

Election results are in

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MANAGING EDITOR

The unofficial results of the June 30 Primary Election are in. The next days to vote will be the Runoff Primary and the General Election.

The Runoff Primary and special elections will be held Aug. 25. The last day to register to vote in that election is July 31. The deadline to request an absentee ballot for the runoff is 5 p.m., Aug. 18.

The General Election will be held Nov. 3. Oct. 9 is the last day to register to vote in that election and the deadline to request an absentee ballot is 5 p.m. Oct. 27.

In the November General Election – Democrat Clifford Glen Shatswell Jr. and Republican Monty Grider will face each other as they fight for the District No. 2 County Commissioner Seat.

Shatswell defeated Don Whisenhunt in the Primary, 425 votes to 224, and Jason Peters, who received 189 votes.

Grider did not have a Republican opponent and therefore was not in the Primary race.

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Pandemic changes precinct but not voter's perspective

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The new coronavirus has killed a tradition on Tiger Mountain but not the perspective spirit of some.

For almost 50 years voters in Precinct 460313 have gone to the home of Linda and Sonny Been



Marilyn Belyeu

(pronounced 'Bean') to cast their ballots.

The 173 registered voters in the precinct who choose to go to a polling place for the election will now have to go to the Tiger Mountain Fire Department, 109276 S 4030 Rd, so that's just what one Tiger Mountain voter did after all these years.

Marilyn Belyeu, 75, of Checotah can't remember a time when she didn't vote and for almost the last 50 years it has been at the home of Linda Been on Tiger Mountain - until that changed recently due to COVID-19.

Belyeu started voting when she was a senior in high school at Yukon

Public Schools.

"My dad was an Air Force captain who had flown in WWII so we grew up respecting leadership and learned patriotism at a very young age. We were just taught that voting was a privilege and your civil duty," Belyeu said. "We were raised in a Christian home and I can even remember having a prayer meeting to pray for guidance to choose the right person to represent us in office. The bible said pray for our leaders so we always did and we prayed to know which ones to put in office too."

The Belyeu family moved to the Pierce/Tiger Mountain area in

1970.

"We bought land at Pierce/Tiger Mountain in 1968 but didn't move from Yukon and build our home here until 1970-71. That's when the whole Belyeu family started voting at Been's home.

"Linda has always been so gracious and kind to us all. She shows so much hospitality and makes treats for the voters. Everyone always felt so special. Even all the ladies who helped her were so polite and informative. You never felt intimidated when you had to ask a question about anything. Even as times changed and we went from regular

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Ex Porum cop faces hearing on child sex abuse charges

Former Porum Assistant Police Chief David Kash, 49, pled not guilty to felony child sexual abuse at his arraignment in Muskogee County District Court on July 2.

His next court appearance was set for a disposition docket at 9 a.m. on Dec. 16.

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Indian Community announces officer election dates and times

Due to the current pandemic situation, the Checotah Indian Community (CIC) officer election filing dates are as follows: July 21, 22 and 23 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

The following board seats are open: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Vice-Secretary, Reporter and Treasurer.

Farmers Market is up and running

Checotah Farmers Market is up and running every Saturday. It is located in the parking lot on the northwest corner of Main and Gentry (in Martin's Meat Market parking lot) 8 a.m. until noon.

Vendor spaces can be paid for the morning of the market and are \$10.

For more information call 918-441-9005.



SHAUNA BELYEU | GENERAL MANAGER

John Hill, left, takes Millie Mount, 3, on a fishing trip, fulfilling a wish she had made. Accompanying her are her father, David, and mother, Courtney.

Child with cancer has wish fulfilled

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Three-year-old Amelia Joy Mount wished that she could go fishing with her family before she died.

Through the efforts of many compassionate people, that wish was fulfilled on Saturday, June 27 as she was taken out on a boat on Lake Eufaula near Porum Landing for an exciting afternoon.

Millie, as she is called, has only a short time to live – some say days or weeks, probably not much longer unless a miracle occurs.

In June, 2019 she was diagnosed

with stage four neuroblastoma, a rare and aggressive form of cancer that is usually found in children five years old or younger.

Millie lives in Byar, south of Shawnee, with her parents, David and Courtney Mount, and eight siblings.

Her parents have a Facebook site called Millie's Miracle.

In April they posted the message: "Millie has already endured six rounds of the front-line chemotherapy with which she had little response. In November 2019, she started a research medication DFMO in addition to tak-

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City Trash Off this weekend

The City Trash Off will be this Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 10 - 12.

Due to COVID-19, the City of Checotah wants to remind residents that they will be responsible for hauling and disposing of their own trash to the city maintenance barn located at 711 NW Main St.

There will be three roll off dumpsters, inside the gate to the right, with posted guidelines for what can and cannot be thrown away. Please place what can be thrown away inside of the dumpsters ac-

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Former school employee pleads guilty

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Jeremy Lewis Hayes, 29, a former Information Technology Specialist for Checotah schools, pled guilty on July 1 to multiple charges including sexual battery and preparation and distribution of obscene material.

He also was charged with computer fraud, furnishing an alcoholic beverage to a person under the age of 21 and concealing stolen property.

Associate District Judge Brendon Bridges sentenced Hayes to 10 years with the Depart-

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OKC cop arrested at Porum Landing

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An Oklahoma City Police officer was arrested in the Porum Landing area of Lake Eufaula on July 4 after an encounter with McIntosh County deputies.

Bradley Richard May, 31, a sergeant with the

OKC Police Department, has been charged with feloniously pointing a firearm, carrying a firearm while under the influence and obstructing officers.

The charges were filed Monday, July 6.

