

Murder charges filed against Joseph Kennedy

D.A. Iski outlines case in press conference

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Murder charges have been filed against Joseph Lloyd Kennedy II, accused of killing four Okmulgee men in October.

Okmulgee-McIntosh County District Attorney Carol Iski announced the formal charges Monday afternoon in a press conference. Kennedy, 67, is charged with four counts of First Degree Murder in the deaths of Mark Chastain, 32, Billy Chastain, 30, Mikel Sparks, 32, and Alex Stevens, 29.

Thousands of hours of manpower and work have gone into the investigation by the District 25 Violent Crime Task Force, made up of the law enforcement agencies from both Okmulgee and McIntosh County.

D.A. Iski presented the history and details of the case as follows from the court affidavit:



Joseph Lloyd Kennedy II

On Sunday, Oct. 9, the four men left the home on West 6th Street and traveled by bicycle to a scrapyard located near 20th and Madison.

“It was believed that one or more of the men were pulling trailers,” Iski said. “The scrapyard was owned by Joseph Lloyd Kennedy.”

When none of the young men returned home on that evening of Oct. 9, the next day, “Monday, Oct. 10, Jessica Chastain and Megan Gordon reported Jessica’s husband Mark Chastain, his brother

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District Attorney Carol Iski introduces Investigator Gary McCollum, OPD Chief Joe Prentice and Chief Investigator Andy Blizzard during a press conference Monday afternoon in the Okmulgee County Courthouse. District Attorney Carol Iski introduces Investigator Gary McCollum, OPD Chief Joe Prentice and Chief Investigator Andy Blizzard.



Victims Tree on display at Okmulgee County Courthouse

On the second floor of the Okmulgee County Courthouse stands a beautiful, shimmering Christmas tree adorned with delicate ornaments, each bearing the name of a victim whose life was

lost to violent crime in Okmulgee County. Tragically, each year ornaments are added to the tree.

“This has been an especially difficult year in Okmulgee County, and we have lost far too many,”

Carol Iski, District Attorney for Okmulgee and McIntosh Counties, said. “Our tree is just a small but heartfelt tribute to those lost lives.”

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The 15th annual Victims Tree is currently on display on the second floor of the Okmulgee County Courthouse.



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SA Fundraising Season

The Okmulgee County Salvation Army is urging everyone to donate to the kettles at the north and south doors of Walmart while out doing their Christmas shopping. Proceeds are used to assure the less fortunate have a Merry Christmas each year. To volunteer to ring the bell, call Pat at 918-698-3420 or Vicky at 918-853-8401. Pictured are Monica Clark and her grandsons Rykes and Pax as they volunteer to ring the bells.

County receives update on courthouse upgrade project

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Jason Davey of Trane updated the Okmulgee County Commissioners about the upcoming project during their Monday session.

“There has been a lot of activity that has happened behind the scenes regarding the HVAC and lighting upgrades for this building,” Davey said. “I’m happy to report that we have made some tre-

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Candidate filing period ends today

The filing period for county school boards and City of Okmulgee council positions ends today at 5 p.m. Residents can file at the Okmulgee County Election Board office, 314 W. 7th Street, Room 102.

As of press time Tuesday afternoon, positions available and those who have filed Declarations

- were:
- City of Okmulgee Councilmember Ward 1
 - City of Okmulgee Councilmember Ward 2
 - Steven R. Baldrige
 - Rose Lynch
 - Beggs School District - Office No. 3

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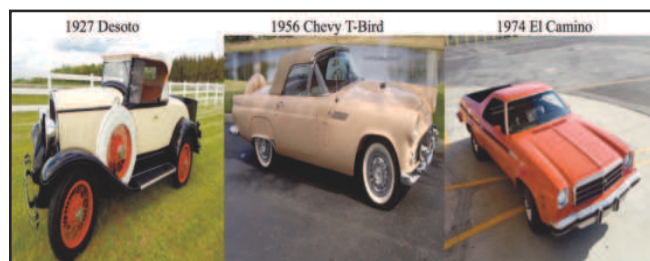
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David Coy Gorman

Montauk, Missouri January 28, 1945 - Bakersfield California, November 13, 2022

A longtime resident of McFarland, Calif. fell ill suddenly on Sunday, November 13, 2022, and left this world for a better place. In 1963, he graduated from Delano High School in Delano Calif. Soon after, he went to work on the farm. After time went by, he moved on to work for Kaiser Medical Center in Martinez, Calif. in 1970 until 1974. At this time, an opportunity came about for him to work for Chevron Richmond Refinery in Richmond, Calif. from 1974 to 1987. Acalanes School District in Lafayette, Calif. was his next stop from 1987 until 1998, when he then decided it was time to retire. Three of his cars that he enjoyed restoring: 1927 Desoto, 1956 Chevy T-Bird and a 1974 El Camino. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed playing with his family and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents: father Edward Coy Gorman, mother Pearlme Mea (Cole) Gorman; brothers Edward Gorman and Greg Gorman. He is survived by his son Jason Gorman of Edmond; daughter Jaime and husband Roger Moen of Okmulgee; six grandchildren: Brittney Moen and fiancé Branden Douglas, Kelsey Moen, Mckenzie Moen, Corbin Moen, Hadan Moen, Ethan Moen; and one great grandson Kaenan Douglas. Siblings: sisters Nellie Dry of Oklahoma City, Carol Stringer of Bakersfield, Calif. Shirley Sanford of Bakersfield, Calif., Sondra Bowman of McFarland, Calif., Susie Rodriguez of McFarland, Calif., Rhonda Paradise of Bakersfield, Calif.; brothers Dannie Gorman of Bakersfield, Calif.

and Marc Gorman of McFarland, Calif. Memorial services were held Saturday, December 3, 2022, at Church of the Brethren in McFarland, Calif. Until we meet again in heaven.

**Elvena M. DePasse**

December 17, 1932 - December 2, 2022

Elvena M. DePasse, a longtime resident of Henryetta, died Friday, December 2, 2022, in Henryetta at the age of 89. She was born December 17, 1932, in Henryetta to Alton Stiles and Hazel (Leonard) Stiles.

Viewing for Elvena will be held from 3-4 p.m. Thursday, December 8, 2022, at Integrity Funeral Service. Funeral services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Friday, December 9, 2022, at Integrity Chapel with Rev. Matthew Martin officiating. Interment will follow at Westlawn Cemetery under direction of Integrity Funeral Service.

Jeremy Tyrone Campbell

October 30, 1980 - November 30, 2022

Jeremy Tyrone Campbell, a Tulsa resident, passed away Wednesday, November 30, 2022, at Hillcrest Heart Hospital in Tulsa at 42 years of age. He was born October 30, 1980, in Tulsa to Jodey L. Campbell and Phillip Henry.

A graveside service was held at 2 p.m. Monday, December 5, 2022, at Okmulgee Cemetery with Brian OnTheHill officiating. Arrangements have been entrusted to McClendon-Winters Funeral Home of Okmulgee. Memories, condolences, photos, and videos may be shared with the family on Jeremy's tribute page at www.mcclendon-winters.com.

Makon A. Brooks

December 31, 1938 - December 5, 2022

Makon A. Brooks, age 83, a longtime resident of Okmulgee and veteran of the U.S. Army, died Monday, December 5, 2022. Arrangements pending with House of Winn Funeral Home - Okmulgee.

Sanda Diane Laster

January 1, 1960 - December 1, 2022

Sanda Laster, a resident of Beggs, passed away December 1, 2022, in Tulsa. Viewing will be held Friday, December 16, 2022, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at McClendon-Winters Funeral Home of Beggs. Memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, December 17, 2022, at Mount Olive Baptist Church in Sapulpa.

Linda J. Haddock-Gray

December 1, 2022

Linda J. Haddock-Gray, a resident of Inola and formerly of Okmulgee, passed away December 1, 2022, in Tulsa. Services are pending.

George "Sonny" Coser, Jr.

March 5, 1948 - December 6, 2022

George "Sonny" Coser, Jr., a resident of Mounds, passed away Tuesday morning, December 6, 2022, at 74 years of age. He was born March 5, 1948, in Tulsa to the late George S. Coser, Sr. and Stella (Halley) Coser. Sonny grew up in Okmulgee and graduated from Okmulgee High School in 1966. He then earned his Associates Degree at Haskell Indian Junior College. Sonny married Judy Coser on August 2, 1989, in McLoud.

Sonny worked for Bendix Corporation in Kansas City, Mo., Jack Brown Adolescent Treatment Center in Tahlequah, L.E. Rader Juvenile Detention Center in Sand Springs, and Sac and Fox Nation Juvenile Detention Center in Stroud, where he provided drug and alcohol counseling. Sonny was a member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Cussetah Tribal Town and the Fox Clan. He fluently spoke Creek and was a teacher of the language and history. He also sang and danced at Pow-Wows and Stomp Dances. Sonny was a member of the Redland Drum Group and Big Cussetah United Methodist Church in Morris. He was an avid OU fan.

Sonny was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Geneva Wallace and Juanita Kelley; uncle, Joe Halley; and a nephew, Joe Don Waters.

Survivors include his wife, Judy Coser; children, Brenda Claw and husband Duane and Genassa White and husband Jonathon; siblings, Nettie Coser Harjo, Wayne Coser, Dr. Pete Coser and Georgiann Frye. Four grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews and several great nieces and nephews that were cherished.

A wake service will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, December 8, 2022, at Big Cussetah United Methodist Church.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, December 9, 2022, at Big Cussetah United Methodist Church with interment following at Big Cussetah Cemetery. Casket bearers will be Terrence Harjo, C.J. Harjo, Pete Coser, Jr., Jono Thompson, Paul Thompson, Jerimah Wittman, Sonte Lena and Brad Smith.

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



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Micheal James Lee

December 24, 1997 - December 3, 2022

Micheal James Lee (Mikey) gained his wings on December 3, 2022, in Tulsa, at 24 years of age. He was born December 24, 1997, in Okmulgee.

Those who knew Mikey lost a shining light in their lives. Mikey was so loved by everyone who knew him. He was always there to lend a helping hand when he could. His smile lit the world up and he will be so missed. He was a great son, brother, uncle, nephew, cousin, and friend to all, and his greatest and most important role was as a father to his two beautiful daughters.

Mikey is preceded in death by his grandparents, Rev John and Darlene Buckner; grandmother Laurel Lee; and uncles Johnny Buckner (Eco) and James Lee.

Mikey is survived by his mother Trish Buckner of Ponca City; father Micheal Lee; sister Lydia and husband Greg Villar of Ponca City; brother Christopher Lee of Okmulgee; uncles Dion and wife Sheri Washington of Oklahoma City, Marcy Washington of Okmulgee, Rick Lee of Beggs; significant other Kaitlyn Drinnon and daughter Scarlett of the home; daughter Isabella Lee of Tulsa; grandfather Nelson Lee of Okmulgee; nieces Hayley Villar, Nevaeh and



Addison Lee; nephew Boston Villar; cousins Kaci El-Far and Kevin Washington; along with a host of other cousins, aunts and uncles.

Pallbearers will be Greg Villar, MJ El-Far, Kevin Washington, Alex Reyes, Nick Dill and Josh Propst. Honorary Pallbearers Dion Washington, Marcy Washington, Jerome Yazzie and Rick Lee.

A viewing and visitation will be held December 7, 2022, from 4-5 p.m. with a wake service following from 5-7 p.m. at Schaudt Funeral Service in Okmulgee. A funeral will be held December 8, 2022, at Butler Creek Baptist Church in Okmulgee, with burial at Butler Creek Cemetery. Rev. Norman Daniels will be officiating.

Arrangements are entrusted to Schaudt Funeral Service. Family and friends may send memories and condolences to the family online at www.schaudtfuneralservice.com.

George Grimes

March 23, 1944 - November 30, 2022

George Grimes was born in McCurtain, on March 23, 1944, to Henry and Estella (Nix) Grimes. He passed away in Tahlequah on November 30, 2022, at the age of 78. Funeral services were held at Mallory Chapel in Stigler at 1 p.m. Tuesday, December 3, 2022.

Interment followed at Old Panther Cemetery under the direction of



Mallory-Martin Funeral Home and Crematory of Stigler.

Marilyn Powell Coon

June 21, 1947 - November 20, 2022

Marilyn (Powell) Coon was born June 21, 1947, in Henryetta to the late James and Eunice (Fleming) Powell and passed away November 20, 2022, in her home near Sulphur at the age of 75.

Survivors include Marilyn's husband, William (also known as Willie or Bill); a younger sister, Annette Ruth Dinsmore of Venice, Fla.; an older brother, James Powell of North Richland Hills, Texas; and a niece and several nephews.

In addition to her parents, Marilyn was preceded in death by her stepfather, R.O. Nunley and two older sisters: Patricia Fuller and Rosalee Orta.

No services were requested. Cremation was entrusted to Hale's Funeral Home, Davis. Online condolences may be offered at www.halesfuneralhomes.com.

Mindy Jo Hickman

November 5, 1973 - December 2, 2022

Mindy Jo Hickman, a resident of Henryetta, died Friday, December 2, 2022, in Henryetta at the age of 49. She was born November 5, 1973, in Henryetta. Funeral services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Wednesday, December 7, 2022, at Dewar First Baptist Church with Rev. Ryan Wells officiating. Services are under direction of Integrity Funeral Service.

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Okmulgee Dunbar School Receives Certified Excellence Award

Staff of Okmulgee Dunbar School were excited to take ownership of their trophy naming them as Certified Excellent 2021 by Oklahoma TSET. Making the presentation is Jennifer Avery Jennifer Avery, Public Infor-

mation Officer, District 7 (second from right) to Dianna Humphrey, Candi Padfield and Principal Clayton Vaughn. Certified Healthy recipients are recognized for promoting health and wellness in their sites, whether it be

business, community or school.

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mendous progress regarding the project.”

Bids were received the first of November, but he stated one of the big delays has been ensuring that any work on the courthouse complies with the State Historic Preservation Society requirements.

“We have received approval to move forward with the design plans regarding the State Historic Preservation Society,” Davey said.

He added there were three items that needed to be addressed, which included any historical lighting fixtures on the property which would only require them to be re-lamped for LED, “which I don’t see as a problem.”

“If we do any new electrical or mechanical systems, which we are, to make sure they are installed in a manner that has minimal effect on the historical character of the building, and I don’t see that as being an issue either,” Davey said.

One item that wasn’t included in the scope of work were the windows. According to Davey, it was recommended “not to replace windows, but to repair unless we can can up with whatever their classification that says ‘not possible,’” Davey said. “We’ll have to address that on a separate entity because I’m not sure what they are referring to as the cost of repair versus replace. I think all of us sitting in this room today realize that it is a tremendous opportunity for the health and well-being of this building.”

Davey also reported that a preliminary review of terms and conditions for the turnkey construction agreement,

“those have come back mutually agreed upon,” so a draft version was included in the presentation to the commissioners.

A meeting with representatives of Public Service Company of Oklahoma was scheduled for Monday to discuss the plan for upgrading of the electric to the courthouse.

“Right now, it is an aerial transformer and we are wanting to move it into a pad transformer, so we will go over the details to see if we are all on the same page... so we can move forward in a timely fashion,” Davey said.

