish. Most often though, casserole is what we refer to as the food itself. In America and Europe, the casserole consists of meat and vegetables, diced to bite size pieces or shredded, and a binding agent such as potatoes or rice. A liquid is usually added in the way of beer or wine, stock or broth, or even cider or vegetable juice. These are most often topped with a generous layer of cheese or a crunchy breadcrumb topping and sometimes, both. Then, it is baked to golden perfection. According to Wikipedia, in the UK, Australia, New Zealand and Ireland, the casserole is named so because of the dish rather than the food. What they typically serve as casserole is what we usually call a stew. Instead of baking, theirs is finished on the stovetop and then served in the same dish.

Casseroles are great when you don't think you have a dinner to throw together or even for using up leftovers from another meal. You can use any meat you may have on hand. Throw in a can or two of vegetables from the pantry and dice or slice up some potatoes and you can easily have a casserole. Need more liquid in it? You can add a can of soup like cream of mushroom or chicken or vegetable or chicken stock. Top liberally with cheese or even crackers and voila, instant dinner with easy clean up!

I love casseroles for the ease in cooking and clean up. Casseroles can be either side dish, main meal, or even dessert but are delicious either way. This week, I am looking at casseroles as the meal. Add rolls or Texas toast or even chips to any of these and maybe a salad if you are so inclined for a delicious well rounded dinner. Make your grocery list and meet me in the kitchen this week for recipes so easy to make, cook and clean up.



Eggs Benedict Casserole
6 English muffins
Sirloin steak, thinly sliced. I used 5 steaks as I wanted plenty of meat. (they were on the small side)
10 eggs
2 ½ cups milk or heavy cream
1 tsp Worcestershire sauce
1 tsp onion powder
2 tsp paprika
¼ tsp salt
½ tsp pepper
1 pkg hollandaise sauce mix
Open English muffins and toast. You can broil in oven or use a toaster, whichever is easier for you. Cut 5 English muffins into quarters. Use last muffin to cut into smaller pieces to fill holes as needed. Place English muffins in bottom of 9x13" pan. Evenly layer steak on muffins. In large bowl, combine eggs, milk, Worcestershire sauce, onion powder, paprika, salt and

pepper. Gently spoon over English muffins and cover with foil. Refrigerate 4 hours or overnight. Remove pan from fridge while preheating oven to 350°F. Bake covered for 30 minutes. Remove foil and bake an additional 10-15 minutes or until knife inserted in the center comes out clean. Prepare hollandaise sauce. Pour over dish. Cut into squares and serve.
Note: Eggs benedict is traditionally made with Canadian bacon, but I can't have pork so I used steak. Feel free to use Canadian bacon if desired.
Recipe adapted from centslessdeals.com



Pizza Casserole
¼ cup unsalted butter
1 tsp garlic powder
1 tsp dried basil
2 cups shredded mozzarella
2 cups Italian blend cheese
16oz cream cheese, softened
½ cup grated Parmesan, divided
2 tsps. Italian seasoning, more or less to taste
½ tsp crushed red pepper flakes, more or less to taste
½ tsp ground black pepper
¾ cup pizza sauce, I used a 4 cheese blend pasta sauce
2lbs ground turkey, cooked and drained, or other pizza topping of choice
1 15.25oz package of pizza premade pizza dough
Heat oven to 350°F and spray a 9x13" casserole dish with nonstick cooking spray. In large bowl, beat together mozzarella, cream cheese, 1/3 cup Parmesan, Italian seasoning, red pepper flakes and black pepper. Spread mixture evenly into prepared 9x13-inch dish. Spread sauce evenly over cheese mixture. Top with ground turkey. Sprinkle with Italian blend cheese. Divide dough into even sections. Roll dough sections into balls and place evenly over meat. Melt butter and mix in garlic powder and basil. Brush each dough ball with butter/garlic mixture. Sprinkle with remaining Parmesan cheese. Bake 35-45 minutes, or until pizza dough is golden brown and cooked through. Let cool 10 minutes before serving.
Note: I only used one package of dough but if you want the top completely covered, you will need two packages.
Recipe adapted from cookierookie.com