May pled not guilty at his arraignment and was

released after posting a \$25,000 bond.

Associate District Judge Brendon Bridges ordered May back to court at 9 a.m. on Aug. 4 for a pre-preliminary conference.

Officers with the OKC PD's Office of Internal Affairs reportedly were

interviewing May on Monday, shortly before his afternoon arraignment.

In a probable cause affidavit filed with the court clerk's office, McIntosh County Sheriff's Office Investigator Dalton Thomas said that he and



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Bradley May

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Eufaula school gets \$149,000 virus-related grant

The Eufaula school district has been awarded a \$149,000 Incentive Grant from state and federal sources to combat the impact of COVID-19.

"We will use the money for student devices, cleaning products, hot spots, cameras for teachers, masks, thermometers, signage and virtual instruction software," Superintendent Jeanette Smith said.

Smith said she applied for the grant earlier this year, after COVID-19 forced the school district to close its doors and to conduct distance classes.

The Eufaula share comes from a total of \$16 million in grant money apportioned among 150 school districts throughout the state.

Gov. Kevin Stitt and State Supt. of Public Instruction Joy Hofmeister made the announcement about the Incentive Grant awards last week.

They said the money is to "help mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 on student learning and ensure students are able to access learning opportunities in the new school year."

The Checotah school district applied for an Incentive Grant, but did not receive one. Superintendent Monte Madewell said they requested \$200,000 for tech support and software that they definitely needed. However, he doesn't know why they did not receive any money at all. He said the district did receive a 21st Century Grant earlier this year, which may have impacted the more recent grant application. Nevertheless, Madewell said, Checotah schools are working hard to get ready for the upcoming school year and staff are dedicated to giving students more choices due to the ongoing COVID-19 concerns.

The competitive grants consist of \$8 million from the Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE), set aside in the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund, and \$8 million from the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund.

Both ESSER and GEER are components of the federal Coronavirus, Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

Under the CARES Act, the OSDE funds must meet "emergency needs" of districts in response to COVID-19, while GEER dollars expended to schools must be to those "most significantly im-

acted by coronavirus."

A total of 360 districts applied for the Incentive Grants.

"Our districts indicated an urgent need for funds dedicated to connectivity and digital learning materials, and for good reason," said Hofmeister. "The pandemic has created a clarion call throughout the state and nation to bridge the digital divide. It is imperative that districts be equipped to take swift and decisive action to ensure all kids are learning amid a global pandemic, including in virtual or blended environments that best meet local context and the needs of families."

Gov. Stitt said the grants align with one of his priority initiatives.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has shown us the importance of digital transformation and the need for our students to have access to quality technology in order to enhance learning opportunities," Gov. Stitt said. "I appreciate the commitment of Supt. Hofmeister, OSDE and our local school districts as we continue to ensure these dollars are maximized to the benefit of our students and educators across the state."

Applications were reviewed and awarded within five categories based on student enrollment of up to 500; 501-1,000; 1,001-2,500; 2,501-7,500 and 7,501 and up.

Awards ranged from \$13,596 to \$500,000 and are available for districts to draw down through June 30, 2021.

"We are grateful to our federal delegation and Gov. Stitt for this funding to mitigate the significant impact COVID-19 has had on student learning," said Hofmeister. "It is critical that we continue to explore additional avenues of support for our students and schools."

ABUSE

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Kash was charged on Dec. 26, 2019, with two counts of sexual abuse of two children, ages 9 and 7, following an investiga-

tion by the OSBI.

According to court documents, Kash was interviewed by the OSBI on Dec. 20 and Dec. 23 and allegedly confessed to abusing the children multiple times beginning

in September, 2019.

The assaults reportedly took place at a residence in Porum, which is in Muskogee County.

Kash resigned from the Porum Police Department.

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according to the guidelines.

The gate will open at 8 a.m. and close at 11 a.m. or when the dumpsters are full.

The City of Checotah will not be sending any workers out for pick-up, so please do not put any trash out by the street.

To participate in the City Trash Off anyone dumping trash must have

a City of Checotah water bill to prove residency.

The City is truly sorry for any inconveniences but the safety of everyone is their biggest concern during this pandemic.

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Breazeale and Matt Youngblood, were sent to a Porum Landing residence concerning a possibly suicidal person who had been drinking and was armed with a gun.

When they arrived at the residence Renee and Michael Linville said May, who had been at the lake drinking, was in their home and had a gun.

Apparently May and the Linvilles' daughter had broken up and the officer was upset, according to the report.

Thomas stated that when he entered the mobile home he found May in a bedroom laying on a

blowup mattress with his hands behind his head.

"Bradley was not being cooperative and kept telling law enforcement to leave and shut the door," Thomas stated.

According to the report May got off the bed, revealing a handgun, and began moving toward officers.

"I deployed my X2 taser in an attempt to subdue Bradley. The taser was unsuccessful. Bradley continued toward law enforcement with his handgun pointed in our direction," Thomas said. "Law enforcement quickly backed away from the hallway at which time Bradley shut the bedroom door."

Thomas called for backup and as the deputies waited for more offi-

cers May was seen leaving the residence and running into the Tanglewood housing addition wearing only black shorts.

"Deputy Matt Youngblood, (OHP) Trooper Christopher Reeves and I began giving chase on foot after the subject. I lost visual of the subject and was later advised that he ran across the street to the Big Bass trailer park," Thomas said.

Law enforcement searched the area and found May walking down Texanna Road near new and old Texanna, according to Thomas.

May was arrested carrying a black Smith & Wesson M&P shield 9 MM handgun.