He stated there was a good turnout on the walk-through, and has received both electrical and mechanical bids and recommended those with quality bids be approved.

Commissioner David Walker spoke about windows in the courthouse and the definite need to replace those.

“That’s part of the reason we are doing and keeping the windows is not efficient,” Commissioner Erik Zoellner said.

Davey recommended looking into the matter further and exploring the various possibilities and then present those to the State Historical Preservation Society.

Also speaking during Monday’s session was Scott Brians with CED 2 discussing the upcoming Bristlecone Road Project.

Purchasing of right-of-ways from more than 50 parcels for the 3 ½ mile County Improvement Road and Bridges (CIRB) project is underway. Brians explained the

process of acquiring the right-of-ways from property owners.

“We go through there, offer the fair market value and give them their packet of their land rights...” Brians said. “The county is not responsible for paying this. The county has to approve - after said landowner signs and agrees to ... however much right-of-way we take ... It comes back to the county, and runs through the board here, and they approve what has happened here as well.”

ODOT will then pay the landowner for the right-of-way.

“The only reason it comes to the county is to show that these people are being compensated, to show this board realizes this,” Brians said.

Agenda items approved were:

- Officers’ Report from County Clerk and Okmulgee County Health Department.
- Blanket Purchase Orders: From General Government to Cookson Hills Publishers for legal publications, and to Dildine Lawn Care.
- Employee Forms: Donation of sick leave from Jeanette Johnson to Brooklyn Arnett.
- Utility Permit for water line installation in District 3.

- Transfer of Funds (Monthly)
- Schedule of Regular Meetings for 2023 calendar year
- Bid #4 for road ma-

terials for a six-month period based on the purchasing agent’s recommendation.

- Invitation to Bid #6 for Election Ballots for a

twelve-month period.

- Resolution to reimburse General Fund.

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MURDER CHARGES

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er Billy Chastain (the father of Megan's children) and their friend Mikel (Mike) Sparks missing. A few hours later, Teresa Stevens reported her son Alexray (Alex) Stevens missing and, at that time, she believed he was with Mark Chastain, Billy Chastain and Mike Sparks. Jessica told officers that she believed the men left 1105 W. 6th Street, in Okmulgee, on bicycles, possibly pulling trailers.

Jessica and Mark Chastain utilized the "Life 360" cellular telephone app to track each other's location.

Jessica provided information regarding Mark's last known location. Upon examination of the information contained in the app, it is believed Mark Chastain himself traveled from 1105 W. 6th Street in Okmulgee to a salvage yard located at 1205 W. 20th Street, owned by Kennedy.

According to the app, Mark Chastain's phone tracked inside the salvage yard between 5 and 6 p.m. and remained there for an extended period of time. Mark Chastain's phone left the salvage yard at around 7:59 p.m. and traveled to the Murphy's USA gas station on South 75, in Okmulgee.

Officers obtained video from the Murphy's USA and upon review of the video did not see any of the missing men. Officers did, however, observe the defendant standing next to his blue Chrysler PT Cruiser at the north fuel pumps. Based on the records from the app, Mark Chastain's phone next traveled from Murphy's USA to another salvage yard, also owned by Kennedy on South 75 near Schuller, the last known location Mark Chastain's phone transmitted location information.

Four dismembered human bodies were discovered in the Deep Fork River near a bridge on Sharp Road on Friday, Oct. 14. The bodies were recovered from the river and were sent to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in Tulsa where they were later identified as Mark Chastain, Billy Chastain, Mikel Sparks and Alexray Stevens. During the autopsy, it was discovered that all four victims had suffered gunshot wounds and had been transected at the waist area. Additionally, Mikel Sparks had both arms removed.

During the recovery of the bodies on Oct. 14,

other officers executed a search warrant on the 20th Street salvage yard, owned by the defendant and searched properties north and west from the 20th Street salvage yard. During that search, officers located blood evidence on the ground, a broken set of dentures, other personal items located approximately 150 yards north of the north fence line of the salvage yard. They also located a tree which had been struck recently by a bullet and were able to recover the bullet. Also during the search, a black wagon was located. All items were photographed and placed in evidence.

During a voluntary interview, the defendant told officers he had been experiencing thefts at his salvage yard on 20th Street and he personally surveilled the salvage yard on Sunday, Oct. 9, to attempt to catch the perpetrators.

Kennedy did not mention seeing or having any contact with the victim(s) and denied having contact with them.

Video surveillance was obtained from Braden Winch and Great Plains Coca-Cola located across the street from the defendant's salvage yard on 20th Street. Upon review of the video, Kennedy can be seen parking his blue PT Cruiser on the west side of the Coca-Cola plant on Oct. 9, around 3 p.m. and walking to his salvage yard where he remained until around 8 p.m., at which time he returned to his vehicle and left the area.

A deputy with the Okmulgee County Sheriff's Office submitted a report which states he was at his residence which is approximately 4/10 of a mile from the Salvage Yard on 20th Street. In his report, he states around 6:22 p.m. on Oct. 9, he heard 10 to 12 shots fired. He reported the shots came from southwest of his residence which is in direct line with the salvage yard. He also characterized the shots, based on his training and experience, as high powered rifle shots.

The bodies of the four men were discovered on Oct. 14, and on that day, Kennedy parked his PT Cruiser behind a warehouse in Morris and sometime later, took a Toyota Tundra belonging to Howard Arnold. After a stop in Gore, drove to Daytona Beach Shores, Florida. The owner of this vehicle reported it stolen and when observed by officers



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District 25 Violent Crime Task Force and Okmulgee Police Chief Joe Prentice speaks during the press conference Monday afternoon at the county courthouse. District Attorney Carol Iski announced formal charges against Joseph Lloyd Kennedy II in the deaths of Mark Chastain, 32, Billy Chastain, 30, Mikel Sparks, 32, and Alex Stevens, 29, in October.

in Daytona Beach Shores, they initiated a traffic stop and placed Kennedy under arrest for possession of a stolen vehicle.

On Saturday, Oct. 15, a search of the scrap yard and the adjacent properties were conducted. During the daylight search, officers located numerous 7.62 caliber shell casings in the same area near, both the tree struck by the bullet and the area the blood and personal items were located. Those personal items are believed to belong to Mark Chastain.

During the evening of Oct. 17, Okmulgee police received information regarding a woman who has a relationship with the defendant that may have information regarding the murders. Kennedy allegedly went to her home in Gore early in the morning on Saturday Oct. 10, and while there, told her he had caught men stealing from him and had shot them. She said her mother told her that after killing them, he had cut them up. Kennedy had also brought a bicycle which he left for her son.

On Saturday morning Oct. 15, Kennedy again went to the home in Gore around 3 a.m.

She reported the defendant was agitated and told her he was leaving, and she would never see him again. She reported that when she asked the defendant what was wrong, he told her "they were all against him, and he lost it and just started shooting." She said he told her that after he shot them, he cut them up.

ATF Analyst Mark Sonnendecker was available to examine phone data received from Joe Kennedy's phone records. Upon examination of the data, Sonnendecker told Agent Keck that he had identified cell towers located west of Okmulgee

that were accessed by Kennedy's phone and that based on that data, Sonnendecker believed the only way for Kennedy's phone to access those towers was for the phone to physically be on Sharp Road west of Okmulgee in the "general area" of the bridge where the victim's bodies were discovered.

Two searches were conducted on a Grey Toyota Tundra driven by the defendant on the night of the murders. One authorized by consent of Sandra Kennedy and the other by authority of a search warrant.

During the first search, blood was observed on the B-pillar located between the front and rear driver's side doors. Swabs were taken and submitted to the OSBI Lab. Presumptive tests were conducted and confirmed the substance is, in fact, blood.

A pair of tennis shoes were also found in a black Toyota Tundra reported stolen by Howard Arnold and was driven by the defendant in Daytona Beach Shores, Florida. Upon visual examination, investigator McCollum observed spots he believed were blood drops. Samples were taken and the samples and the shoes were submitted to the OSBI Lab. Presumptive test confirmed the spots were, in fact, blood. A photo of these shoes was shown to Sandra Kennedy, the defendant's wife, and she advised the shoes looked like a pair owned by the defendant.

An affidavit was unsealed last Thursday by an Okmulgee County judge after attorneys for Joseph Lloyd Kennedy asked the reasoning behind an increase in bail.

Kennedy has been a person of interest in the murder case of four Okmulgee men in October. He fled Oklahoma after the men's bodies were

found shot, dismembered and dumped in the Deep Fork River.

According to a prosecutor's affidavit filed Nov. 15, Kennedy allegedly told a friend "they were stealing from him" and that he killed them and cut them up.

In the affidavit, Assistant District Attorney Carmen Rainbolt said Kennedy already had fled Oklahoma once and prosecutors believed he would flee again if he were released from custody.

The court document outlines Kennedy's alleged movement in the days after Mark Chastain, Billy Chastain, Mike Sparks and Alex Stevens were reported missing by their families.

Here is the timeline outlined in the affidavit:

Oct. 9

3 p.m. - On the date prosecutors believe the shooting deaths occurred, Kennedy is seen parking his PT Cruiser across the street from his scrap yard at the Coke plant.

5:37 p.m. - Mark Chastain's phone records indicate he arrives at the scrap yard.

6:22 p.m. - Gun shots are reported by a deputy sheriff that lives in the area.

7:59 p.m. - Video shows Kennedy leaving the scrap yard, wearing a different shirt, and leaving the area in his PT Cruiser.

10:14 p.m. - Video shows Kennedy returning to the scrap yard, again parking at the Coke plant, this time driving a Toyota Tundra.

11:15 p.m. - Kennedy is seen walking back to the Tundra and leaving the area.

Oct. 10

1:19 a.m. - Kennedy returns to the scrap yard, again parking at the Coke plant.

2:14 a.m. - Kennedy again leaves the scrap yard, still in the Tundra.

2:44 a.m. - Kennedy returns to the scrap yard, again parking at the Coke plant.

4:12 a.m. - Kennedy returns to the truck, drives it north a short distance and pulls into a vacant lot that borders his scrap yard. The lot is

referred to as Pine Field. 4:54 a.m. - The truck is seen returning to the Coke plant before turning around and going back to Pine Field.

6:22 a.m. - A vehicle consistent with the Tundra pickup is seen leaving Pine Field going west on Sharp Road.

Oct. 14

Four bodies are discovered in the Deep Fork River after being seen from a bridge on Sharp Road. Officers find personal items belonging to Mark Chastain in Pine Field with what is believed to be blood.

On the evening of Oct. 14, prosecutors say Kennedy parked his PT Cruiser behind a warehouse in Morris and sometime later took the Tundra belonging to a friend.

Oct. 15

3 a.m. - Kennedy arrives at the home of a friend in Gore, with a bicycle belonging to one of the victims. The bicycle was identified by the victim's family. Kennedy tells the friend the men "were stealing from him" and that he killed them and cut them up. He then leaves her residence.

Kennedy was arrested by authorities on a stolen vehicle complaint in Daytona Beach, Fla., on Oct. 18 after the Tundra, which had been reported stolen, was identified by an automated plate reader on a deputy sheriff's patrol unit.

Florida authorities ultimately dropped the stolen vehicle charge against Kennedy, clearing the way for his extradition back to Oklahoma on Nov. 12, where he initially was booked into the Okmulgee County Detention Center on a \$500,000 bond. His bond was increased to \$10,000,000.

Due to the filing of the four murder charges, Kennedy is now being held on no bond.

Chief Prentice also thanked the various law enforcement agencies involved during the investigation.

D.A. Iski stated that it is too early to say whether the death penalty would be sought for Kennedy.

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December 9
OIC Indian Taco Sale | An OIC Indian Taco Sale will be held Friday, Dec. 9, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the OIC Indian Community Center, 2900 N. Osage Place. The meal will include an Indian Taco, drink and dessert for \$10 and fry-bread only for \$2 or dessert only for \$1. The sale is sponsored by the OIC Elders to help them attend the NICOA Conference in North Carolina.

December 10
Beggs Christmas Parade | The Beggs Christmas Parade will take place Saturday, Dec. 10. Lineup will begin at 10 a.m. downtown at Choctaw Street.

Cub Scout Baked Ziti Lunch | Okmulgee Cub Scout Pack 102 will hold a Baked Ziti Lunch Saturday, Dec. 10, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Okmulgee First Assembly of God Church. For more information, call Carrie at 918-857-6112.

Last Stop Shop | Okmulgee First United Methodist Church will hold a Last Stop Shop, featuring local craftsmen, Saturday, Dec. 10, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday,

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Beggs FUMC Fundraiser | Beggs First United Methodist will hold a fundraiser dinner Thursday, Dec. 10. Their famous chicken & noodle dinner from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. which will include chicken & noodles, veggies, a hot roll, drink and dessert. Adults cost \$7 and children ages 10 and under are \$4. The church is also hosting a small craft bazaar during the same hours. The vendor fee is \$25 per booth. If you are interested in being a vendor, please contact Angie Large at beggsumc@gmail.com for specific details. Booth space is limited - don't miss out!

Ongoing Events
Cub Scout Clothing Collection | Okmulgee Cub Scout Pack 102 is collecting new or gently used sweatpants and t-shirts for the Okmulgee County Family Resource Center. Any size ladies sweatpants and t-shirts are needed, and any size boy/girl sweatpants and t-shirts are needed. Donations can be dropped off at the Okmulgee Times office, 320 W. 6th Street. For more information or donation pickup, call Carrie Marek at 918-857-6112.

Emory's Gift of Giving Fundraiser | Emory's Gift of Giving Hygiene Fundraiser is underway through Dec. 18. A first grader is collecting hygiene items for the less fortunate, including toothbrushes and paste, bar soap,

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Farm Bureau Collection | Okmulgee County Farm Bureau's annual collection for diapers (not size 4), unscented wipes, kids underwear and socks for all ages will be held through Dec. 16. Donations will be collected and delivered to DHS for children in foster care. Drop off at the Okmulgee or Henryetta Farm Bureau offices.

Muscogee Creek Freedman Coalition | Muscogee Creek Freedman Coalition will meet every third Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. at St. Matthews Missionary Baptist



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Congratulations to Glenda Fowler, Okmulgee Main Street's first Sparkle Spree winner of the season. The winning ticket came from Funky Blessings by Rhonda and was worth \$250 worth of Main Street Bucks. Keep shopping local because the next drawing is Friday. (You do not have to be present for this drawing) Be sure to keep those tickets for the Sparkle Spree Grand Prize Drawing on Dec. 15.

Election Notice

Deep Fork Community Action Foundation, Inc. is holding an election for two Low-Income Representatives for Okmulgee County. The election will be held from 9-11 a.m. Friday, December 9, at the Okmulgee Senior Nutrition Center located at 1120 N. Seminole in Okmulgee.

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Christmas Parade Is Thursday

Okmulgee Main Street's Festival of Lights Christmas Parade is tomorrow through the streets of downtown. The theme for 2022's parade is "Unwrap the Magic." The parade will start at 7 p.m. and everyone is invited to attend. Please remember the area for 'less lights and less sound' will

be in the first two blocks, from Alabama to Seminole Streets. Line up for parade entries will be at 5:30 p.m. at 6th and Alabama area. Judging begins at 6 p.m. and a Pre-Show will be held at 6:30 p.m. followed by the parade. The parade will head east and end at 6th and Muskogee Streets.