Chicken Squash Casserole
2 medium spaghetti squash, halved with the seeds scraped out (about 2.5lbs each)
2 tsps. olive oil
Salt and pepper
1lb chicken breast
Salt and pepper, to taste
1 cup crackers of your choosing, crushed (Ritz are good here, but this time I used a cracker made of rice and I have also used almond crackers)
2 cans condensed cream of chicken soup
Preheat oven to 400°F and line baking sheet with parchment paper. Rub oil on inside of squash and sprinkle with salt. Roast, cut-side down, until fork tender, about 40 minutes to 1 hour depending on



size. Set aside to cool enough to handle easily. Reduce oven to 350°F. Bring medium pot of water to boil. Once boiling, add chicken and cook until no longer pink inside, about 12-16 minutes. Set aside to cool. Scrape spaghetti squash into colander in clean sink. Use hands or spoon to compress squash to remove as much moisture as possible. Place in large bowl. Shred chicken and add to bowl along with salt and pepper to taste. Add cream of chicken soup and stir everything together until well mixed. Once mixed, press firmly into 9x13" baking dish and cover with crackers. Bake until casserole is bubbly, about 45 minutes. Let stand 10-15 minutes. Enjoy!
Recipe adapted from foodfaithfitness.com



Oreo Casserole
1 family pack Oreos, crushed
6 Tbsps. real unsalted butter, melted
8 oz. cream cheese, softened
1 cup powdered sugar
1 8oz container whipped topping, divided
2 3oz boxes instant chocolate pudding mix
10-12 Oreos, crushed into small pieces
3 cups cold milk
Topping:
Oreos, crushed
Chocolate chips, I used mini semi sweet and white chips
Lightly grease 9x13" baking dish. Mix Oreo crumbs and melted butter in medium bowl. If crumbs don't stay together well, add another tablespoon of butter. Spread evenly into bottom of prepared baking pan, using your hands or the back of a spoon evenly distribute. In medium bowl, beat together cream cheese and powdered sugar with electric mixer until smooth. Fold in 1 cup of whipped topping. Spread cream cheese mixture over crust. In medium bowl, mix together pudding mixes with cold milk. Stir in chopped Oreos. Allow to set just slightly, about 2-3 minutes. Spread over cream cheese layer. Spread remaining whipped topping pudding layer. Chill dessert in refrigerator for at least two hours. Top with more crushed Oreos and chocolate chips

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This year, I went out and spoke with our local auto service shops for tips and advice on how to take care of your vehicle. I asked each one for a tip or advice or even something they see that people just don't do like they should. I enjoyed speaking with everyone and had some funny conversations. Ultimately, I compiled some excellent tips on caring for your automobile.

Gary from AutoZone said, "Don't wait until it's raining to change your wiper blades." It is recommended windshield wipers be changed out every 6 months to a year for optimum use. Some mechanics will check the wiper blades when changing oil. If you aren't sure, autumn is a good time to change them each year before the conditions get bad. This will get you through the winter and the rainy spring months with good wipers.

There are several factors that can cause your wipers to be damaged. Age is the number one factor. Wiper blades are biodegradable and will simply wear down over time. How much you use them is another factor. Each pass of the wiper blades over the glass of the windshield breaks it down a little. They are made of rubber (unless you buy the more expensive silicone blades) and therefore are susceptible to the weather. Heat and cold cause them to expand and contract which weakens the material. Long dry spells can also cause problems. The rubber becomes brittle if too dry and the UV rays from the sun break down the rubber too. This all leads to breakage and wipers that are ineffective.