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ing chemo and immunotherapy every 22 days. She is currently (April 2020) on round 8 of this protocol. Her response is slow and not what the doctors would like to see, but she is still responding in our eyes. Millie has many more months...or even years of treatments ahead."

In June, they posted the message:

"We were told there is nothing more that can be done to heal Millie. She is home on hospice as we cherish every moment.

"While we don't know what the future holds for Millie or our family, we do know the one who does. We are trusting, along with a multitude of people for a miracle."

Word reached Jayson Asher of Yukon that the dying girl would like to go fishing with her family.

Asher and his wife, Niki, head a volunteer organization called The Mack Impact (website: themackimpact.com).

They founded the organization after their own daughter, Mackenzie, died of cancer.

"We're a little like Make-A-Wish Foundation, but we do a lot of local stuff that we can do on the fly," Jayson Asher said. "We provide experiences for children in Oklahoma.

Basically, we do any kind of event - anything they want so long as it's in Oklahoma and there is a cancer diagnosis."

When he learned that Millie wanted to go fishing, The Mack Impact went to work.

"We picked Lake Eufaula," Asher said. "We knew a couple of guys, semi-pro fishermen, and called them. They jumped all over it."

Six boats were lined up for the event.

The Eufaula Area Chamber of Commerce was contacted to seek their help in fulfilling Millie's wish.

"They were outstanding," Ashe said. "They got a bunch of people to cheer Millie on."

The Porum Landing Fire Department learned about the event and joined in.

"Fire Chief Daniel LeFlore and fireman Wayne Edgemon were instrumental in getting the depart-

ment involved," said Heather Wilborn, president of the department's association.

Wilborn said two fire trucks were used to escort Millie and her group to the Duchess Landing area, where the boats were located.

"It was wonderful. We were very humbled to do it," Wilborn said.

About 30 people showed up to wish Millie well.

Millie was excited.

She was on the water from about 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., but toward the end became tired and fell asleep for about an hour because of her medication.

Millie didn't catch any fish that evening, but she was happy for those who did, Asher said.

"She had a couple of nibbles, but she got a kick out of seeing others catch a couple of fish. She had a great time. It just really reminds you of how amazing kids in the most terrible situation can be so giving. That's the kind of person she is. Very giving," Asher said.

Courtney Mount posted a message about the day on the Millie's Miracle Facebook page.

"As we pulled up we were greeted by boats, cars and tons of friendly faces, all waving and cheering for sweet Millie.

"We split up onto the different boats in groups of 2-3 and off we went. The lake was super windy and pretty warm the first hour or two. We cast and cast but the fish weren't biting...Millie got pretty hot and decided she was going home. We let her hang her feet in the water to cool off. After that she climbed down in the floor of the boat for a good long nap.

"We moved to a different area and all of a sudden the fish took off jumping and biting. Millie looked at the fish the guys caught but decided she was too tired to fish herself. All in all, she had a great time."

The fishing trip wasn't the end of the day for Millie.

Afterward, the group went to Firehouse Pizza in Porum.

"They graciously fed all 11 of us their yummy pizzas," Courtney Mount said on her Facebook page.

"They even had gluten free pizza for daddy who was celebrating his birthday that day.

"We met so many wonderful people with a heart to bless our girl. Thank you."

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ballots to placing them in the machine to count, they just helped walk you through the process and made you feel at ease."

So of course, in true Linda Been style, the new poling station at Tiger Mountain Fire Department wasn't difficult to navigate, especially with Been leading the way with a smile.

The voting area was set up a bit differently with everything and everyone as they navigated to maintain as much social distancing as possible since we are still in a pandemic.

Belyeu said she knew she would still vote no matter what because she refuses to live in fear and she was raised to believe that every vote counted.

"I just knew I needed to be careful, so I wore my mask and gloves while voting. Linda pulled me off to the side and took

my picture like she always does. I took my mask down for those few seconds then back on it went. The biggest thing I missed this time was one of Linda's big ol' hugs but we hugged in our hearts."

"I will always cherish the memories of going to Linda's home to vote. Especially when my husband, Gerald Belyeu, was alive because he always worked off in different counties for the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation. So he would come flying in and often be the

last person to vote for the night. But there would be Linda holding his ballot and a pen waiting on him because she knew he was coming.

"When I lost my husband, Linda was one of the first people who called me to encourage me and tell me that she was praying for me and my family. I think that's pretty special, when we have the freedom to vote in a nice place and when you gain a lifelong friend from doing so."

COMMUNITY

Aerospace firm to move to OKC

Governor Kevin Stitt and executives from Skydweller Aero Inc. last week announced the establishment of the Skydweller's headquarters and engineering operations in Oklahoma City and testing and integration in Ardmore.

Skydweller is a U.S.-Spanish aerospace company developing renewably powered aircraft for defense and commercial industries.

The company plans to increase operations to 120 aerospace engineering and field technician jobs in Oklahoma by 2024.

"It has been my pleasure to work closely with the leadership team at Skydweller and I am thrilled they have decided to locate their new headquarters in Oklahoma. Our state's commitment to aviation and aerospace makes Oklahoma City an ideal choice for a cutting-edge company with a commitment to advancing the industry. At a time when job creation and economic

growth are so vital, we are excited that Skydweller will be hiring our bright engineers and helping to enrich our state's economy," Stitt said.

Founded in 2017, Skydweller recently closed a Series A funding round in September 2019.

The company currently has offices in the Washington, D.C. area, Madrid and Valdepeñas, Spain. This rapidly growing multi-national startup will be recruiting top-tier aerospace and software engineering talent to further the development and deployment of their ultra-persistent, unmanned aircraft in both locations over the coming years.