The Muscogee Nation will also hold their official lighting ceremony for Thursday.

SHPO to host free National Register of Historic Places webinar

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) will hold a free webinar on Monday, Dec. 12, starting at 10 a.m. to discuss the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).

The webinar will include information about the types of properties that can be nominated and the criteria used to evaluate a property's significance and historic integrity.

There are more than 1,400 Oklahoma listings in the NRHP as of Septem-

ber 30, 2022.

Registration for the webinar is required.

For more information contact Lynda Ozan, deputy state historic preservation officer, at 405-522-4484 or lynda.ozan@history.ok.gov.

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Cornerstone is located at 617 N Oklahoma Ave. in Okmulgee at the corner of Oklahoma Ave. and Trent (north of Holleman’s Iron & Metal Co.). CF’s social media sites include Instagram - CornerstoneOkmulgee, Twitter - @CornerstoneOK and YouTube. Services are streamed live on Facebook at 10:30 a.m. Sundays and 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays (the Okmulgee campus is closed Wednesdays). Children’s ministry is built around practical applications of God’s Word through a loving team led by Ms. Gladys and a loving team.

Fostering H.O.P.E. for foster, adoptive and kinship homes meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. (childcare available). GriefShare is a support group for people who have lost a loved one and may be stricken with grief. Together, we take steps to move from mourning to joy. We meet at Clearview Baptist Church on the Loop each Tuesday night at 6:30 p.m.

Pastor Baldwin concludes, stating, “Every CF Sunday is a great opportunity to discover the joy of knowing God, His acceptance, His forgiveness, His love and His goodness.”

For more information, call 918-756-4787 or find us at www.okmulgeefoursquare.org.

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Henryetta First Christian Church

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

“Gold Medal Work” by Mary Morris

“Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might; for there is no activity or planning or knowledge or wisdom in Sheol where you are going.” (Ecclesiastes 9:10)

My dear old ma raised me with the adage, “If you’re going to do something, do it right or don’t bother.” Halfhearted attempts just wouldn’t work for her. Those words have carried me through work, pastime activities, friendships, everything. I hope I’ve made her proud.

Today’s scripture is along those same lines. God has gifted us time on this earth. He had a purpose in mind for us in our creation. We were no accident. It follows, then, that we should show our gratitude by doing all we can to the best of our ability whenever an opportunity presents itself, whether it is for ourselves or others. The time in which we have to do those things is limited, and when the times pass by without our action, we’re not assured of other chances. The things we get introduced to may not be world altering or mind blowing. But when we see a need, we should fill the need. Chairs must be put back after a gathering? Do it. The neighbor’s car broke down again? Offer to help. The little old lady who lives down the block hasn’t had any visitors in a while? Take her a pizza, a plate of cookies, or something you made, and go to her and watch that smile beam from her face. The animal protection group needs volunteers and you like animals, so that’s a no-brainer. That swing set in your backyard could

use some paint and TLC, then given to the young family nearby, the ones who are clearly struggling to get along.

The point is, get off your couch and do things that will please others, which also will be pleasing to the Lord. Do them with gusto and not halfheartedly. You may never be presented with a golden key to the city or a gold medal, but God will know that you’re trying to honor and please Him and may one day present you with a gold crown.

St. Michael Catholic Church

2nd Sunday of Advent Year

By Rev. Robert Duck

Why does God give me, or us, time? What’s the purpose of time? The reason or reasons time is on my mind this week are two: first, our readings today and since the beginning of Advent speak often of the coming Day of the Lord. A day that has a two-fold meaning in Scriptures, meaning when Christ will come referring to his being born of the Virgin Mary and then his eventual coming in glory at the end of time.

Second, the reason I’ve been reflecting on time is coming off the heels of doing the walking rosaries in the cemeteries, I reflect not only on those in the cemetery or my own death but I think of those who I’ve buried, especially in the last year. I think of Yolanda Carreon Lozano who passed away just a couple of months ago from stomach cancer. Leaving behind a grieving husband and two young children. While she may have been young, no one is old enough to die.

Every funeral is challenging. We simply don’t know when the Lord will come with his Winnowing fan in his hand to clear the threshing floor. The only thing I know about my time is that today I am one day closer to standing face to face with Jesus than I was yesterday.

So why does God give time? Among the many possible answers, I think three are worth pondering today. First, so that I might know him. The purpose of life is to know God. But to know God takes time. Might be worth asking ourselves this Advent: do we know God better now than a year ago? Has our friendship with him truly grown? And are we taking the time every day to get to know him and if not, why not? And if not, are we willing to do it?

I’ve told people in the confessional that if they’re looking for something worth doing for Advent, you might consider praying for fifteen minutes a day. Just 15 minutes, alone with the Lord in conversation. That’s just 1% of the day. I know some priests who challenge people to spend an hour with the Lord. So you’re getting off easy with me! I feel that might be a bit much to do out of the gate.

When I was in high school, I had friends who were varsity cross country runners and they convinced me to join. When we would go for runs though, I couldn’t keep up. I mean they were varsity after all and had been doing it for a while. I simply wasn’t there. So likewise, we shouldn’t expect if we’ve never made an effort to pray to pray for a whole hour from the start. But we all have 10 to fifteen minutes and if we give the Lord that time to be in conversation with him and to ask the Holy Spirit who dwells within us to know him more than I promise you, come Christmas, something will be different. Because God is faithful. And more than we want to know God, he wants to be known.

That’s why he came. A second reason he gives us time is so that we can change. Repent as John the Baptist calls us to do in the Gospel. So that we will consider those places where we’re walking in this direction where in fact we should be walking in this direction. So that we will consider where we think we don’t think like God thinks. So that we will re-

flect upon those little pet sins that we all have. That we have put off giving up. So that we consider those relationships that are in need of trying to be repaired and make an effort to repair them.

One of the devil’s most effective lies is “there’s plenty of time. What’s the rush? Do that later. Enjoy today.” But the Lord Promises, and Isaiah reminds us that he will come like a thief. I don’t know that there’s time. All I know is that there’s today. And a third reason that he gives us time is so that we will change the world in which we live. Of the immediate world in which we live. My world. Your world.

It might be worth praying on this week is to ask the Lord to put onto our hearts one person that we know, perhaps in our families, maybe one of our children, an aging parent, a sibling, a friend, someone who is in need of being encouraged, inspired by our second reading. Perhaps someone who is grieving. Among the many who are grieving right now. Someone who is out of work. Someone who is struggling with an illness. As we ask the Lord to put that person in our minds, so we ask him for the grace and courage to reach out to that person and be an instrument of his comfort. An instrument of his encouragement.

The Lord makes abundantly clear in the Scriptures is that he intends everyone to be saved. That’s what he wants. That’s why he gives us time. But we have to act on the time. Let’s pray for the grace to use today well.

Sunday Mass begins at 11a.m. with the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:15a.m. Come pray with us at St. Michael Catholic Church located at 1004 W. Gentry in Henryetta.

Crossroads Baptist Church

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Jubilee Christian Center is a non-denominational church, where “Everybody Is Somebody,” located 1/2 mile north of the Muscogee Nation Physical Rehab Center on the east side of Hwy. 75 in Okmulgee.

Pastors Dale and Colleen Litsey invite you to:

Sunday Morning Service: 10:30 a.m. (Children’s Church is also during this time)

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Celebrate Recovery: Friday w/ optional dinner at 5 p.m. (costs \$5). Meeting from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

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How do I know if I’m doing what God wants me to do?



“If you’re doing the right thing, “you’ll like it and it’ll be for you to do,” says Victoria, 8. Lots of people today would agree. They say, “If it feels good, do it.”

What if a bank robber has fun stealing money? Does that make it right?

“If nothing bad happens to you then you know it’s OK to do,” says Jeremy, 9.

Hey Jeremy! Some murderers and robbers never get caught.

“If you don’t want to tell your parents, it’s not what God wants you to do,” says Lacey, 12. Does this include the time my friend Deb wrote her brother’s name in the dust on her dad’s new car?

Deb was sick when she heard her dad yell at her brother for messing up the car, but not sick enough to tell Dad the truth right away.

“If you’re doing something wrong, the Holy Spirit will convict you,” says Janna, 9.

How does the Holy Spirit convict us? “He tells us in our sleep,” says Morgan, 7. Ummm. Do I have to wait until bedtime and listen for a big voice saying,

“Noooo” in my dreams?

The Holy Spirit is more than a mystical feeling. He is a person. The earthly life of Jesus Christ is described as being led or filled with the Holy Spirit (Matthew 4:1). In this, Jesus set the example for all who believe in him. “If you have Jesus in your heart, the Holy Spirit will tell you what God’s will is,” says Shelby, 10.

Often this kind of assurance only comes from spending time alone with God, says Grace, 8: “I can hear him in my mind when nobody is around me.” In the midst of Jesus’ ministry, he often sought solitude to pray.

Spending time alone with God is good, but don’t overlook the obvious, says Brad, 6: “I read the Bible.”

Sometimes we make divine guidance too complex. About the only thing I remember from high school algebra is that there’s an unknown “X” factor. The only hope I had for discovering the unknown “X” factor was to focus on the known quantities.

The Bible is the known or revealed Word of God. By focusing on what God has revealed, the unknown often becomes known. If you’re tempted to steal a candy bar, don’t ask God about that. He already told us his will: “You shall not steal” (Exodus 20:15).

“The Bible is God’s special instruction book for you to read and check your progress,” says Heather, 12. Madison, 7, says it’s important to read the Bible and then obey. She knows God’s will because she’s a

“hearer and a doer.”

Why should God disclose his will about a career choice, a relationship, or any number of personal decisions if we aren’t acting on what he has already explained in the Scriptures? If we are doers of his revealed will, then the experience of Thomas, 12, will certainly be ours: “You can hear him in your heart saying, ‘Good job!’”

Hey Thomas! That’s the feeling Deb got when she did the right thing and told her dad she was the one who messed up his car.

Think about this: Focus on doing God’s known will before you ask God about his unknown will.

Memorize this truth: “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths” (Proverbs 3:5-6).

Ask this question: Are you doing the revealed will of God today?

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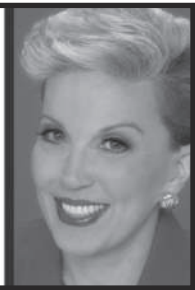
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Woman will no longer accept relative's abusive behavior

Dear Abby
- by -
Abigail Van Buren



DEAR ABBY: I have a sister-in-law, "Karen," no one in my husband's family likes. She's rude and insulting and acts like she is better than everyone else. She feels she's entitled to have family members watch her kids so she can do what she wants. (If you refuse, she drops the kids off at the door.) If anyone confronts her about her bad behavior, she claims she has anxiety and depression to make the person feel guilty.

Now, I'm not saying she doesn't have these mental health issues, but I believe she uses them to manipulate others. My mother-in-law keeps saying we should "turn the other cheek," but I no longer can, especially when it comes to her insults.

I know many family members will side with her out of sympathy, but I can no longer sit back and accept her verbally abusing me and others with no consequences. I know I need a plan so I won't lose my temper and say something I'll regret, but I'm not sure how to respond in a respectful way. Any ideas? -- DOESN'T LIKE CONFLICT IN KENTUCKY

DEAR DOESN'T: Do nothing without first warning your in-laws that you have reached your

limit. The next time your sister-in-law is rude and insulting, say calmly, "I don't deserve to be spoken to that way. That's it for me. I'm leaving." Then do it. Your husband should back you up on this. And while you're at it, have him and his family determine whether Karen's kids are at risk, and act accordingly. Dumping her children on someone's doorstep seems like child abandonment to me.

DEAR ABBY: I tell myself every year that I will not do this again but I do. My husband was married before, and had one daughter who now has two daughters of her own. She has always had the idea she was somehow deprived. I assure you, she was not. Her maternal grandparents thought she hung the moon and showered her with everything. When her mother remarried, she insisted that my husband allow her new husband to adopt her.

Contact with my husband was reestablished when she became of age. I do my best to acknowledge holidays, birthdays, etc., for all of them. The problem for me is there is never any reciprocation, and I'm tired of it.

We have a cordial relationship and see them frequently. It's as though she thinks we owe her something. I am the one who does everything; my husband couldn't care less. How can I end the cycle? To add to it, my own nephew is the same way. Nary a word of acknowledgement unless he is forced to. I guess my own feelings are the problem. I want to maintain cordial relationships, but I feel like it's a one-way street. -- AT ODDS IN NEW YORK

DEAR AT ODDS: Your stepdaughter and your

nephew are adults. I suggest you have a mature conversation with both of them and tell them how you feel -- that you want to maintain a cordial relationship but it seems like a one-way street. Then turn the other cheek one more time and, if they don't respond, end the cycle. See them often and be cordial. Period.

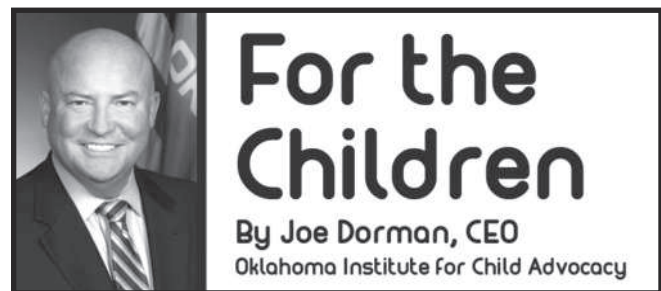
DEAR ABBY: For several years, I have gone to a medical specialist I'll call "Eric" for certain issues. Eric's wife, "Nina," and I were very close friends. Our families celebrated holidays and special occasions together. However, over the course of our friendship, Nina shared many details about their personal lives with me. They are now separated.

My knowledge of these details makes me feel very uncomfortable about seeing Eric. I would like to see another doctor in the practice, since all of my records are there. I'm not sure how to ask for another doctor without giving some reason, and I do not want to cast aspersions on Eric professionally. Your advice, please? -- TIME FOR A CHANGE

DEAR TIME: Depending upon the size of the practice, you may not be questioned about why you want to make the change. However, if Eric confronts you, all you have to say is that you prefer to see someone else from now on. Period. If you are questioned further, take your business -- and your records, which belong to you -- to another specialist in a different practice.

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OICA kicks off 40th anniversary by releasing 2023 Children's Legislative Agenda



As newly-elected state lawmakers prepare for their 2023 session, the state's premier child advocacy organization has released its "Children's Legislative Agenda" ahead of the upcoming deadline to submit ideas for legislation.

"The mission of the Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy is to create awareness, take action, and support policy to improve the health, safety, and well-being of Oklahoma's children," said OICA CEO Joe Dorman, a former 12-year member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives.

"We worked with child advocates from across the state during our Fall Forum meeting to develop a list of priorities to make children's lives better for lawmakers to consider."