There are some things you can do to

help your wipers last longer. First, never use the wipers on a dry windshield. If you have no washer fluid, spray or dump water on the windshield and then turn on the wipers. Clean your windshield every other month at the longest. Dirt and grime build up on the windshield if you only ever use the blades to try to clean it. That dirt and other hard stuck debris can cause the blades to catch ever so slightly and tear the blades. Use a squeegee at a gas station next time you

fill up the gas tank to clean the glass. Cleaning the blades regularly with rubbing alcohol will also prolong their life. Frozen snow and ice can cause even brand new blades to need replacement. Always make sure the ice is defrosted before using the blades too. If you are in a hurry to defrost so you can go, use a saltwater solution or cool water mixed with rubbing alcohol to defrost the windows.

If you aren't sure when to replace

wiper blades, there are things you can look for to tell you when they are in bad shape. Jerking motion or chattering noises occur when there are nicks and chips in the blade as the different parts travel unevenly across the windshield. Squeaking can also be indicative of damage to the blade. Random streaks of moisture or even spots that don't look like they were touched are a good indication of blade damage as well. If you have any of these issues, it's time to replace your wiper blades.

One thing to note, wiper blades are sold individually. While this may seem like a racket requiring you purchase more, some vehicles actually have different sizes on passenger side than the driver's side. My Chevy Sonic is a rather large difference. The driver's side is 26" while the passenger side is only 14"! So, pay attention when you buy, you may just need two different sizes.

Chris, also from AutoZone, said, "Don't drive on bald tires." The tread on your tires should not fall below 1/16 of an inch in depth. While you can purchase a gauge that will tell you the exact tread depth, it is far easier to use a penny. Yes, using a penny really can tell you whether you need new tires. Take your penny, with Lincoln's head down, and place it into the tread on your tire. If you can see his entire head, you need tires. Some tires have a built in indicator on the tread. Take a good look at the tires. There may be a flat bar that goes across the gaps in tread in a couple places. If that flat bar is level with tread, it's definitely time to get new tires. If you drive on wet or bad roads on a regular basis, it is suggested you double the rec-



Drivers are recommended to switch out their windshield wipers every 6 months to a year or so to avoid any rainy day accidents.

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Be sure to change your oil every 3,000 miles or so to protect your vehicle’s engine. Fresh oil protects the delicate parts of your car from heat and friction, keeping your vehicle running smoothly.



Keep an eye on your tires - avoid driving on tires with tread less than 1/16 of an inch and have them rotated every 3,000 to 5,000 miles to stay say safe on the road.

ommended tread to keep you traveling down the road with maximum safety. Low tread is not the only time you may need new tires though. Even vehicles rarely driven can have tires that wear out. Inspect the tires regularly to ensure they are still in good condition. Tires with cracks or cuts or bulges in the sidewall are going to give you problems. This is an indication the rubber is wearing out. You may have even hit something at one time that didn’t cause damage you could see, but it may have weakened the side wall and, over time, it is wearing down. Sun and weather, in addition to driving hazards, cause weakening naturally as well. It’s a good idea to just keep an eye on your tires for normal wear and tear of the tires. Even if all of your tires look perfect and have plenty of tread, vehicle manufacturers recommend replacing tires every six years while some tire manufacturers recommend every ten years.

Doug at Daniel’s Body Shop said, “Wax your vehicle at least twice a year to keep your paint job protected.” Waxing is an important part of your vehicle’s care. Vehicle paint is covered with a clear coat. Wax is applied as a kind of sacrificial layer over this clear coat. Everything from the sun’s UV rays to bird droppings, from car wash detergent to sand and salt on an icy day are an assault on your vehicle. The wax is in place to give your car a type of ‘force field’. However, just like in Star Trek, the ‘force field’ can be damaged and worn down. In order to protect the paint job, and the resale value, the wax must be reapplied regularly. But how often is it needed? Some manufacturers recommend it every 3 months, like changing the oil. Some wax products themselves say it’s only needed every six months. Environmental factors as well as use all make a difference though so it’s not like you can just mark it on a calendar. Although if you need the reminder, go ahead and mark it down every three months. This barrier on your car wears down each and every