"Skydweller was founded to develop ultra-persistent aircraft to enable the next generation of connectivity and global insights," said CEO Dr. Robert Miller. "We are honored to be moving our corporate headquarters to Oklahoma, following in the footsteps of Oklahoma aviation titans like Wiley Post.

Oklahoma's inspired and dedicated engineering talent will help make our vision a reality."

With a commitment to STEM education and ongoing civic engagement, Skydweller will partner with local educational and state and federal research institutions, to further Oklahoma's legacy of aviation and aerospace innovation. Skydweller also plans to expand their operations within the state, building a manufacturing plant and flight test facilities in Ardmore.

"Bringing Skydweller's headquarters and engineering operations to our state is a very exciting development, especially during these difficult economic times," said Sean Kouplen, Oklahoma Secretary of Commerce & Workforce Development. "I look forward to watching them become a key player in our state's impressive aerospace sector."

About Skydweller Aero, Inc. Skydweller is a US-Spanish aero-

space company developing renewably powered aircraft solutions capable of achieving perpetual flight with heavy, powerful payload capacity. Utilizing technology based upon the longest continuous renewably powered flight program in history, this fast-growing startup is developing a new class of unmanned aircraft, providing the persistence of geosynchronous satellites with the powerful sensing capabilities and range of a large, airborne platform.

With a flexible payload system, including: communications relay, 4G/5G cellular, day/night full motion video, satellite communication, imaging radar, and more, Skydweller will enhance commercial and government telecommunication, geospatial, meteorological and emergency operation efforts around the world, allowing customers to operate persistently in more challenging areas for longer durations, while reducing environmental impact.

Oklahoma Native selected as Virginia-class Submarine sponsor

LT. ASHLEY NEKOUJ

The Secretary of the Navy Kenneth J. Braithwaite announced Mary "Molly" Slavonic as the sponsor for the next Virginia-class Nuclear Fast Attack Submarine USS Oklahoma (SSN 802) June 16.

"I am extremely pleased you will be the sponsor, as you epitomize the spirit of the great state of Oklahoma," said Braithwaite.

Slavonic has a long history of civic support to both her native state of Oklahoma and to the Navy. She worked alongside her husband, acting Under Secretary of the Navy Greg Slavonic, in building the USS Oklahoma (BB-37) Memorial in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, to honor the 429 Sailors who perished aboard the ship December 7, 1941.

"Your special relationship with USS Oklahoma, her Sailors, and so many of the Greatest Gener-



Mary Slavonic

ation will ensure their memory lives on," said Braithwaite. "Their selfless sacrifice will forever inspire the future SSN 802, her crew, and our nation."

A central figure in a ship's life is the sponsor. Chosen by the Secretary of the Navy, a ship's sponsor is typically selected for her relationship to the namesake or to the ship's current mission. It is said, the sponsor's spirit and presence will guide the ship throughout its service life. The sponsor will



USS Oklahoma poster

COURTESY PHOTO

participate in many of the ship's milestones including bestowing the ship's name during the christening ceremony.

Slavonic's family has a tenured history in Oklahoma; her maternal great-grandfather participated in the land run

to open the Territory and her maternal grandmother made the 1910 Oklahoma to California road trip on what would

be Route 66. She enjoys sharing these stories and discussing Oklahoma's history and heritage with her children and grandchildren.

Slavonic attended grade school and high school in Oklahoma City, graduating from Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School. She also attended the University of Central Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University and was a small business owner for many years.

"It's an honor and privilege to be selected as a ship's sponsor and I am overjoyed at the opportunity to be connected to the future USS Oklahoma," said Slavonic. "I look forward to building relationships with the crews of this ship and bearing witness to the great work they do in support of the Fleet while sharing my affinity for the great state of Oklahoma."

ELECTION

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In the District 15 State Representative race, incumbent Rep. Randy Randleman defeated Republican Angie Brinlee by a district wide vote of 2,589 to 944.

State Representative for District 15, which covers McIntosh, Haskell, LeFlore, Sequoyah and parts of Muskogee County

In McIntosh County, Randleman came out ahead, 396 to 104.

Incumbent District 18 State Rep. David Smith, a Republican, had no difficulty being re-elected for a second term. His district covers McIntosh and Pittsburg counties. In McIntosh County he received 374 votes (63.39 percent) to Republican challengers Brenda Angel's 121 (20.51 percent) and Brecken Wagner's 95 (16.1 percent).

In the combined counties, Smith received 1,733 votes (61.56 percent) to Angel's 659 (23.41 percent) and Wagner's 423 (15.03 percent).

State Question No. 802, which would expand Medicaid coverage in Oklahoma, narrowly failed in McIntosh County on June 30 but narrowly passed statewide.

McIntosh County voters opposed the Question by 52.76 percent - with 1,959 in favor and 2,188

against.

Statewide, 50.67 percent of the voters were in favor, 49.33 percent against. There were 277,118 yes votes to 269,837 no votes.

The closest race in the county was for the office of County Clerk, in which all three candidates were Democrats.

Incumbent Ronda Gail Prince lost with a total of 804 votes (30.96 percent). Neither challenger Deena Farrow nor Jennifer Bal-

lard garnered 50 percent of the vote and therefore will face each other in the runoff primary election on August 25. Farrow received 984 votes (37.89 percent) while Ballard received 809 votes (31.15 percent).

Incumbent Court Clerk Lisa Rodebush, a Democrat, won her bid for re-election to a second term, collecting 1,638 votes (62.65 percent) to challenger Kim Burnett Metcalf's 976 (37.34 percent). Metcalf is also a Democrat.

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REAL ID now available

The Department of Public Safety began issuing REAL ID to the public on Monday, June 29 at select locations.