Release of the annual Children's Legislative Agenda is the first action the organization takes each year. This year's is special as it begins OICA's 40th Anniversary, marking four decades since child advocates established the organization to be an independent watchdog on state government in the aftermath of the child welfare scandal brought to light in the Gannett report, "Oklahoma Shame." That report can be found on OICA's website.

From the input from child advocates, the OICA Board of Directors considered the suggestions and coalesced them into recommendations divided into four specific categories: tax reform and fiscal policy; child well-being; the economy, including workforce and labor issues; and health and Medicaid issues. The final day for lawmakers to request bills is Friday, Dec. 9, so OICA presented the agenda a full week before the request-deadline.

Tax Reform and Fiscal Policy

The top fiscal issue for child advocates is to encourage state lawmakers to expand the Sales Tax Relief Credit rebate. This targeted tax cut provides a \$40 rebate per household member based on income, age, ability, and family structure.

In addition, Oklahoma has one of the most re-

gressive tax structures in the nation, putting a greater tax burden on lower- and moderate-income families than on the wealthy. OICA recommends changes to reduce taxes on those most harmed by the state's tax structure.

Recommendations include that tax rates be adjusted, and that the Earned Income Tax Credit, the Child Care Tax Credit, and the Child Tax Credit all be expanded.

Further, OICA recommends the state's grocery sales tax be eliminated in such a way that does not put an undue burden on counties, cities, and towns. OICA also supports policies to create more affordable housing opportunities for low-income families.

Child Well-Being

OICA continues advocating policies that ensure all the state's children have opportunities to be as healthy as possible. OICA supports improved access to the various assistance programs for children, along with interventions to help justice-involved youth and to reduce barriers to children getting mental health services.

Continued improvements to school counseling services, access to nutritious meals at school and during the summer months, enhanced anti-bullying and "Handle with Care" programs, and state collaboration with non-profit services for youth is also encouraged.

Lawmakers should improve the safety of children while in motor vehicles by prohibiting youth drivers from operating electronic devices while the vehicle is moving and requiring minors to wear seat belts regardless of age and providing parental waivers for students who are in a student driver's education vehicle.

Economy (Workforce & Labor Issues)

OICA supports policies ranging from ensuring parents have job opportunities to access quality, affordable child care. Other specific initiatives include incentives for child care centers to increase their hours of operation for parents working non-traditional shifts; increased incentives for jobs in child welfare, education, medical care, and career readiness; increasing salaries of teachers, nurses, and other careers facing shortages; and increasing government transparency.

Improved access to job and life skills classes in schools is also a recommendation, along with improving teacher and school support staff pay and

benefits.

Health & Medicaid

OICA continues advocating for health policies that benefit Oklahoma's families. Issues ranging from affordable, accessible healthcare to addressing social determinants of health of diverse communities. The primary recommendation is to improve the quality of health for rural, urban, minority, and diverse communities by making health insurance and resources more affordable and accessible, removing barriers to health care, and making basic health services mobile to provide services to hard-to-reach communities.

Support for policies emerging from Gov. Kevin Stitt's H.E.L.P. Task Force to improve access to quality medical care for expectant mothers is also included in this agenda, along with streamlined services to help with adoption services.

"This is an ambitious agenda that would, if passed, improve the quality of life for every child in the state of Oklahoma," Dorman said. "We call on every Oklahoman who cares about the state's children to join us in making these recommendations a reality."

"And we ask every member of the Oklahoma Legislature to consider not only supporting these suggestions but to write bills carrying these measures into law. Improving the lives of children is the highest of callings, and we ask advocates and elected officials to answer that call."

Lawmakers' votes and support for the Children's Legislative Agenda will determine their scores in the 2023 Legislative Scorecard that will be published in the summer after the session adjourns.

The entire 2023 Children's Legislative Agenda is available on OICA's website located at <https://oica.org>. The direct link is <https://tinyurl.com/2023CLA>.

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



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imal Control Officer. OCHS can not do this alone. Please visit our website to see the animals we have available for adoption and fill out an application to adopt. Applications are free and are no obligation to you. Your application is the first step to help us get started with placement. www.okmulgeehumane.org

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Lt. Gov. Pinnell to speak at County Republican meeting

The Okmulgee County Republicans are excited to host Lt. Governor Matt Pinnell on December 13. Lt. Governor Pinnell will speak at 6:30 p.m. For those wishing to become more involved in the local group, the business meeting begins at 6 p.m. at the American Legion, 730 W. 6th St. in Okmulgee. For more information, email okmulgeecountygop@gmail.com.

Matt Pinnell was elected as the 17th Lieutenant Governor of Oklahoma on Nov. 6, 2018. Pinnell is President of the Oklahoma State Senate and serves on multiple constitutional boards and commissions. He is also Secretary of Tourism, Wildlife and Heritage on Governor Kevin Stitt's cabinet. Pinnell is the chief marketer of Oklahoma and

spends much of his time promoting tourism, Oklahoma's third largest industry. In partnership with the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department, he launched the Oklahoma Fishing Trail, Oklahoma Road Trip, and #OKHereWeGO tourism campaigns, which have generated more than \$91 million in revenue since 2019. He also spearheaded renovation projects within Oklahoma State Parks, providing necessary updates to bathrooms, lodges, and campgrounds.

Pinnell is a recruiter for companies looking to move or expand to Oklahoma. Each year, he hosts the Lt. Governor's Turkey Hunt, a two-week event that showcases Oklahoma to prospective out-of-state companies and site selection representatives.

He launched the statewide rebrand in 2020, a campaign that has streamlined state agency processes and saved taxpayer dollars.

As an entrepreneur himself, Pinnell champions small business growth. He serves on the Oklahoma Department of Commerce committee focused on small business growth, entrepreneurship, and workforce development. In 2022, he launched 'A Look at Oklahoma CareerTech,' a video interview series that showcases the education and employment opportunities the state's CareerTech system provides.

Matt has an advertising degree from Oral Roberts University. He lives in Tulsa with his wife of 20 years and their four children.



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Arby's Presents Check for Landmark Project

Okmulgee Arby's Asst. Manager Amy Jefferson, Shift Manager Cassandri Forslin, and General Manager Wanda Wares, presents a check to Leman Lewis of the Landmark for All Generations, Inc., fundraiser held by the local store on Nov. 15 for the restoration of the historic hospital. "We are so proud to partner with organizations such as Landmark for all Genera-

tions," a representative of RB American said. "Community involvement and giving back to those communities who support us is one of the cornerstones of our business model. Although the weather the day of the fundraiser was cold and snowy, we were proud to be able to help raise money for this great cause, and we look forward to providing future op-

portunities for Landmark to conduct another fundraiser! We are proud to be a part of the Okmulgee Community and we are so thankful for those who support us."

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The nonpartisan Primary Election is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2023. If no candidate receives more than 50 percent of the votes cast in the Prima-

ry Election, the two candidates receiving the most votes will meet in the General Election scheduled for Tuesday, April 4, 2023. If more than two candidates file for the same vacant Board of Education position, a Primary Election will be held Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2023. If one candidate receives more than 50 percent of the votes, that candidate will be named the elected official. If none receives more than 50 percent of the votes, the two candidates receiving the highest votes will vie for the vacant position during the Board of Education General Election on April 4, 2023.

If only two candidates file for the same vacant Board of Education position, those two candidates' names will appear on the General Election ballot in April.

Declaration of Candidacy forms can be downloaded from the State Election Board website at oklahoma.gov/elections or by contacting your

County Election Board office at 918-756-2365 or OkmulgeeCounty@elections.ok.gov.

The Okmulgee County Election Board is located at 314 W. 7th Street, Room 102, and is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Home a Complete Loss After Fire

The Okmulgee Fire Department responded early Monday morning to a blaze at this home located at the corner of 3rd and Grand, only one block from the Central Station. Around 8 a.m. the fire was completely extinguished, however, the home was a complete loss, with portions of the roof collapsed. No one was at home at the time of the fire, and there are no reported injuries.

VICTIMS TREE

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This Christmas season marks the 15th year the Okmulgee County District Attorney's Office has displayed the tree at the courthouse.

For O.R. Barris III, the former district attorney who died suddenly in Oct. 2018 after serving in the Okmulgee County District Attorney's Office for over 30 years, the Victims Tree was an important and poignant way to honor and remember the lives of the individuals who were killed by acts of violence - each of whom was someone's loved one.

During the holiday season when family and friends gather together to celebrate, each ornament on the tree is a stark reminder that for the victims' families, there will forever be an empty seat at the table.

"It is my hope that the ornaments containing the names of those whose lives have been taken serve to honor them and their loved ones," the late Barris stated concerning the tree. "We in prosecution and law enforcement have not forgotten, and count it a privilege whenever we can bring their killers to justice."

District Attorney Carol Iski now carries forward Barris' torch - his compassion for victims and their families and the relentless pursuit for justice.

The District Attorney's Office would like to thank Okmulgee Wal-Mart for donating the tree and lights for the project.

If you have a loved one lost to violent crime in Okmulgee County and would like an ornament hung on the Victims Tree on their behalf, please contact Jawanna Wheeler at 918-938-0782 or Kelsey Kossakowski at 918-752-2939.

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PATRICK FORD | NEWS EDITOR

The 15th annual Victims Tree is currently on display on the second floor of the Okmulgee County Courthouse.



Preston cagers take home meeting with Oklahoma Union

LARRY OWEN
SPORTS EDITOR

The Preston varsity basketball program earned their second home sweep this past Friday.

The latest home sweep came against the visiting Oklahoma Union Cougars and Lady Cougars.

Friday's home sweep puts the Preston squads at identical 3-1 season records, heading into this weekend's Preston Invitational Basketball Tournament.

The Preston cagers were scheduled to open tournament action Thursday against Rejoice Christian (girls) and Warner (boys), respectively.

In last Friday's home meeting with Oklahoma Union, the Lady Pirates began the evening with a convincing 62-27 victory, while the Pirates walked off their home floor with a 65-47 decision to complete the sweep.

In last Friday's girls game, the host Lady Pirates came out of the opening frame with an 11-6 advantage, then outscored the Lady Cougars 17-7 in the second period for a 28-13 halftime lead.

The Preston ladies put the finishing touches on their decisive win by outscoring the visitors 12-7 and 22-7, respectively, in the final two quarters to walk away with the 62-27 victory.

Jadyn Roberts was tops offensively for the Lady Pirates with a team-best 13 points. Shaunassi Jordan also reached double figures for Preston in the win, finishing with 10 points.

Adrienne Wilson just missed double-digit scoring with nine, while the other Lady Pirate scorers last Friday were Emilie Stidman with seven, Taylan Starr, Ashlynn Foster, and Josie Pope six each, and Heaven Fuller five.

In last Friday's boys contest, the Pirates exited the opening period with a 24-11 margin, while the visitors took the second stanza 15-11 to send the teams

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LARRY OWEN | SPORTS EDITOR

Preston's Malachi Ligons puts up a shot from the 3-point range during last Friday's home game against Oklahoma Union. Ligons finished with 16 points in the Pirates' 65-47 win over the visiting Cougars.

Preston tournament begins Thursday

Annual 3-day event filled with talented teams

LARRY OWEN
SPORTS EDITOR

The Jim Waller Event Center in Preston will be the site this weekend of the annual Preston Invitational Basketball Tournament.

The annual 3-day tournament will get underway Thursday at 10 a.m. with a girls bracket first-round game between the Kiefer Lady Trojans and Okay Lady Mustangs.

The other first-round games in the girls bracket on Thursday will see the Chandler Lady Lions take on the Sperry Lady Pirates at 1 p.m., the host Preston Lady Pirates battle the Rejoice Christian Lady Eagles at 4 p.m., and the Okmulgee Lady Bulldogs square off against the Warner Lady Eagles at 7 p.m.

The boys bracket first-round games Thursday will begin at 11:30 a.m. between Okay and Sperry, followed by Chandler and Okmulgee at 2:30 p.m., Kiefer and Rejoice Christian at 5:30 p.m., and Warner and the host Preston Pirates at 8:30 p.m.

Friday's tournament action will feature girls consolation semifinal games at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., respectively, and boys consolation semifinal contests at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., respectively.

The winner's bracket semifinal games will feature girls games at 4 and 7 p.m., respectively, and boys games at 5:30 and 8:30

p.m., respectively.

Saturday's tournament schedule will begin with seventh place games at 10 and 11:30 a.m., respectively, followed by the consolation finals at 1 and 2:30 p.m. and third-place contests at 4 and 5:30 p.m., respectively.

The 3-day tournament will conclude with the championship games Saturday at 7 and 8:30 p.m., respectively.

Below is the complete schedule for the annual Preston Invitational Basketball Tournament.

Preston Invitational Tournament December 8-10, 2022

Girls Bracket

First Round

Kiefer vs Okay; Thursday, 10 a.m.
Chandler vs Sperry; Thursday, 1 p.m.

Preston vs Rejoice Christian; Thursday, 4 p.m.
Okmulgee vs Warner; Thursday, 7 p.m.

Consolation Semifinals

Kiefer/Okay loser vs Chandler/Sperry loser; Friday, 10 a.m.

Preston/Rejoice Christian loser vs Okmulgee/Warner loser; Friday, 1 p.m.

Semifinals

Kiefer/Okay winner vs Chandler/Sperry winner; Friday, 4 p.m.

Preston/Rejoice Christian winner vs Okmulgee/Warner winner; Friday, 7 p.m.

Seventh Place

Consolation semifinal losers; Saturday, 10 a.m.

Consolation Finals

Consolation semifinal winners; Saturday, 1 p.m.

Third Place

Semifinal losers; Saturday, 4 p.m.

Championship

Semifinal winners; Saturday, 7 p.m.

Boys Bracket

First Round

Okay vs Sperry; Thursday, 11:30 a.m.

Chandler vs Okmulgee; Thursday, 2:30 p.m.

Kiefer vs Rejoice Christian; Thursday, 5:30 p.m.

Warner vs Preston; Thursday, 8:30 p.m.

Consolation Semifinals

Okay/Sperry loser vs Chandler/Okmulgee loser; Friday, 11:30 a.m.

Kiefer/Rejoice Christian loser vs Warner/Preston loser; Friday, 2:30 p.m.

Semifinals

Okay/Sperry winner vs Chandler/Okmulgee winner; Friday, 5:30 p.m.

Kiefer/Rejoice Christian winner vs Warner/Preston winner; Friday, 8:30 p.m.

Seventh Place

Consolation semifinal losers; Saturday, 11:30 a.m.

Consolation Finals

Consolation semifinal winners; Saturday, 2:30 p.m.

Third Place

Semifinal losers; Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

Championship

Semifinal winners; Saturday, 8:30 p.m.

Morris cagers sweep Stigler on the road

LARRY OWEN
SPORTS EDITOR

The Morris varsity basketball program earned a pair of road wins in Stigler this past Friday evening.

The Lady Eagles improved to 2-0 on the year with a hard-fought 58-54 victory in the opening contest, while the Eagles awarded new head coach Brandon Heath his first win at Morris in the nightcap, defeating the host Stigler Panthers by a 55-44 margin.

The Morris cage squads returned to action Tuesday with a trip to Beggs and a showdown with their county rivals, the Beggs Golden Demons and Lady Demons.