day, especially if you have no garage in which to store your vehicle. So, paying attention is the best way to know. Wax helps repel the water so beading should occur on a waxed vehicle if you pour water on it. If there is no beading, there is no wax left. Run your finger over the vehicle. A waxed vehicle will provide a smooth glide for your fingers. So now you know you should wax, but there are so many products how do you choose and which one works best? There are five types of wax I found. Liquid wax pours from a bottle and dries quickly. If you are doing it yourself, this means you have to work quickly or work on small areas at a time. Typically these are made of synthetic polymers designed to protect from all the nasty stuff the world throws at the vehicle. It’s typically a thin coat though and may need to be applied more often than the three months depending on the formula. Paste wax is thick and requires effort. You must work on small areas, applying a little at a time and buffing afterwards. This is recommended as one of the longest lasting though at 3 months. Polymer based wax is a solid wax much like the paste, but is made of synthetic materials like the liquid. Because it is a solid, it must be applied and buffed, but is said to take less time to apply than paste wax. The formulas seem to be different per wax though so it’s hard to say how long this option will last. Car-nauba wax is the traditional wax of our grandfathers. It is a natural wax made from palm tree oil. It is much like the paste wax in application, but is said not to last as long and may need to be reapplied more often as well. The last option is sealant. This is an entirely synthetic polymer-based solution said to produce a glass like finish over your clear coat. Sealant is liquid and claims to be easy to apply and last up to six months. Debbie from Ausbrooks Truck Works said, “Never clean tinted windows with ammonia based cleaners.” If it just needs dust wiped off, a microfiber cloth should do the trick. If you need a lit-

tle more due to the dog’s tongue or the kid’s sticky, messy hands, there are some cleaners specifically for tinted windows. However, all you really need is a simple mix of soap and water or even water and vinegar and a soft nonabrasive cloth. Window tint can’t be repaired, only replaced. Be careful with pets, kids with toys and even your seat belt dinging the window. Dirt or a loose gear inside the door can also cause scratches so inspect it regularly. If you do start seeing something show up, stop using the window until you can have the door inspected. Seth from Kellogg’s Firestone Service Center said, “Rotate your tires every 5,000 miles. You would not believe how many people just don’t do this.” Tire rotation is taking your existing tires and moving them to a new position on the vehicle, usually front goes to the back and driver’s side goes to the passenger side. While this may seem unnecessary, this is crucial for maintaining your vehicle and it also can give you a clue to something wrong with alignment. Many tire manufacturers even require the rotation to keep the warranty valid. Rotating your tires helps even out tire wear. The front tires work differently than the back tires on your vehicle, they also respond differently to the different driving conditions. By allowing every tire to work in each of the vehicle’s four positions, which will be different with each rotation, you’ll promote even wear across the tire tread pattern. Even tread wear is important for even and consistent handling and traction while driving. That helps with taking corners and braking as well. All in all it prolongs tire life. If you do have an issue with alignment or something rubbing wrong, this is a way to discover it before it gets too bad. If you aren’t sure when to rotate your tires or rarely remember it, do it at the same time you change the oil. The vehicle has to be off the ground for both anyway and 3,000 miles and 5,000 miles are close enough you can just do both services together.

Seth from Kellogg’s Firestone Service Center also said, “Change your oil every 3,000 miles.” The parts inside the engine move very fast. This creates heat and friction. Oil provides the lubrication to keep everything flowing smoothly. Without oil, the engine can overheat or even seize and quit working all together. The oil breaks down over time due to this friction and heat and that’s why we must change the oil every so often. Think of oil as the blood in your vehicle. It must be flowing well and stay clean for the vehicle to run properly. An oil change replaces the oil filter and the old oil in your vehicle. The oil filter is in place to remove contaminants from your engine. Over time, these contaminants would completely clog the filter not allowing it work properly. The contaminants, if they stayed in the oil and the engine would cause the engine damage over time. The oil is completely drained and then replaced. This removes any contaminants that may have escaped the filter. Oil changes give you many added benefits as well. An oil change is the best way to save on gas. Clean oil helps the car run smoothly providing better gas mileage. It also keeps the engine, the heart of the vehicle, running well. Do it regularly and the engine may last longer than you want to keep the car. Fresh oil is also better on the environment. Old, dirty oil can produce noxious emissions and contribute to the deterioration of the ozone. While 3,000 miles is a generic mileage given, different factors can determine when and how much you actually need to change the oil. Someone who drives 90% of their day will need to change their oil far more than someone who only drives recreationally on the weekend. Even an idle car needs to have the oil changed though. Too little driving can cause issues too and it’s recommended that at least every 6 months the oil be changed even if you haven’t made your 3,000 miles.