Citizens can get a REAL ID at the main DPS location in Oklahoma City at 3600 N. Martin Luther King Ave. as well as the Edmond DPS location at 28 East Main St.

Also on June 29, crews began installing the new equipment at two Edmond tag agencies and citizens were able to get a REAL ID at those locations by mid-morning. Those are Edmond Tag Agency at 2 West First St., and Broadway Tag Agency at 3900 South Broadway.

On Tuesday, June 30, the equipment was installed at two additional Edmond tag agencies: Santa Fe Tag Agency at 338 South Santa Fe Ave. and Woodcrest Tag Agency at 14700 South Coltrane Road.

Oklahomans can make an appointment to visit a DPS location by going to ok.gov/dps and clicking on the Online Services. If all appointments are booked, the locations are accepting walk-ins. Please remember that masks are still required inside the facilities as well as limiting the number of people inside to allow for social distancing.

There could be long lines so the agency is encouraging anyone

whose license is not expiring soon to wait before coming in to get a REAL ID.

It is also important to remember that DPS is moving to central issuance with REAL ID. That means you will walk out of the office with a temporary, paper driver license. The actual REAL ID will come in the mail 7-10 business days later.

The Edmond locations were brought on as part of phase two of the pilot testing program for REAL ID. Phase two will last two weeks and then the production of REAL ID will begin spreading to additional locations across the state. The next location to receive the new equipment will be the DPS location in south Oklahoma City at 728 East Interstate 240 Service Road along with several surrounding tag agencies. REAL ID will then go from there to Tulsa locations.

Citizens can visit realid.ok.gov for complete REAL ID information including whether you need a REAL ID.

If you determine you do want a REAL ID, there is a checklist on the website to help get all the documents in order that you will need to obtain the REAL ID.

Citizens must have proof of identity (like a passport or certified birth certificate), proof of social

security (like a social security card or W2) and two proofs of residency (like a mortgage or lease agreement or utility bill.)

Anyone, who has had a name change for reasons like marriage, divorce or adoption will need to bring in proof of that name change. The checklist contains a complete list of acceptable documents. There are also links to obtain copies of your birth certificate or social security card if you don't already have those.

The website also contains an interactive map showing participating locations issuing REAL ID. That portion of the website will be updated as new locations come online.

The goal is to have all DPS facilities and participating tag agents across the state issuing REAL ID by the end of October.

The Department of Homeland Security pushed back the federal deadline for REAL ID in response to the COVID-19 pandemic from October 1, 2020 to October 1, 2021. This means Oklahomans can continue to use their current Oklahoma Driver license to board an airplane to fly domestically or enter federal facilities until October of next year.

Oklahoma Press Association names new president

Mike Strain, managing editor of the Tulsa World, is the new president of the Oklahoma Press Association.

Strain was elected on June 18 at the annual business meeting held at the OPA office in Oklahoma City. He will serve a one-year term beginning July 1.

Other officers elected were John Denny Montgomery, co-publisher of The Purcell Register, as vice-president; and Jeff Mayo, publisher of the Sequoyah County Times, as treasurer.

In addition to the McIntosh County Democrat and Sequoyah County Times, Mayo is the publisher of sister-newspapers The Eufaula Indian Journal, Eastern Times-Register, Vian Tenkiller News, Okmulgee Times and Henryetta Free-Lance.

Suzie Campbell, publisher of the Countywide & Sun in Tecumseh, was elected to a three-year term as director. Don Mecoy, managing editor of The Oklahoman, was re-elected to a three-term as director, and Ray Dyer, co-publisher of the El Reno Tribune, will serve a one-year term as past president.

Other members of the 2020-2021 OPA board are Shauna Belyeu, general manager of The Eufaula Indian Journal and McIntosh County Democrat; Mark Millis, The Norman Transcript; Zonelle Rainbolt, Wesner Publications and Sheila Gay, Woodward News.

Strain has lived most of his life in Oklahoma. He graduated from Bray-Doyle High School Marlow in 1985, and from the University of Oklahoma in 1989.

His first newspaper job was at the Shawnee News Star as a part-time sports writer. Strain joined The Oklahoman's staff in 1990 and spent nearly 15 years in various roles there. He joined the Tulsa World staff in 2005 as sports editor, became news editor in 2011 and managing editor in 2014.

"It's an honor to be named president and especially at such a crucial time in our history," said Strain. "I know the pandemic has wreaked havoc and many communities and papers have been hit hard. I want everyone to know the OPA board and its staff



Mike Strain

is committed to helping our members through this time with a goal to come out stronger on the other side. In the coming months, we will be contacting members in an effort to identify the best services we can provide.

"With all the half-truths and misinformation on social media and the internet, our papers and websites play an even more important role. We're the ones our communities trust to let them know what's happening. I believe our role today is more vital than at any time in my 30 years in the business."

Strain said he still remembers The Duncan Banner being delivered to the farm where he grew up.

"I was always a sports fan and more than 40 years later, I remember the thrill of seeing my picture in the paper or reading about people I knew," he said.

However, the Banner wasn't his family's only news source.

"My grandfather lived in Pennsylvania, and he would regularly send us an envelope so stuffed full of newspaper clippings that it was nearly bursting. It wasn't as fast as getting news from the internet but a lot more exciting," said Strain.

He still remembers the smell of the newsprint in the newsroom from his first job at the Shawnee News-Star.

"I remember how much fun it was working with Fred Fehr, Brian Johnson and Mike McCormick," Strain said. "More than 30 years later, it's safe to say I was hooked."

Strain has received numerous awards for his blog, feature writing and news coverage. He has also been a speaker at Oklahoma Press Association and National Newspaper Association events.