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Lady Demons to compete in Colcord Festival

Beggs squad opens 3-day event against Westville

LARRY OWEN
SPORTS EDITOR

The Beggs Lady Demon varsity basketball team will face three tough opponents this weekend at the Colcord Festival.

The Lady Demons will begin the 3-day event Thursday with a 4 p.m. showdown with the Westville Lady Yellowjackets.

The Beggs ladies will return to the festival Friday for a 7 p.m. battle

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Dewar, Schulter split county battle

LARRY OWEN
SPORTS EDITOR

Dewar and Schulter met on the basketball court this past Friday evening at the Clell W. Henson Fieldhouse in Dewar.

Both Okmulgee County cage squads came away from the hardwood showdown with a victory.

The Schulter Lady Bulldogs took the opening contest by a 46-40 decision for their second win of the season, while the host Dewar Dragons came out of the nightcap with a 71-31 victory to open their 2022-2023 season on a winning note.

Both county schools were in action this week at the annual Wilson Tiger Classic basketball tournament.

In last Friday's girls county battle, the visitors took the opening period by a 13-9 margin, then the host Lady Dragons went into the halftime break in front by three, 22-19, after outscoring the Lady Bulldogs 13-6 in the second quarter.

The Schulter ladies regained the lead, 30-29, with one quarter remaining following an 11-7 advantage in the third stanza.

The visiting Lady Bulldogs capped off the six-point win by edging the host Lady Dragons 16-11 in the final period to walk away with the 46-40 decision.

Payton Campbell was the top scorer for the Schulter ladies with 13 points, followed by Jenna Henderson and Macee Henderson with 11 and 10 points, respectively. Addiemae Kanada was next for the Lady Bulldogs with seven, while Caidence Campbell rounded out the Schulter scoring with five points.

In last Friday's boys county battle, the host Dragons led 15-11 after the first eight minutes of action, then outscored the visiting Bulldogs 25-4 in the second frame for a 40-15 halftime advantage.

The Dewar squad closed out the season-opening win by taking the final

two periods by margins of 15-7 and 16-9, respectively, to walk away with the 71-31 decision.

The Dragons were led offensively by Tryton Mack with 15, followed by Skelly Taylor with 12. Other Dewar scorers in the county contest were John Rex and Ishmael Stewart with eight each, Kyler Hartsford and Seth Hudson seven apiece, Cole Miller four, Ben Atoigue three, Blake Silkwood, Sam Fowler, and Bryce Caldwell two each, and Jacob Finley one.

Schulter was led in the scoring column by Bobby Calhoun with 10 points. Kris Thompson and Isaiah Bauer were next for the Bulldogs with four points each, followed by Willie Corn with three, Kenta Carder, Jordan Horne, Colton Nuckolls, and Nick Tucker two apiece, and Bradyn Brown and Nick Henderson one each.

Girls Game
Schulter 46, Dewar 40
Schulter: 13 - 6 - 11 - 16 (46)

Dewar: 9 - 13 - 7 - 11 (40)
Schulter Scoring: Payton Campbell 13, Jenna Henderson 11, Macee Henderson 10, Addiemae Kanada 7, Caidence Campbell 5.

Dewar Scoring: Ally Burney 19, Melanie Burney 8, Bre Harvell 5, Maikya Carter 4, Laynie Taylor 3, Adena Fowler 1.

Boys Game
Dewar 71, Schulter 31
Schulter: 11 - 4 - 7 - 9 (31)
Dewar: 15 - 25 - 15 - 16 (71)
Schulter Scoring: Bobby Calhoun 10, Kris Thompson 4, Isaiah Bauer 4, Willie Corn 3, Kenta Carder 2, Jordan Horne 2, Colton Nuckolls 2, Nick Tucker 2, Bradyn Brown 1, Nick Henderson 1.
Dewar Scoring: Tryton Mack 15, Skelly Taylor 12, John Rex 8, Ishmael Stewart 8, Kyler Horsford 7, Seth Hudson 7, Cole Miller 4, Ben Atoigue 3, Blake Silkwood 2, Sam Fowler 2, Bryce Caldwell 2, Jacob Finley 1.

Okmulgee drops road showdown with Hilldale

LARRY OWEN
SPORTS EDITOR

The Okmulgee varsity basketball program suffered a pair of road losses last Thursday evening in Hilldale.

The Lady Bulldogs dropped to 0-2 on the year with a 78-23 defeat to the host Hilldale Lady Hornets, while the Bulldogs suffered their first setback under new head coach Cordell Love in the nightcap, falling by a 48-39 margin.

The Okmulgee cage squads were back in action Tuesday evening in their home opener against Haskell and will travel to Preston Thursday to open play at the annual Preston Invitational Basketball Tournament with the Bulldogs battling Chandler Thursday at 2:30 p.m. and the Lady Bulldogs squaring off against Warner Thursday at 7 p.m.

In last Thursday's girls game at Hilldale, the Okmulgee ladies trailed 31-5 after one quarter of action, then went into halftime down 46-8 after being outscored 15-3 in the second period.

The host Lady Hornets took the final two frames by margins of 14-9 and 18-6, respectively, to hand the visiting Lady Bulldogs the 79-23 setback.

Mariya Tecumseh led Okmulgee in scoring with a team-best 11 points. Other Lady Bulldog scorers last Thursday were Tori James with six, Skye Sanders four, and Jaidya Gatewood two.

In last Thursday's boys contest, the Bulldogs escaped the opening period with a narrow 14-13

advantage. Hilldale took the low-scoring second stanza by an 8-6 margin to send the host Hornets to the intermission with a 21-20 lead.

Hilldale increased its lead to three, 31-28, with eight minutes remaining in regulation following the Hornets' 10-8 advantage in the third quarter.

The Bulldogs attempted to overcome the narrow deficit in the final period, but were outscored 17-11 in the frame to end up on the losing end of a 48-39 decision.

Malakhi Baccus led the Okmulgee scoring in the road loss, finishing with a team-high 15 points.

Other Bulldog scorers last Thursday were Keith Talton with seven, Nolan Yates six, Ma'khi Phillips five, Darin Miles four, and Calip Harjo two.

Girls Game
Hilldale 78, Okmulgee 23
Okmulgee: 5 - 3 - 9 - 6 (23)
Hilldale: 31 - 15 - 14 - 18 (78)
Okmulgee Scoring: Mariya Tecumseh 11, Tori James 6, Skye Sanders 4, Jaidya Gatewood 2.

Boys Game
Hilldale 48, Okmulgee 39
Okmulgee: 14 - 6 - 8 - 11 (39)
Hilldale: 13 - 8 - 10 - 17 (48)
Okmulgee Scoring: Malakhi Baccus 15, Keith Talton 7, Nolan Yates 6, Ma'khi Phillips 5, Darin Miles 4, Calip Harjo 2.

Preston Scoring: Jervais Goree 25, Kareffren Bagby 18, Malachi Lignons 16, Tucker Webb 2, Key-ton Smith 2, Gavon Walker 2.

PRESTON

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to their respective locker room with the Preston gentlemen in front by nine, 35-26, at the intermission.

The Pirates extended their lead to 20 points, 52-32, heading into the final eight minutes of regulation after outscoring the Cougars 17-6 in the third quarter.

The visitors attempted to overcome the huge deficit in the final frame, but was only able to edge the Preston gentlemen by a 2-point margin, 15-13, to award the host Pirates the 65-47 decision.

The top scorer for the Pirates in the home win was Jervais Goree with a game-high 25 points. Goree was joined in double figures by Kareffren Bagby and Malachi Lignons with 18 and 16, respectively.

The other Preston scorers last Friday were Tucker Webb, Key-ton Smith, and Gavon Walker two points apiece.

Girls Game
Preston 62, Oklahoma Union 27
OK Union: 6 - 7 - 7 - 7 (27)
Preston: 11 - 17 - 12 - 22 (62)
Preston Scoring: Jacyn Roberts 13, Shaunassi Jordan 10, Adrienne Wilson 9, Emilie Stidman 7, Taylan Starr 6, Ashlynn Foster 6, Josie Pope 6, Heaven Fuller 5.

Boys Game
Preston 65, Oklahoma Union 47
OK Union: 11 - 15 - 6 - 15 (47)
Preston: 24 - 11 - 17 - 13 (65)



Preston's Pheobey Finch shoots over an Oklahoma Union defender during last Friday's home game. Finch and the Lady Pirates improved to 3-1 on the year with a 62-27 victory.

LADY DEMONS

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with the host Colcord Lady Hornets and will finish the 3-day event Saturday in a 2:30 p.m. contest against the Salina Lady Wildcats.

The Lady Demons began the 2022-2023 season last Thursday with a trip to Newcastle, falling by a 62-18 margin.

In the season opener, the Beggs ladies were led in scoring by Jasey

Pruitt with seven points. Alyssa Antwine was next in the Lady Demon score column with six points, followed by Bleu Hall with three and Mylah Williams with two.

Prior to competing at the Colcord Festival, the Lady Demons were at home on Tuesday, battling their county rivals, the Morris Lady Eagles.

MORRIS

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After the county battle with Beggs, the Eagles and Lady Eagles will travel to Haskell to compete in the J.T. Dixon Memorial Tournament Thursday-Saturday. The Morris ladies will begin tournament action Thursday at 7 p.m. against Wright Christian, while the Morris gentlemen will open tournament play Thursday at 2:30 p.m.

In last Friday's girls game at Stigler, the Lady Eagles took the first period by a 13-9 margin, then outscored the host Lady Panthers 18-11 in the second stanza for a 31-20 lead at halftime.

Stigler came out of the third quarter with a 16-10 advantage to send the contest into the final eight minutes of action with the Morris ladies leading by five, 41-36.

The host Lady Panthers put up 18 points in the final frame in a comeback attempt, but the Lady Eagles countered with 17 points in the period to walk away with the hard-fought 58-54 victory.

The Morris ladies were led in scoring by Skylar Phillips with a team-best 16 points. Phillips was joined in double figures by Maddie Moore and Kaleigh Barnett with 12 and 11 points, respectively.

Emma Duclos was next offensively for the Lady Eagles with eight points, followed by Taylon Ray and Reagan Bowling with five each and Alexis Schell with one.

In the boys contest last Friday, the Eagles trailed 15-11 after the first eight minutes of action, then went into the intermission trailing by one, 28-27, after taking the second period by a 16-13 margin.

The difference in the outcome of the contest came in the third quarter when the Morris defense held the host Panthers to two points in the frame, while the Eagle offense put up 14 points in the stanza for a 41-30 advantage after three quarters of action.

Both teams tallied 14 points in the final eight minutes of regulation to put the Eagles on the winning end of a 55-44 outcome.

Cody Smith was tops in the scoring column for the Eagles, finishing with a team-high 23 points. Ryan Benavidez also reached double figures in the contest with 10 points.

Xavier Harjo just missed double-digit scoring for the Morris gentlemen with nine, while the remaining points scored in the road win came on five points by Jerrick Raines and Tucker Kelsey and three points by Race Casey.

Girls Game
Morris 58, Stigler 54
Morris: 13 - 18 - 10 - 17 (58)
Stigler: 9 - 11 - 16 - 18 (54)
Morris Scoring: Skylar Phillips 16, Maddie Moore 12, Kaleigh Barnett 11, Emma Duclos 8, Taylon Ray 5, Reagan Bowling 5, Alexis Schell 1.

Boys Game
Morris 55, Stigler 44
Morris: 11 - 16 - 14 - 14 (55)
Stigler: 15 - 13 - 2 - 14 (44)
Morris Scoring: Cody Smith 23, Ryan Benavidez 10, Xavier Harjo 9, Jerrick Raines 5, Tucker Kelsey 5, Race Casey 3.

Wilson drops home battle with Paden

LARRY OWEN
SPORTS EDITOR

The Wilson varsity basketball program dropped a pair of double-digit decisions this past Friday evening at the Tiger Den.

The home setbacks came at the hands of the Paden Pirates and Lady Pirates.

The host Lady Tigers saw a narrow halftime advantage turn into a 51-41 loss in the opening contest, while the host Tigers found themselves on the short end of a 63-40 outcome in the nightcap.

The Wilson cage squads were back in action this week, competing at their home tournament, the Wilson Tiger Classic. The Lady Tigers opened tournament play Monday evening against Graham-Dustin, while the Tigers be-

gan tournament action Tuesday night against Webbers Falls.

In last Friday's girls contest, the Lady Tigers edged the visitors 10-8 in the first period, then came out of the second stanza with a narrow 12-11 advantage to lead by three, 22-19, at the halftime break.

Paden took the third quarter by an 11-10 margin to cut the Wilson lead to two, 32-30, with eight minutes remaining in regulation.

In the final frame, the Lady Tigers were held to nine points, while the visiting Lady Pirates tallied 21 points in the quarter to hand the Wilson ladies the 51-41 defeat.

The top scorer for the Lady Tigers in the setback was Janelle Proctor with 12, followed by Brooklyn Weeks with 10. Jaslene Proctor just missed

double-digit scoring for Wilson with nine points, while Kailee Branson and Jayda Pinkston rounded out the Lady Tiger offense with six and four points, respectively.

In last Friday's boys game, the visitors took the opening stanza by a 14-13 margin, then outscored the Tigers 15-5 in the second quarter for a 28-18 halftime lead.

The Wilson gentlemen tried to overcome the double-digit deficit in the second half, but were outscored 18-11 and 16-11, respectively, in the final two periods to come up on the short end of a 63-40 outcome.

Charles Shelburn was the only Wilson player to reach double figures in the loss, finishing with a team-best 13 points. The duo of Talan Dobson and Ryder Herring were next for the Ti-

gers with eight points each, followed by Keshon Shelburn with seven and Andrew Wilson with four.

Girls Game

Paden 51, Wilson 41

Paden: 8 - 11 - 11 - 21 (51)

Wilson: 10 - 12 - 10 - 9 (41)

Wilson Scoring: Janelle Proctor 12, Brooklyn Weeks 10, Jaslene Proctor 9, Kailee Branson 6, Jayda Pinkston 4.