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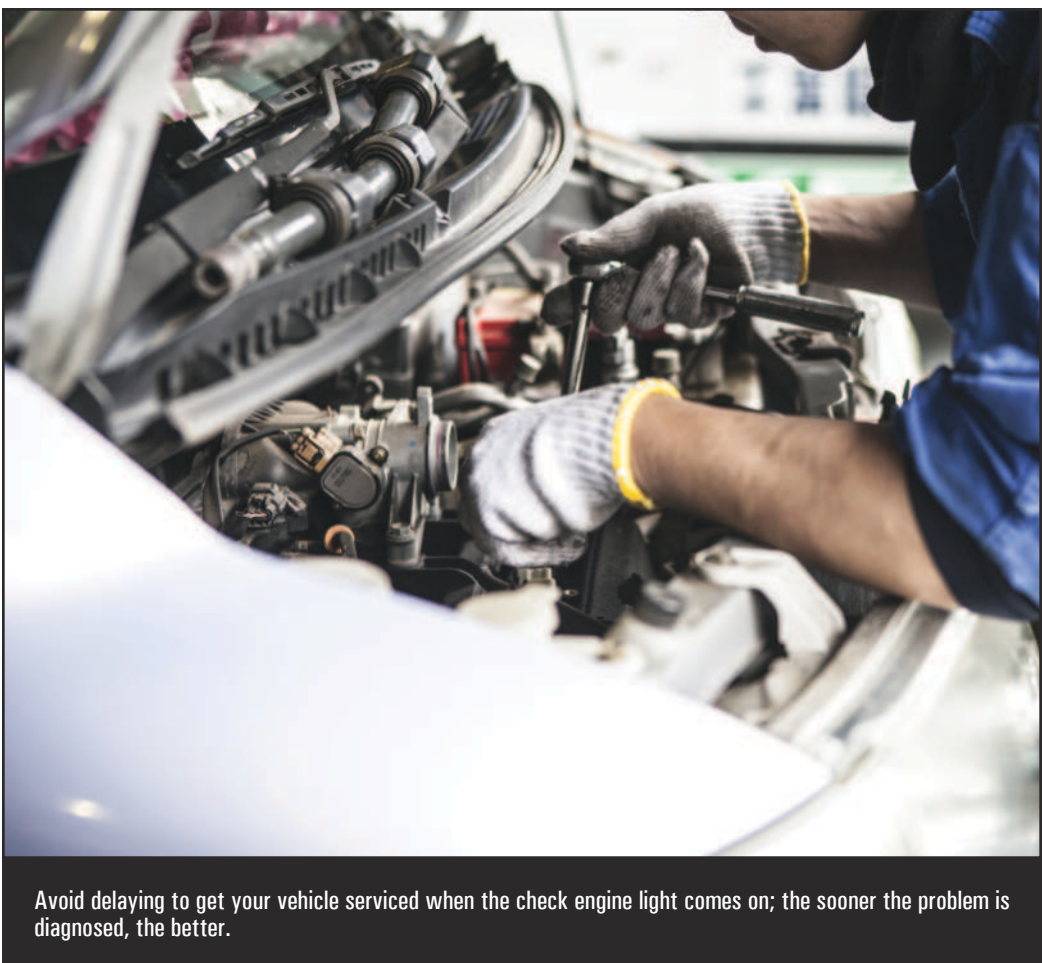
Doug from Quality Tire said, “Check all the fluids in your car regularly. If you commute more than 50 miles a day, do it every week. If you commute less, do it every other week.” Checking the fluids is of utmost importance to the maintenance of your vehicle. It allows you to know your vehicle and can let you know if something is wrong. Brake fluid, transmission fluid, coolant or antifreeze and power steering fluid rarely need to be topped off but some evaporation can occur during use. Regular use can cause your engine oil to need to be topped off between oil changes too. The great thing is you don’t have to guess. Most fluids have a dipstick with a guide for where the level should be sitting. While you are checking though, pay attention to the color of the different fluids and know what they should look like.