Strain and his wife Kay live in Claremore and have two adult sons.

June rains falter as drought surges

GARY MCMANUS
STATE CLIMATOLOGIST

Largely deprived of its primary rainy season, Oklahoma saw drought surge across the state during June.

A mid-month bout with showers and storms managed to stem the flash drought's intensification and spread with beneficial rains across northwestern Oklahoma. The respite was brief, however.

Dry weather and intense heat returned by the end of the month and drought was again on the move to the south and east.

Contained wholly within the western half of the state at the end of May, drought had progressed to the state's eastern border by the end of June. Drought coverage leapt from 14% of the state to 43% over that same period according to the U.S. Drought Monitor.

That was the highest coverage of drought Oklahoma had seen since Aug. 14, 2018. Much of the western Panhandle was covered by extreme drought, and exceptional drought bled down from Kansas and Colorado into far northern Cimarron and Texas counties.

The Drought Monitor's intensity scale slides from moderate-severe-extreme-exceptional, with exceptional being the worst classification.

Normally the wettest part of the year in Oklahoma, the mid-May through mid-June period was dominated by a large dome of high pressure over the Southern Plains that limited chances for significant moisture.

The mid-month storm system managed to partially salvage the primary spring rainy season for Oklahoma, but significant deficits remained following its exit. According to preliminary data from the Oklahoma Mesonet, the statewide average rainfall total was 1.97 inches, 2.55 inches below normal and ranked as the 15th driest June since records began in 1895.

Most of the state ended with deficits of 1-3 inches, with the lowest totals being reported across eastern Oklahoma.

Deficits there reached 5 inches in some locations and amounted to less than 10 percent of their normal June rainfall.

The Mesonet site at Walters led the reports with 6.32 inches, one of only four Mesonet stations out of 120 to receive at least 5 inches of rain. Sixty-seven sites recorded less than 2 inches for the month.

Tulsa had the state's lowest total at 0.11 inches, its

driest June since local records began in 1893. The January-June precipitation total of 20.1 inches was 1.07 inches above normal to rank as the 33rd wettest on record, but rainfall varied wildly from one region to the next.

Deficits across the northwestern half of the state ranged from 2-6 inches while the southeastern half saw surpluses balloon to nearly 17 inches above normal.

June's weather was scorching hot during the first half of the month, and ended much the same. Sandwiched in between was a 10-day period of pleasantly cooler than normal weather, a fringe benefit of the mid-month storm system that brought moisture to the state.

Altogether, the statewide average of 78.5 degrees was 2 degrees above normal to rank as the 32nd warmest June on record. The top reading in the state was 109 degrees at Altus and Erick on June 30, and the lowest was a chilly 40 degrees from both Eva and Kenton on June 10.

The mid-month moisture made for sultry conditions when the heat returned to end the month. The heat index soared as high as 113 degrees at several locations on June 30. The Mesonet's 120 stations reported a heat index of at least 105 degrees 191 times during the month.

The warm June continued a pattern for 2020. The January-June statewide average of 57.2 degrees was 1.5 degrees above normal to rank as the 16th warmest such period on record.

Drought development across the remainder of Oklahoma - save for the southeast quarter - is considered "likely" according to the Climate Prediction Center's (CPC) drought outlook for July.

The existing drought across the northwestern third of the state is expected to persist and possibly intensify. CPC's negative stance is a result of equally unpleasant July outlooks for precipitation and temperature that indicate increased odds for above normal temperatures and below normal precipitation across Oklahoma.

The odds for below normal precipitation are enhanced across much of western and central Oklahoma.

Oklahoma centenarians celebrating July birthdays

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Bernice Walker	102	Muskogee	Della Barnett	102	Beaver
Viola McMahan	101	Washington	Ernesteen Masters	104	Hollis
Lorene Richison	102	Osage	Maggie Barnes	107	Tulsa
Hazel Briant	101	Creek			
Imo McLean	103	Custer			
Doug Zook, Sr.	101	Tulsa			
Flora McKee	103	Pittsburg			
Mary Yoder	101	Mayer			
Johnie Rounds	103	Beckham			
Olinda Berry	101	Oklahoma			
Georgia Santin	103	Lincoln			
Helen Mann	102	Marshall			

If you know an Oklahoma Citizen 100 years of age or older and would like to honor them (at no cost) with a biography, an award certificate and a Golden Okie Pin contact Gloria Helmuth at 918-510-0150 or centenariansok.com or Centenarians of Oklahoma on Facebook.

Due to Covid-19 all awards will be made by mail.

SENIOR CENTER MENU

July 13-17

- Monday, July 13:** Beef tips with gravy; steamed rice; mixed vegetables; wheat roll; fresh fruit; milk
- Tuesday, July 14:** Smothered chicken; seasoned mashed potatoes; seasoned peas; wheat roll; stewed apples; milk
- Wednesday, July 15:** Pinto beans with ham; macaroni & cheese; seasoned cabbage; wheat bread; pineapple cubes; milk
- Thursday, July 16:** Baked ziti & meat sauce; Italian vegetables; wheat roll; assorted cookies; fresh fruit; milk
- Friday, July 17:** Fried fish; candied sweet potatoes; buttered spinach; wheat roll; fruit; milk

COMMUNITY

Unemployment agency catching up with jobless claims deluge, but many Oklahomans still suffering

BREANNA MITCHELL

GAYLORD NEWS

For hundreds of thousands of Oklahomans, applying for unemployment benefits after losing their jobs due to COVID-19 has meant being trapped in a nightmare of crashing web pages, hours-long hold times and promised calls back that never arrive.

And that may not end soon. Oklahomans are still filing more initial and continuing claims than the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission can process.