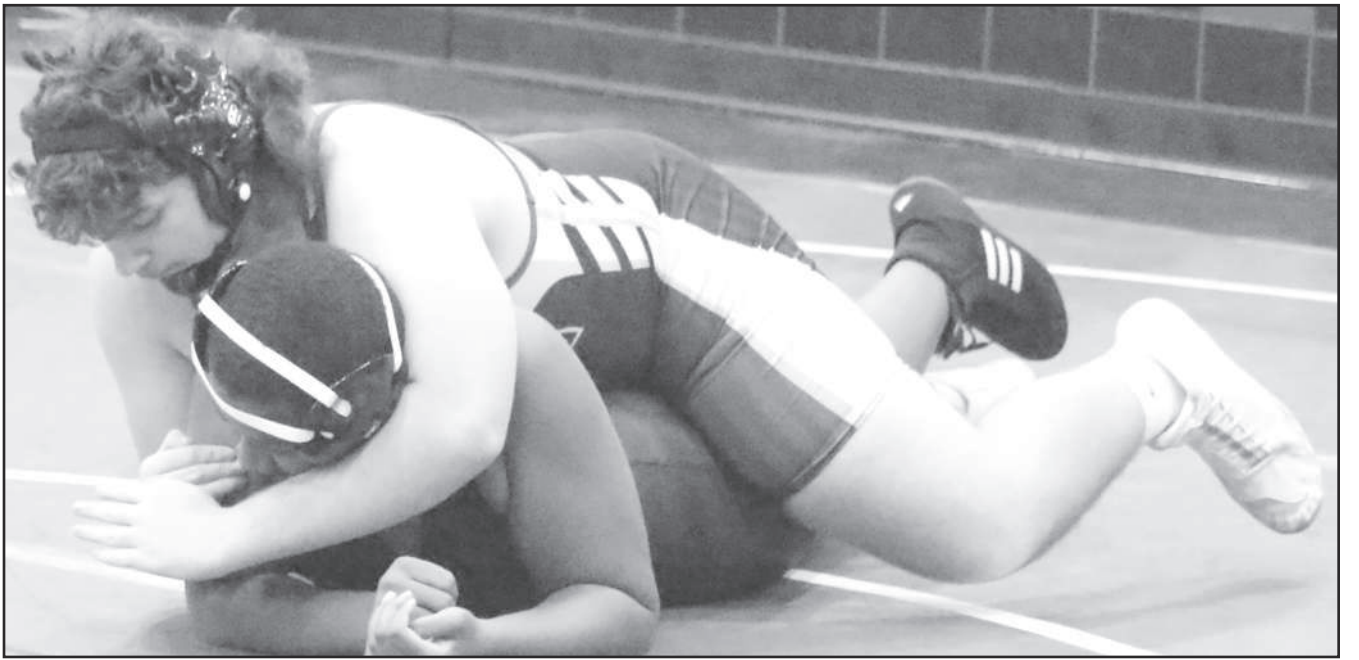
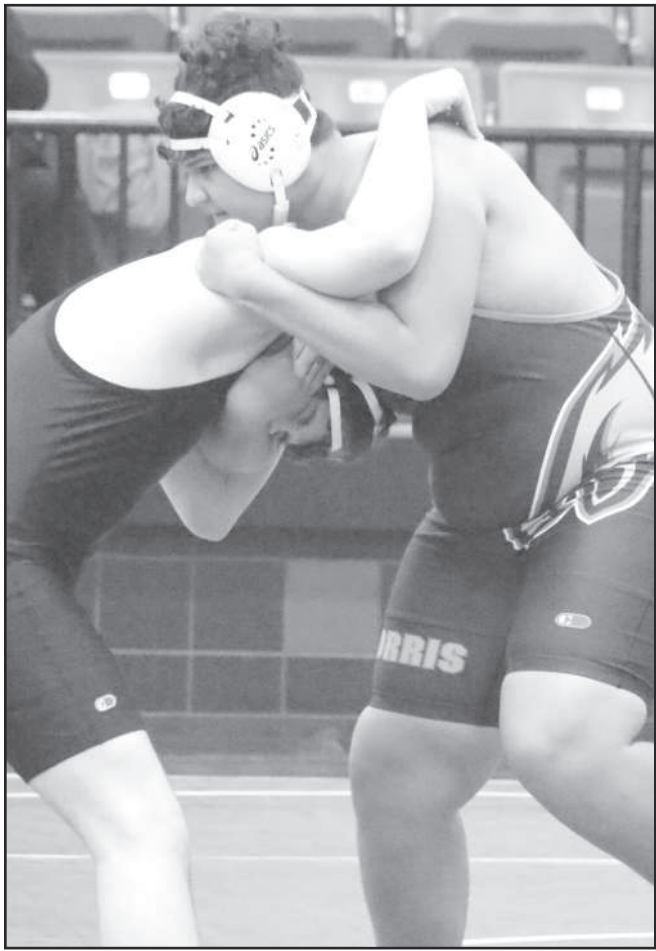
Boys Game

Paden 63, Wilson 40

Paden: 14 - 15 - 18 - 16 (63)

Wilson: 13 - 5 - 11 - 11 (40)

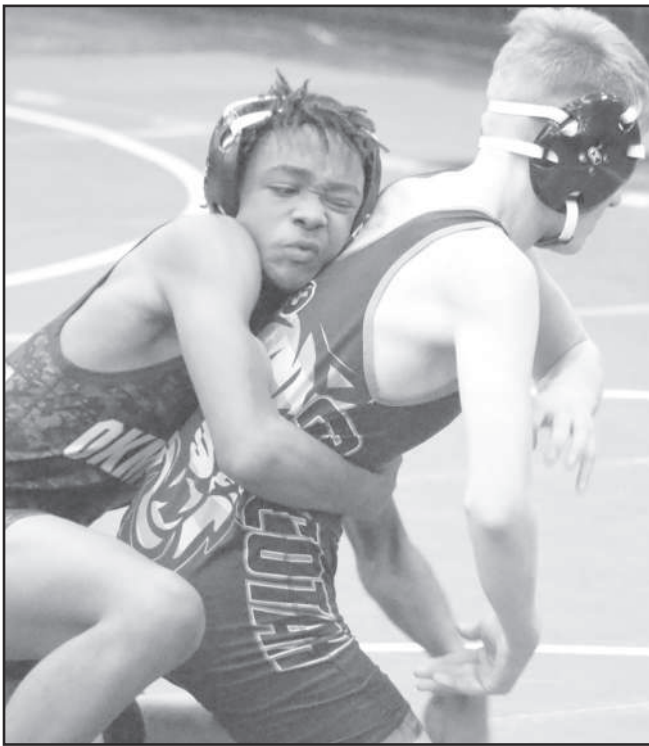
Wilson Scoring: Charles Shelburn 13, Talan Dobson 8, Ryder Herring 8, Keshon Shelburn 7, Andrew Wilson 4.



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County Wrestlers Shine at Bulldog Classic

Historic Brock Memorial Gymnasium in Okmulgee was the site of the 2022 Gary McKee Bulldog Classic wrestling tournament last weekend. The 2-day event featured the junior high tournament taking place last Friday, while the high school mat event was held last Saturday. Pictured on this page are action shots of Okmulgee County wrestlers from Okmulgee, Henryetta, Morris, and Wilson competing in the junior high tournament last Friday.

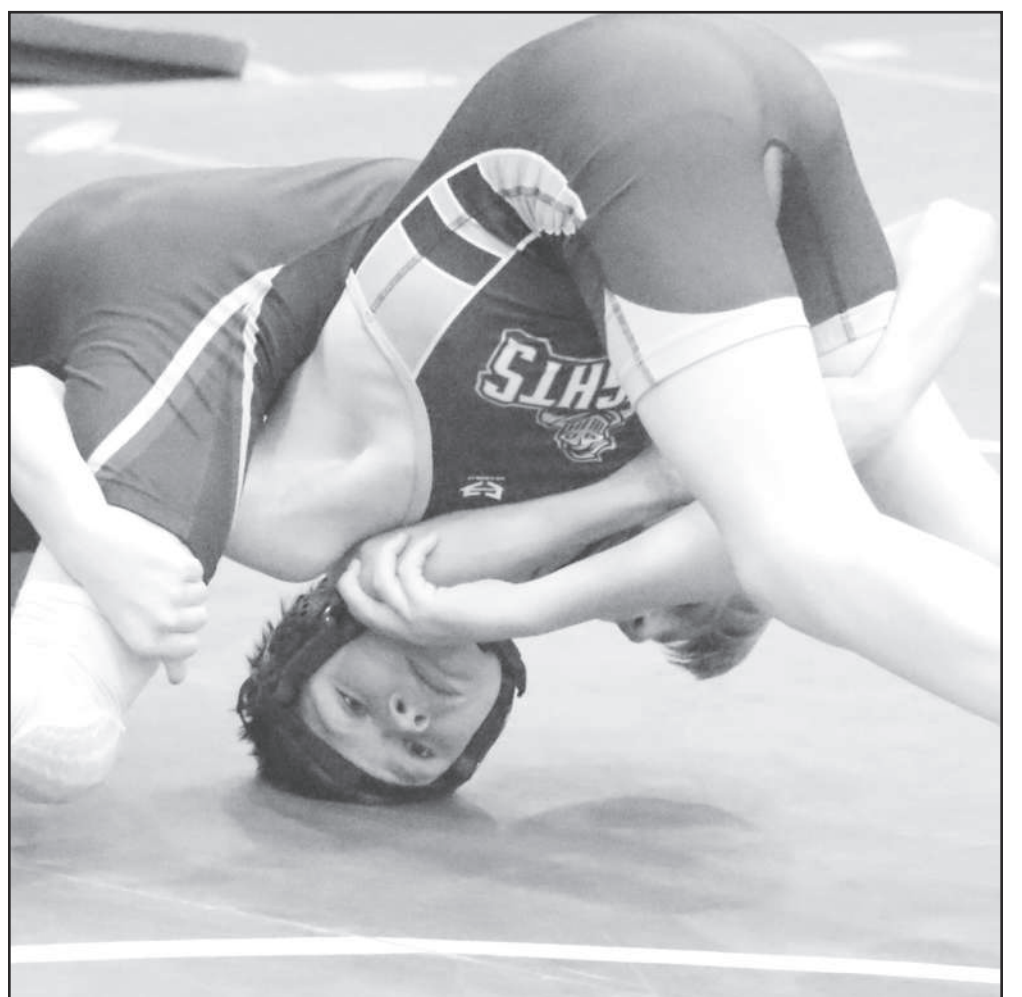




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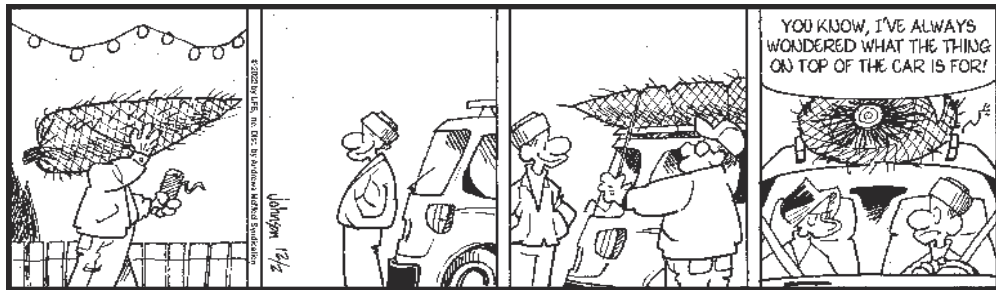


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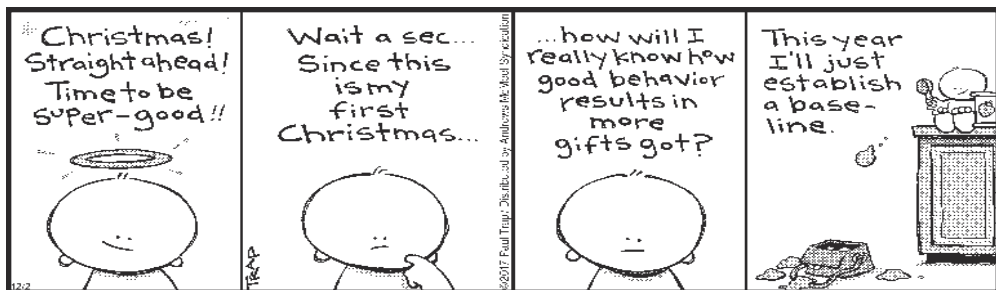
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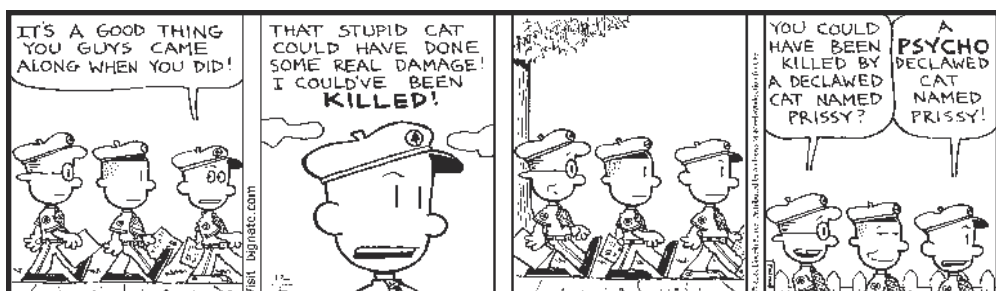
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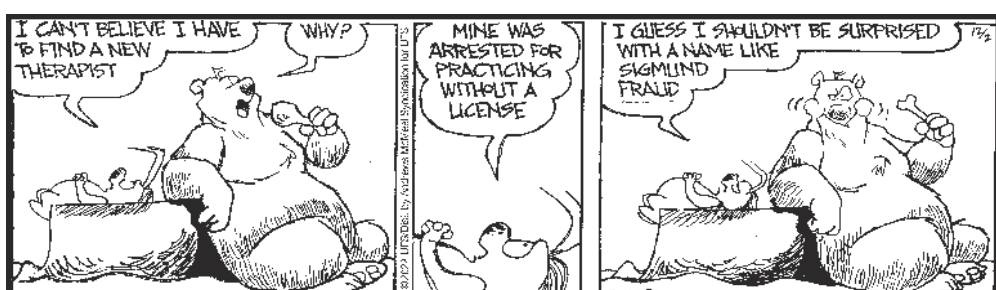
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ASTROGRAPH

Make clear what you want to achieve this year. Refuse to let any emotional manipulation sway you in a different direction. Take pride in what you do, and don't take your eye off your goal until you are satisfied with the results. Avoid over-the-top suggestions and stick to a simple, affordable strategy that takes you where you want to go.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
Trust yourself and you won't be disappointed. Be aware of individuals who try to take advantage of you. Take the initiative to run the show instead of being an onlooker. Practice moderation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Open your doors to people who make you think and offer ideas that can help you bring about positive change. Show enthusiasm; your input will boost morale and encourage others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)
Make home improvements that add to your comfort or encourage you to live a healthy lifestyle. Pay attention to what others do or say, and associate with people who tend to pep you up.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)
Size up situations, see who is on your side and head in a direction that draws like-minded people. Don't trust anyone who uses niceties to persuade you to do things you shouldn't.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Consider how you earn your living and what options you have that can bring in extra cash. Don't act prematurely; get everything in order before you change direction.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Changes that occur will cause confusion and uncertainty. When in doubt, take a step back and observe. Don't overreact or give the wrong impression to someone who can influence your life, position or future. Don't spend or indulge foolishly.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Stick to what and who you know best. Trusting someone you barely know will put you in a vulnerable position. Be observant, but don't make promises that might jeopardize your status.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Times are changing and so are you. Let your intuition lead the way. The ideas you come up with will allow you to help yourself and others. A plan to save money will work well.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Plan to have fun and get things done. Surround yourself with like-minded people, and you'll find a way to protect what's important to you. Set the standard instead of adopting a plan you don't condone.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Stick to your original plan, regardless of what others decide to do. Be creative, use your imagination and seek out exciting experiences that lead to personal growth and new beginnings.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Work alone and control whatever situation you face, or someone else will step in and take charge. Don't believe everything you hear, trust someone pushy or fall prey to temptation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
Pay attention to detail when negotiating or investing. Listen to your inner voice, not to a fast-talking salesperson, and you'll avoid buying things you don't need. Make saving money your goal.