Power steering fluid especially gets dirty over time and will need to be flushed and replaced. This fluid will become cloudy with the dust and debris. If you are checking your fluids, you will see this. However, if you check your fluid and just feel like your steering just isn’t working right, take it in to get checked.

Brake fluid gathers moisture over time and typically needs to be replaced every couple years. Low levels of fluid though would be disastrous to the brakes and your safety when driving.

If the coolant gets low, it can cause the engine to overheat as well. However, this should never be checked when the engine is hot. It can cause serious injuries. Always allow the car to cool before checking the coolant levels. While the car has sensors to tell you if the car is overheating, if you keep an eye on your fluids, you will already know if there is not enough in the reservoir.

Transmission fluid is important for



Avoid delaying to get your vehicle serviced when the check engine light comes on; the sooner the problem is diagnosed, the better.

the shifting of your car between gears. Older cars have the dipstick and you can do it yourself. However, some newer cars no longer allow you to check this and a mechanic will have to do it for you. Some even more modern cars have completely sealed the transmission and it can’t be checked at all. If you can’t do it, then have the mechanic check it every time you have the oil changed. If you aren’t sure which option you have, check with your mechanic or the dealership where you got your car or the car’s manual.

Don’t forget about your windshield

washer fluid either. This one will need to be regularly added for sure. Depending on how often you clean your windshield will determine how quick you run out, but if you are checking it regularly, you will always know if you need to add more.

If you start adding fluids once a week or even every other week, have your vehicle serviced. Something is wrong if you have to top off the fluids that much.

Rick from Rick’s Muffler said, “When the check engine light comes on, get it checked sooner rather than later. Come see me, I’ll run the diagnostics for free.” The check engine light is just a sensor to tell you something might be wrong. It can be something minor like the gas cap not sitting well to something major like the engine misfiring and sending gas to the wrong places. When the car sends you the check engine light, it also stores the trouble code in its memory. When you take the vehicle to the mechanic, it’s this code he reads to tell you what you need to fix.

There are some differences in some

cars though. Most older vehicles will only have a light that comes on and is just on until taken care of and reset. Newer vehicles though can give you different lights. Any check engine light that comes on red is an immediate danger. It is recommended you stop driving your vehicle and get it to the shop at once. A solid yellow or orange light is what you will most likely see and needs to be taken care of, but can probably wait until you can schedule an appointment in a week or so. A blinking light after it was a solid light can mean what problem you had (but haven’t taken care of) is becoming more serious so get it taken care of. A check engine light constantly blinking without first being solid means you have an issue that needs to be looked at sooner than later and is fairly serious.

When the check engine light comes on, there are some things recommended you do. First, check everything you can just to make sure it’s not something simple like low engine oil levels. Check your gas cap for a loose fitting too. You may need to reduce speeds or not carry heavy loads to ease the burden on the engine.

Some cars send data electronically once a month to a dealership auto service center of your choice. If your car does this, they will most likely already have the data on what issues you may be having. In this instance, you can call and schedule the appointment to have it taken care of or sometimes they will call you based on the information they receive.

Ultimately, it is important to know your vehicle and how to do some minor things to check it over to keep it running optimally. If you know how your vehicle sounds or feels when driving, you should know when something is starting to go wrong. Most importantly, keep up with regular maintenance and don’t wait for repairs. Visit some of the shops around town and keep your vehicle running at max performance. When something is wrong, get it fixed immediately so a minor repair doesn’t become a major issue.

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