A total of more than 258,000 Oklahomans filed initial and continuing unemployment claims the week of June 6 - 13. But the employment commission only processed approximately 177,000 claims during the comparable seven-day period, June 10 - 17.

"When I call, I'm on hold for hours. Nobody ever picks up," certified nursing assistant Yolanda Kees said. "Rent, bills, car payment, I'm behind on everything."

After making an initial unemployment claim, the claimant must continue to file each week they are without employment, but for many, multiple weeks have been filed without benefits received, causing several weeks of back pay to add up.

The employment commission says it has increased the number of claims it processes each week, but many claimants have still seen no sign of their benefits or the \$600 additional per month promised by Congress.

"Despite these promising numbers, I see the line in front of our Will Rogers Building every day," Zumwalt said. "We are working tirelessly to create solutions to help Oklahomans get the help they need."

The agency has been struggling to catch up with the nearly 675,000 initial unemployment claims filed since March 24 when Gov. Stitt declared a state of emergency. On Thursday, the U.S. Department of Labor reported 84,779 new claims were filed the week ending June 13.

"So many applications versus people to work them,"

said Steven Harpe, the director of Office of Management and Enterprise Services, summarizing one of employment commission's greatest challenges.

Harpe's office stepped in to help after the former commission executive director Robin Roberson sought help to deal with the deluge. Roberson resigned on May 22, after less than four months on the job.

Shelley Zumwalt, who previously served as chief innovation officer for Harpe's office, was named the employment commission's interim executive director five days later.

Harpe's agency, which took over the employment commission's technology systems the day Roberson resigned, built a new and more user friendly website that went on line on Thursday, because the original site, which used a mainframe from the 1970s, had a tendency to crash.

"The technology lift is significant for this agency," Zumwalt said.

Although the increase in people answering phones allowed calls from claimants to be answered more quickly, only a fraction of the people answering calls were employment commission employees skilled enough to process claims.

"The institutional knowledge that employees at OESC have, it's pretty invaluable," Zumwalt said referring to the employment commission staffers. "We have some very skilled employees that are in high demand right now."

As a result, throughout May when claimants called, many were told their claim issues were being escalated to tier two personnel who would call them back and offer assistance. Often, those calls were not returned for several months, if at all.

"I lost my job April 17, and I called every Monday and Friday," former Midfirst Bank employee, Billy Stephenson, said. "They told me I needed to talk to a tier two person. Eight weeks later, I'm still waiting for the call."

Zumwalt abandoned Roberson's tier system, and instead adopted a new strategy to get claimants immediate help.

"First-call resolution is our big push right now, so that people aren't put into that cycle of, 'Someone will call you back,'" Zumwalt said.

To achieve more resolutions on each claimant's first call, Zumwalt placed more employees with substantial claim processing skills on call center shifts.

But Zumwalt said those calls tend to take longer, increasing the hold times for claimants.

In the month of April, prior to the first-call resolution approach, \$413,448,922 in claims was processed, but within the first half of June, approximately \$429,000,000 was made in payouts.

"We're solving more problems," Zumwalt said. "The sacrifices you make are sometimes people are on hold longer."

Although a number of challenges facing the employment security commission have been addressed and well over \$1 billion paid out in benefits, Harpe said as each problem is solved, a new one presents itself.

It's very much like you're in the middle of a war," Harpe said. "While you're in the middle of it, you keep getting grenades or rockets launched into your compound, which causes you to continue to scramble."

Because filing for unemployment includes multiple steps, claimants can run into problems at any point in the process, from their initial claim being rejected to the debit card containing their benefits never arriving.

"I've been waiting so long for my debit card," Kees said. "It's frustrating knowing that you have money, because I've been approved, but I can't do anything without the debit card."

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Cattlemen's educational series provides unique learning opportunities

In partnership with the National Corn Growers Association, the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association (OCA) is providing a series of three unique learning opportunities during the upcoming 68th Annual Oklahoma Cattlemen's Convention and Trade Show on July 24 and 25 in Tulsa.

Named the Cattlemen's Educational Series, the three sessions feature timely, tangible topics for discussion during these interactive, educational opportunities for cattlemen. "The educational element of OCA Convention is invaluable. I learn by listening to the speakers and then have the opportunity to further discuss the topic with fellow cattlemen during evening socials or throughout the halls of the trade show," said Mike Weeks, OCA President.

Session 1 is titled, "Beef on the Plate . . . How does it get there?" The session features speaker, Sara Scott, Vice President of foodservice for the Certified Angus Beef® brand. The session will expand upon the many steps and individuals it takes after fabrication to get beef in front of the consumer. This session is presented by Multimin USA.

Session 2 is titled, "Secure Beef Supply." The session features Dr. Rosslyn Biggs, Director of Continuing Education for the College of Veterinary Medicine and Beef Cattle Specialist for Oklahoma Cooperative Extension along with Callahan Grund, Executive Director for U.S. CattleTrace. The session will focus on traceability and the benefits and challenges it brings. This session is presented by Xcel Feedyard.

The third and final session of the Cattlemen's Educational Series is the, "Cattle Market Outlook". Dr. Derrell Peel, nationally renowned agricultural economist. He serves as the Extension Livestock Marketing Specialist at Oklahoma State University. Dr. Peel uses market research, and economic projections to provide an estimate of future cattle markets. This session is presented by ADM Nutrition.

The 68th Annual OCA Convention and Trade Show is a two-day, family friendly event. The convention is scheduled for July 24 and 25 at the Marriot Tulsa Southern Hills Hotel in Tulsa.

To view an agenda and register, visit okcattlemen.org/oca-annual-convention-and-trade-show.