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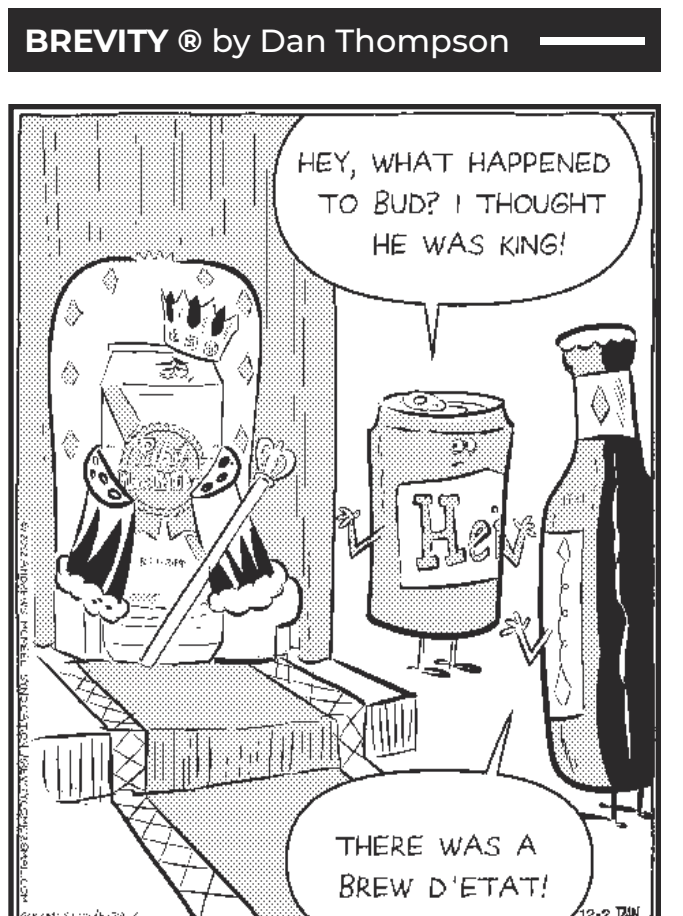
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- Hot tub
- Half a score
- Dress up
- Actor — Linden
- Bravo, in Barcelona
- Port near Hong Kong
- Literary collection
- Bikini tops
- Kenya's cont.
- Armed conflict
- Dictionary entry
- Chatty pets
- Lightweight wood
- Campground initials
- Carpet
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- Mall event
- Mets' former ballpark
- Brand for Bowser

DOWN

- Musician — Smith
- Unbounded joy
- Newspaper execs
- Changes hair color
- Underwater shockers
- Become mellow
- Youngster
- Chopin opus
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- Psycho declared cat named Frissey
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- Fish the bottom
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR OKMULGEE COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

RANDY SANTOS Plaintiffs, VS. JOHNNY RAY DUNN, et. al., Defendants.

Case No. CJ-2022-131 SERVICE OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION NOTICE THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO:

JOHNNY RAY DUNN GREETINGS:

Take notice that you have been sued in the District Court of Okmulgee County, Oklahoma, in the above entitled and numbered cause by the Plaintiff, and that you must answer the petition filed by Plaintiff in the office of the undersigned Court Clerk on or before the 3 day of January, or judgment against you as alleged in Plaintiff's Petition, and to foreclose a mortgage covering the following properties described as follows:

Lots Four (4), Five (5) b and Six (6), Block Two (2) AND Lots Twelve (12), Thirteen (13), Fourteen (14) and Fifteen (15), Block Seven (7) in Burgess Addition to the Town of Schuler, Okmulgee County, State of Oklahoma

Physical Address: 23554 Ginseng, Schuler, OK 74460 will be rendered accordingly. Dated this 14 day of November 2022.

/S/: CHARLY CRINER Court Clerk Deputy GAITHER LAW OFFICE Attorneys for Plaintiff

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

JOHN MCCASLIN AND, LANNETTA MCCASLIN; Plaintiff, VS.

BRENT ANDERSON, The Heirs, Personal Representatives, Devisees, Trustees, Successors and Assigns BRENT ANDERSON, deceased; and STATE OF OKLAHOMA, EX REL-, OKMULGEE COUNTY OKLAHOMA OKLAHOMA TAX COMMISSION Defendants.

CASE NO: CV-22-174 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO:

The Heirs, Personal Representatives, Devisees, Trustees, Successors and Assigns of BRENT ANDERSON, deceased GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that you have been sued by Plaintiff in the above cause in the District Court of OKIULGEE County, Oklahoma, entitled JOHN MCASLIN AND

LANNETTA MCCASLIN, Plaintiff V. BRENT ANDERSON, The Heirs, Personal Representatives, Devisees, Trustees, Successors and Assigns of BRENT ANDERSON, deceased; and STATE OF OKLAHOMA, EX REL, OKLAHOMA TAX COMMISSION, and that you must answer the Petition of said

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Plaintiff on or before the 3rd Day of January 2023, or the allegations of said Petition will be taken as true and a judgment will be entered quieting title in Plaintiff, barring your interest in the following described real property:

A tract of land in Lot 4 (NW/4 of NW/4) of Section 4, Township

15 North, Range 14 East of the Indian Meridian, Okmulgee County, State of Oklahoma, described as beginning at a point .208.71 feet East and 15.94 feet South of the Northwest Corner of Section 4; thence South and parallel to the West line of said Lot 4 a distance of 208.71 feet; thence East and parallel to the South line of said Lot 4 a distance of 208.71 feet; thence North and parallel to the West line of said Lot 4 a distance of 208.71 feet to a point 16.70 feet South of the North line of said Section 4; thence West and parallel to the South line of said Lot 4 a distance of 208.71 feet to the point of beginning.

DATED this 16th Day of November, 2022

(SEAL) /S/: LANEY MILLER LUNDY LAW FIRM, PLLC JERRY D. LUNDY OBA #16459 k

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LIEN SALE

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ALIAS NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE CJ-2022-34

Notice is given that on the 3 day of January 2022, at 10:00am, at the North Door of the County Courthouse, in the City of Okmulgee, Okmulgee County, Oklahoma, The Sheriff will offer for sale and sell, with appraisal, at public auction, to the highest and best bidder, all that certain real estate in Okmulgee County, Oklahoma:

THE WEST HALF OF THE WEST HALF OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (W/2 W/2 E/2 SW/4 SE/4), SECTION THIRTY (30), TOWNSHIP FOURTEEN (14) NORTH, RANGE THIRTEEN (13) EAST OF THE INDIAN MERIDIAN, OKMULGEE COUNTY, STATE OF OKLAHOMA.

subject to unpaid taxes, and all amounts set forth in the judgment granted herein, said property having been duly appraised at \$99,095.00. Sale will be made pursuant to an Alias Special Execution and Order of Sale issued in accordance with judgment entered in the District Court of Okmulgee County, Oklahoma, in Case No. CJ-2022-34, titled Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans Inc., vs Boyce D. Ferguson, Patricia I. Ferguson, Jane Doe, John Doe, U.S. Bank National Association, being all of the Defendants and persons holding or claiming any interest in lien in the subject property. Okmulgee County Sheriff

Okmulgee County, Oklahoma /S/: Eddy Rice Deputy

Don Timberlake - # 9021 Kim S. Jenkins - # 32809 Gina D. Knight - # 12996 Chynna Scruggs - # 32663 BAER & TIMBERLAKE, P.C. 5901 N. Western, Suite 300 Oklahoma City, OK 73118 Telephone: (405) 842-7722

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BEFORE THE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

APPLICANT: BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY RELIEF SOUGHT: PEDESTAL FLASHING SIGNALS WITH GATES, TWO W10-1 ADVANCED WARNING Cause No. TD2022-000041 SIGNS, AND ONE W10-3 ADVANCED WARNING SIGN AT EAST 20TH STREET (DOT#: 671867U), IN OKMULGEE, OKMULGEE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT BNSF Railway Company has filed an application with the Oklahoma Corporation Commission requesting authorization the installation of pedestal flashing signals with gates, two W10-1 advanced warning signs, one for each crossing approach, and one W10-3 advanced warning sign on southbound Osage Avenue at East 20th Street (DOT#: 671867U), in Okmulgee, Okmulgee County, Oklahoma. This matter will be heard before an Administrative Law Judge on the docket at the Corporation Commission, in Courtroom B, Jim Thorpe Building, 2101 Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on the 11th day of January 2023, at 8:30 am and that this notice be published as required by law and the rules of the Commission.

Applicant and interested parties may present testimony by telephone. The cost of telephonic communication shall be paid by the person or persons requesting its use. Interested parties who wish to participate by telephone shall contact the Commission or Applicant's attorney, prior to the hearing date, and provide their name and phone number.

For further information concerning this Cause and hearing contact attorney for Applicant, Myriah S. Downs, DeWitt, Paruolo & Meek, 705 NW 4th Street Oklahoma City, OK 73102; mailing address, P.O. Box 138800, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73113 (405) 705-3600 or the Oklahoma Corporation Commission. OKLAHOMA CORPORATION COMMISSION DANA L. MURPHY, Chairman BOB ANTHONY, Vice Chairman J. TODD HIETT, Commissioner DONE AND PERFORMED THIS day of 2022.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION: AMY CUMMINGS, Secretary

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

In the Matter of the Estate of: EMMA MAE WILLIAMS, (Deceased)

Case No.:PB-2022-110 Judge: Pickering

ALIAS ORDER AND NOTICE FOR HEARING ON PETITION TO PROBATE ESTATE, DETERMINE HEIRS, DEVISEES, AND LEGATEES, AND APPOINT PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to those interested in the estate of Emma Mae Williams, deceased on January 1, 2022, that there has been produced and filed in the District Court of Okmulgee County in the State of Oklahoma, on the 15th day of September 2022, a Petition to Probate Estate, Determine Heirs, Devisees, and Legatees, and Appoint Personal Representative by Ms. Virginia Gray, Petitioner. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Court that hearing on the Petition be held on the 20th day of December, 2022, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., via Blue Jeans, Meeting ID # 504 029 1884 and as the time and place for hearing the Petition. Any person interested may appear and contest the requests in the Petition and file in writing objections to the granting of Letters of Representation as requested by Petitioner. Notice is further given that fail-

ure to make written objection, or to appear at the above date and time will result in any objection being waived. Notice is further given that additional information may be obtained from Jason M. Lile, Attorney for the Petitioner, 7633 East 63rd Place, Suite 310, Tulsa, OK 74133, or via email at jlile@lilelegal.com. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that notice of the hearing be given as required by law, that written copies of the notice be addressed to the heirs, legatees and devisees of the decedent at their place of residence and mailed with postage prepaid thereon, at least ten (10) days before the date set for hearing the Petition. DATED this 11th day of November 2022.

[CYNTHIA PICKERING] JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

Prepared by: Jason M. Lile, OBA #21014 Lile Legal Services, PLLC 7633 East 63rd Place, Suite 310 Tulsa, OK 74133 Telephone: 918-800-9874 jlile@lilelegal.com

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR OKMULGEE COUNTY

STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF EVERETT ORAL HORN

Deceased.

Case No.: PB-2022-137 Judge: Pickering

ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS AND ISSUANCE OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

NOW, on this the 1st day of December, 2022, EVERETT DOUGLAS O.J. HORN petitioned this Court for the appointment as Administrator of the Estate of EVERETT ORAL HORN, deceased, and prayed that the heirs of said Decedent be determined by the Court, and that Letters of Administration be issued to EVERETT DOUGLAS O.J. HORN.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that said Petition be and hereby is set for hearing on the 20th day of December, 2022, at 9:00 A. M., in the Courtroom of the undersigned Judge, Okmulgee County Courthouse, Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL PARTIES that this matter has been ordered set down for Hearing to be held on the 20th day of December, 2022, at the hour of 9:00 A.M. All parties are directed to appear at the aforesaid date and time for hearing and show cause, if any they have, why EVERETT DOUGLAS O.J. HORN should not be appointed Administrator, heirs be determined, and Letters of Administration issued to EVERETT DOUGLAS O.J. HORN. Your Failure to Appear may result in the relief requested by the Petitioner being granted.

/s/Cynthia D Pickering JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

Prepared by: Dru R. Tate, OBA#30434 South County Law Firm, PLLC 1700 E. 6th Street Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447 918-756-1000-Telephone 918-917-8485-Facsimile

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR OKMULGEE COUNTY

STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF NORMA JEAN POLSTON,

Deceased.

Case No.: PB-22-135 Judge Cynthia Pickering

ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, AND DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES

Now, on this the 2nd day of December, 2022, Jacoby Marie Polston petitioned this Court for the appointment as Executor of the Estate of NORMA JEAN POLSTON, deceased, and prayed that the heirs of said Decedent be determined by the Court, and that Letters Testamentary be issued to Jacoby Marie Polston.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that said Petition be and hereby is set for hearing on the 20th day of December, 2022, at 9:00 A.M., in the Courtroom of the undersigned Judge, Okmulgee County Courthouse, Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL PARTIES that this matter has been ordered set down for Hearing to be held on the 20th day of December, 2022, at the hour of 9:00 A.M. All parties are directed to appear at the aforesaid date and time for hearing and show cause, if any they have, why Jacoby Marie Polston should not be appointed Executor, heirs be determined, and Letters Testamentary be issued to Jacoby Marie Polston. Your Failure to Appear may result in the relief requested by the Petitioner being granted.

Hearing will be held via Blue Jeans, Meeting ID # 504 029 1884

IT IS SO ORDERED. /s/ Cynthia D Pickering JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

Prepared by: LUKE GAITHER, OBA #17490

P.O. Box 1090 Henryetta, OK 74437 (918) 652-4402 - Telephone (918) 652-4487 - Facsimile Attorney for Petitioner

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR OKMULGEE COUNTY

STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATES OF: KENDAL RAY MILLS, DECEASED

And SARAH MAY OWENS, DECEASED,

Case No. PB-2021-7 Judge Cynthia Pickering

NOTICE OF HEARING

RETURN OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that Darrell Ray Mills and Robin Gayle Mills, the duly appointed and qualified Administrators of the Estates of KENDAL RAY MILLS, deceased, and SARAH MAY OWENS, deceased, have returned and presented for confirmation, and filed in said Court their Return of the Sale of the following described real property of said Estates, located in Okmulgee, County, State of Oklahoma, to-wit:

Surface and Surface rights only in and to A Tract of land in the E/2 of E/2 of NE/4 of SE/4 of Section 19, Township 15 North, Range 12 East of the

Indian meridian, Okmulgee County, State of Oklahoma, described as Commencing at the SE Corner of said Section 19, thence N 00°07'10" W along easterly line of said Section 19 a distance of 1322.21 feet to the POB; thence S 89°55'49" W a distance of 329.33 feet; thence N 00°06'43" W a distance of 297 feet; thence N 89°25'45" E a distance of 329.70 feet to the East line of section 19; thence S 00°07'10" Along said East line a distance of 299.88 feet to the POB, less and except all oil, gas, coal, minerals and mineral rights lying therein and thereunder.

Street Address: 6651 Alt 75, Beggs, Oklahoma 74421 To BEGGS PUBLIC SCHOOLS for the sum of \$289,000.00, and that on the 20th day of December, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. of said day, at the courtroom of the District Court in the Okmulgee County Courthouse in the City of Okmulgee, Oklahoma aforesaid has been duly appointed by said Court for hearing said Return, at which time any person interested in said Estates may appear and file his or her exceptions in writing to said Return and contest the same, are hereby referred to said Return for further particulars.

Hearing will be held via Blue Jeans, Meeting ID # 504 029 1884.

DATED this 2nd day of December, 2022.

/s/Cynthia D Pickering JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

Luke Gaither, OBA#17490 P.O. Box 1090 Henryetta, OK 74437 (918) 652-4402 - Telephone Attorney for Personal Representatives

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November 30, 2022

Pursuant to the Notice of Regular Meeting properly filed and posted as required by law, a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Okmulgee County was held November 30, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Commissioners Office at the Okmulgee County Courthouse. Present were R. David Walker, Chairman; Dan Artussee, Vice-Chairman; Erik Zoellner, Member; Tonya Day, County Clerk, was present to take minutes.

The Board approved the minutes of November 28, 2022. Motion, Artussee; Second, Zoellner. Vote: Artussee, yes; Zoellner, yes; Walker, yes.

The Board approved the Officers Report for the month of September and October for the Election Board. Motion, Zoellner; Second, Artussee. Vote: Artussee, yes; Walker, yes; Zoellner, yes.

The Board approved a utility permit in District 3. To bore a gas line for ONG located 3.93 miles E. and .51 miles N. of Jct of Hwy. 62 & Hwy 266. Motion, Artussee; Second, Zoellner. Vote: Artussee, yes; Zoellner, yes; Walker, yes.

The Board approved the following claims:

PAYROLL: FUNDS; BATCH; AFF PAGE 911 - 1201 \$62,247.64 873 pg 1; Covid Aid - 1565 \$5,265.64 870 pg 4; Court Clerk - 1211 \$17,987.70 870 pg 6; Cr. Clk. Preserv.- 7210 \$2,580.99 870 pg 1; Drug Court - 7206 \$6,238.43 870 pg 8; General - 0001 \$153,197.73 870 pg 30; Safety Award - 0001 \$30,135.67 871 pg 7; Highway - 1102 \$184,739.80 870 pg 48; Anna McBride \$8,638.08 870 pg 50; Resale - 1220 \$13,641.30 870 pg. 52; Sheriff ST - 1319 \$62,350.15 870 pg. 52; Total \$547,023.13; Accounts Payable: ARPA \$16,682.40; CRT \$45,200.80; Emerg. Mgmt. \$547.36; General \$14,479.08; Health \$35,427.40; Highway \$54,265.77; Jail Sales Tax \$159,713.77; Lien Fee \$17.90; Mtg. Cert. \$17.90; Resale \$17,042.89; RM Presv. \$24,621.25; Rural Fire \$29,825.35; Sheriff-ST \$1,317.69; Sheriff Svc Fee \$4,764.84; Total \$403,924.40.

These claims were approved with the exception of one employee with the Treasurer's office concerning the Safety Award. This employee was not an active employee at the time the safety award was approved. The Treasurer will reimburse the general fund by purchase order and resolution. Motion, Artussee; Second, Zoellner. Vote: Artussee, yes; Zoellner, yes; Walker, yes.

Under New Business the Dawn Longan presented the Board with the amended contract with Trane. Approval pending on District Attorney's review.

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 a.m. with a motion by Artussee and a second by Zoellner. Vote: Artussee, yes; Zoellner, yes; Walker, yes.

/s/Tonya Day TONYA DAY, COUNTY CLERK

/s/R David Walker R. DAVID WALKER, VICE-CHAIRMAN BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OKMULGEE COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARTHA JEAN MCNAC LOWE, 1/2 CREEK NE, deceased.

CASE NO. PB-2022-97 NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT, PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, DISTRIBUTION AND DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that Ronald Lowe, Personal Representative of the Estate of Martha Jean McNac Lowe, 1/2 Creek NE, deceased, having filed in this Court his final account of the administration of said estate and Petition for order allowing same, determination of heirs, distribution and for final discharge of said Personal Representative, the hearing of the same has been set by the Court for the 24th day of January, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. at the courtroom of the Associate District Judge, in the Courthouse at Okmulgee, in the County and State aforesaid, and all persons interested in said estate are notified then and there to appear and show cause, if any they have, why the said account should not be settled and allowed, the heirs of said Martha Jean McNac Lowe, 1/2 Creek NE, deceased, determined, said estate distributed, and the Personal Representative discharged.

DATED THIS 2nd day of December, 2022.

/s/ Cynthia D. Pickering

THE HONORABLE CYNTHIA PICKERING ASSOCIATE DISTRICT JUDGE
 PREPARED BY:
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 ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, RONALD LOWE

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
 WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. vs. UNKNOWN SUCCESSORS, IF ANY, OF LLOYD SNOW, DECEASED; Case No. CJ-2022-76

Notice is given that on January 10, 2023, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. at North door of the County Courthouse, in Okmulgee, Okmulgee County, Oklahoma, the Sheriff of said County will offer for sale and sell, for cash, at public auction, to the highest and best bidder, all that certain real estate in Okmulgee County, Oklahoma, to - wit:

LOT 12, BLOCK 15 IN HUDSON'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF HENRYETTA, OKMULGEE COUNTY, STATE OF OKLAHOMA;

subject to unpaid taxes, assessments, advancements by Plaintiff for taxes, insurance premiums, expenses necessary for the preservation of the subject property, if any, prior security interests in fixtures, if any, and all interests not herein adjudicated, said property having been appraised at \$60,500, and subject to any applicable statutory right of redemption. Sale will be made pursuant to order of sale issued in accordance with judgment entered in the District Court of Okmulgee County, Oklahoma.

Pursuant to judgment, Plaintiff reserves the right to recall the Special Execution and Order of Sale and to cancel this scheduled sale orally or in writing at any time prior to sale without notice or leave of Court. In the absence of Plaintiff's representative at the sale, the subject property will not be sold on the date set forth above.

PERSONS OR OTHER ENTITIES HAVING AN INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY WHOSE INTEREST IS SOUGHT TO BE EXTINGUISHED, INCLUDING THOSE WHOSE ACTUAL ADDRESS IS UNKNOWN AND PERSONS OR OTHER ENTITIES WHOSE UNKNOWN SUCCESSORS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED ARE: UNKNOWN SUCCESSORS, IF ANY, OF LLOYD W. SNOW, DECEASED, BUCK SMITH.

EDDY RICE,
 Sheriff Of Okmulgee County, Oklahoma
 By: /s/Eddy Rice
 KELLY M. PARKER, #22673
 LAMUN MOCK
 CUNNYNGHAM & DAVIS, P.C.
 Attorneys for Plaintiff
 5613 N Classen Blvd
 Oklahoma City, OK 73118
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DISTRICT COURT OF OKMULGEE COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA
 J&N RENTAL PROPERTIES LLC,
 Plaintiff,
 VS.
 VIRGIE MAY FERGUSON, IF LIVING, OR IF DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, TRUSTEES, DEVISEES, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, IMMEDIATE AND REMOTE, OF VIRGIE MAY FERGUSON, DECEASED,
 Defendants.

Case No. CV.22.182
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
 STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: Virgie May Ferguson, if living, or if deceased, the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, successors and assigns, immediate and remote, of Virgie May Ferguson, deceased.
GREETINGS:

Take notice that you have been sued in the District Court of Okmulgee County, Oklahoma by the Plaintiff, J&N Rental Properties LLC. You must answer the Petition filed by the Plaintiff in the office of the undersigned Court Clerk in Okmulgee, Oklahoma on or before January 23, 2023, or the Court will render judgment against you determining that the Plaintiff owns the property and premises described as:

the East 4 feet of the West 36.5 feet of Lot 2, Block 1 in Clegern Addition to the City of Henryetta, Okmulgee County, Oklahoma

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

December 1, 2022.
 CHARLY CRINER, Court Clerk
 By: /s/ Alizay Boss
 Deputy
 (SEAL)

The Barksdale Law Firm, P.C.
 310 East Seventh Street
 Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR OKMULGEE COUNTY

STATE OF OKLAHOMA
 MANUEL L. ALVES, IV and HEATHER N. ALVES
 Plaintiffs,

-VS-
 THE HAROLD H. RENFRO AND GLORIA F. RENFRO REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST, if such trust exists, or if dissolved or defunct, the unknown successors, trustees or assigns, if any, of each such trust, et. al,
 Defendants.

Case No. CV-22-181
SERVICE OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION NOTICE

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO:
 THE HAROLD H. RENFRO AND GLORIA F. RENFRO REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST, if such trust exists, or if dissolved or defunct, the unknown successors, trustees or assigns, if any, of such trust

GREETINGS:

Take notice that you and each of you have been sued in the District Court of Okmulgee County, Oklahoma, in the above entitled and numbered cause by the Plaintiffs, and that you must answer the petition filed by Plaintiff in the office of the undersigned Court Clerk on or before the 20th day of January, 2023, or judgment against you and a decree quieting Plaintiff's title in and to the following described property and premises situated in Okmulgee County, Oklahoma, to-wit:

Lot Three (3), Block Two (2) in Key's Addition to the City of Henryetta, Okmulgee County, State of Oklahoma

and judicially determining their possession and ownership of said real property, all as set forth in the petition, will be rendered accordingly.

Dated this 30th day of November, 2022.

Charly Criner, Court Clerk
 By: /s/ Alizay Boss
 Deputy
 (Seal)

GAITHER LAW OFFICE
 Attorneys for Plaintiff
 Henryetta, OK

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OKMULGEE COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA
 CREDIT ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION,
 Plaintiff,

V.
 ROBERT ROSE,
 Defendant.

Case No. CS-22-169

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
 Robert Rose you are hereby notified that you have been sued by Credit Acceptance Corporation and you must answer Plaintiff's Petition on or before January 15, 2023, or a money judgment in the sum of \$6,813.50 plus interest will be rendered accordingly.

Dated this day 11-9-2022
 By: /s/ Lacey Dixon
 Deputy Court Clerk For
 OKMULGEE District Court
 Clerk
 (seal)

APPROVED BY:
 /s/Greg Metzger
 Greg A. Metzger, OBA # 11432
 METZGER & AUSTIN, P.L.L.C.
 1 South Broadway, Suite 100
 Edmond, OK 73034
 (405) 330-2226
 (405) 330-2234 (FAX)

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ATTACHMENT "A" BEFORE THE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CANADIAN VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR A STREAMLINED COMMISSION ORDER APPROVING NEW RATES AND TARIFFS.

CASE NO. PUD2022-000113 NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO APPROVE NEW RATES AND TARIFFS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Applicant") filed its Application in this Case on November 2, 2022.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Application seeks approval of new tariffs and rates, namely: a new Pre-Pay Program; a new Electric Vehicle Charging Rate; a new Small Power Production Purchase Rate; and a new Standby Service Charge Rider.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to OAC 165:35-5-5, objections to the Application must be filed within thirty (30) days of the filing of the Application. If an objection is not filed, the Commission shall issue an order approving, denying or modifying the application within forty-five (45) calendar days of the date the Application was filed, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Applicant will provide a copy of this notice to the Attorney General.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that for information contact J. Eric Turner or Adam J. Singer, Derryberry & Naifeh, LLP, 4800 N. Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, OK 73105, (405) 528-6569, attorneys for Applicant.

OKLAHOMA CORPORATION COMMISSION
 DANA L. MURPHY, Chairman
 BOB ANTHONY, Vice-Chairman
 J. TODD HIETT, Commissioner

DONE AND PERFORMED THIS DAY OF 2022.
 BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:
 AMY L. CUMMINGS,
 Commission Secretary

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

HAROLD G. CARTER, VS.
 The Heirs, Personal Representatives, Devisees, Trustees, Successors and Assigns of WILKIE ANDERSON, Deceased;
 And STATE OF OKLAHOMA, EX REL., TAX COMMISSION Defendants.

Case No. CV- 22-175

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
 THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: The Heirs, Personal Representatives, Devisees, Trustees, Successors and Assigns of WILKIE ANDERSON, Deceased

GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that you have been sued by HAROLD G. CARTER in the above cause in the District Court of OKMULGEE County, Oklahoma, entitled HAROLD G. CARTER, Plaintiff v. The Heirs, Personal Representatives, Devisees, Trustees, Successors and Assigns of WILKIE ANDERSON, Deceased, and that you must answer the Petition of said Plaintiff on or before the 3 day of January 2023, or the allegations of said Petition will be taken as true and a judgment will be entered quieting title in Plaintiff, barring your interest in the following described real property: Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 20, Township 12 North, Range 14 East of the Indian Meridian, Okmulgee County, Oklahoma, Less and except:

A tract of Land being Particularly described as Beginning at a point 450 feet North of the Southeast Corner of the Said NE 'A of NE 'A; Thence North 209 feet; Thence West 625 feet; Thence East 625 feet to the Point of beginning and containing 3 acres, more or less. And A tract of land commencing 659 ft. north of southeast corner, particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point 659 ft. North of SE corner of said NE

'A NE 'A, Thence North 100'ft.; thence West 100ft.; Thence South 100ft.; Thence East 100ft. To point of Beginning. And An acre of land described as: Commencing at the point of intersection of the West line of said NE 'A NE 'A Section 20 with the south right of way line of Highway 266 along the North line of said 40 acres tract; thence South 208.75 feet; thence East 208.75 feet; thence North 208.75 feet; thence West 208.75 feet to the point of beginning. 2'

And One Half acre of land, more or less, being particularly described as follows: Commencing 208.75 feet South of the Point of Intersection of the West line of the said NE 'A of NE 'A with the South Right of Way line of Highway No.266 along of the North line of said 40 acre tract; Thence South 104.38 feet; Thence East 208.75 feet; thence North 104.38 feet;

Thence West 208.75 .feet to the point of beginning. And Two acres, in a square form, described as follows: Beginning at a point 208.75 feet East of the Northwest corner of said Northeast quarter of Northeast quarter; thence East 295 feet; thence South 295 feet; thence West 295 feet; thence North 295 feet to the Point of Beginning. ,

And A two acre tract described as follows: Beginning at the point in the South line of Highway 266, 503.75 feet East of the West line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 20; thence East along South line of said Highway 266 a distance of 295 feet; thence South 295 feet; thence West 295 feet; thence North 295 feet to the point of beginning.

And A Strip of land four hundred and fifty feet wide, running North and South, and Seven Hundred and Seventy-four feet long, running East and West off of the South-East Corner, comprising of app. 8 acres.

DATED this 10th day of November 2022

COURT CLERK OF OKMULGEE COUNTY
 /S/: Deputy Clerk
 THE LUNDY LAW FIRM, P.L.L.C.
 Jerry D. Lundy OBA #16459

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 Attorneys for HAROLD G.

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