Arvest Bank among 'Worlds Best' again in 2020

Arvest Bank has been recognized by Forbes magazine as one of the "World's Best Banks" for 2020. This marks the second consecutive year it has received the honor, which is based on customer feedback.

Forbes produced its "World's Best Banks" list in collaboration with analytics firm Statista. The list is based on an independent survey from a sample of more than 40,000 bank customers across the world.

Arvest ranked among the top 10 on the list of U.S. banks. The full list and an accompanying article can be found on the Forbes website.

"It is always rewarding to receive recognition based on customer feedback because our customers are the ones we are here to serve," said Kirk Hays, president for Arvest in Tulsa. "We trust that all our customers know we are more committed than ever to providing the solutions they need, especially during such an un-

common time. I also want to thank our associates for the roles they play and the commitment they continue to show every day as we prepare to resume some sense of normalcy in the coming weeks and months."

All financial institutions offering a checking and/or savings account were considered, and survey participants were asked to identify all banks where they have opened checking or savings accounts. Participants then rated those institutions on five criteria: trust, terms & conditions, customer services, digital services, and financial advice.

This honor is the first Arvest has received from Forbes in 2020. In addition to being part of last year's "World's Best Banks" list, Forbes named Arvest one of "America's Best Large Employers" in both 2017 and 2018, as well as one of "America's Best Employers for Women" in 2018.

DEATH NOTICES

CHECOTAH - Loretta Dunegan, 89, went home to her Lord and Savior on Tuesday, June 30, 2020 in Checotah, OK. A memorial service was held on Thursday, July 2, 2020 at the First Free Will Baptist Church under Garrett Family Funeral Home and Cremation Service.

EUFULA - Douglas Darnell Porter, 71, passed away on Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at his home in Tulsa, Oklahoma. A memorial service and final rites will be held at the Veterans Cemetery in Riverside, California.



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OPINIONS

Forbidden Food

LaDonna's
LAST WORD
by LaDonna Rhodes



Forbidden food? Just putting those two words together seems silly right? I mean what food should be forbidden or off limits?

Yet from the beginning of mankind in the Garden of Eden, God told Adam and Eve that they could eat from any tree in the garden except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. But Eve was enticed by the serpent and in Genesis 3:6, "she saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her. And he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves."

It's amazing how their eyes were open to their sin and suddenly they saw each other's faults and instead of trying to help each other they both tried to cover their own nakedness up.

I've heard preachers say that this was the first sin of disobedience but I also see another sin, the sin of selfishness.

Isn't it funny how quickly each one blamed someone else too. God asked Adam who said he was naked and did he eat from the tree of knowledge?

Adam pushes off his blame and instead blames God and his wife saying, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate."

Eve in turn blamed the serpent.

No one wants to take any responsibility, and God ushers them out of the garden to the life we know today.

Hmmm-kind of sounds like the world today doesn't it?

No one wants to take responsibility, just wanting to take sides and blame the other person. Everyone is always pointing fingers and trying to shift the blame.

Today I believe forbidden fruit is still being consumed just on a much larger scale.

Marriages and families are being attacked by the enemy. Lies are being chewed and swallowed, and homes are being wrecked and destroyed.

But what if God was really giving Adam and Eve the chance to come clean?

What if Adam would've been repentive instead of

reactive?

Would he have received mercy and grace and gotten to stay in the garden if he would've just asked for forgiveness?

I believe so.

I heard a lady preacher last week that said something that I have never heard before.

She said that God pushed or drove them out like a mother hen that gathers her chicks under her for protection and moves them out of harm's way and towards their destiny.

I had never thought of God's act of driving them out of the Garden of Eden as loving until last Sunday.

God knew they couldn't stay in their past, in their guilt or in their shame.

He knew that the only way that they were going to find their way back to Him was by pushing them out of the nest and into their destiny.

So He drove them out.

Wow what an amazing and loving Father God we have!

Stop being angry because you were driven out. Realize that He did it for your good. Be repentant instead of reactive and get to your destination.

Thankful for freedom on Independence Day



MULLIN IT OVER
by U.S. Representative
Markwayne Mullin

The 4th of July is always a big celebration for Americans. It's a day filled with fireworks, barbecues, parades, and more. Have you ever stopped to think about what had to happen in order for us to celebrate on this holiday?

On Independence Day, we celebrate the day our Founding Fathers daringly took steps of defiance to separate the col-

onies from the British monarchy and tyrannical government. They had a vision of a nation governed by the people, for the people.

They wrote in the Declaration of Independence: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable

Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." Our Founding Fathers established the basis of our entire democracy in one document that continues to shape our country's ideals and serves as a template for emerging democracies throughout the world.

Their idea of self-governance was seen as unimaginable at the time and many thought they would fail. Nevertheless, our Founding Fathers and our nation's earliest patriots risked their own lives and their families'

in order to publicly declare and fight for their independence from the world's strongest empire. They knew freedom would always triumph over tyranny.

244 years later, we continue to gain inspiration from those patriots and reap the rewards of their strength and sacrifice. Can you imagine what our country would look like today if they hadn't taken that leap of faith? We certainly would not be the symbol of freedom we are today.

Even though this Independence Day may look

different from years past, we should still celebrate their bravery. I hope you took time last weekend to give thanks for the freedoms you have because of our Founding Fathers and those who continue to sacrifice so much to ensure each of our right to Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

Want to stay up-to-date on what I'm doing in Oklahoma and Washington on your behalf? Sign up for my newsletter by visiting Mullin.house.gov.

Displaced dispensaries searching for new homes

BREANNA MITCHELL
GAYLORD NEWS

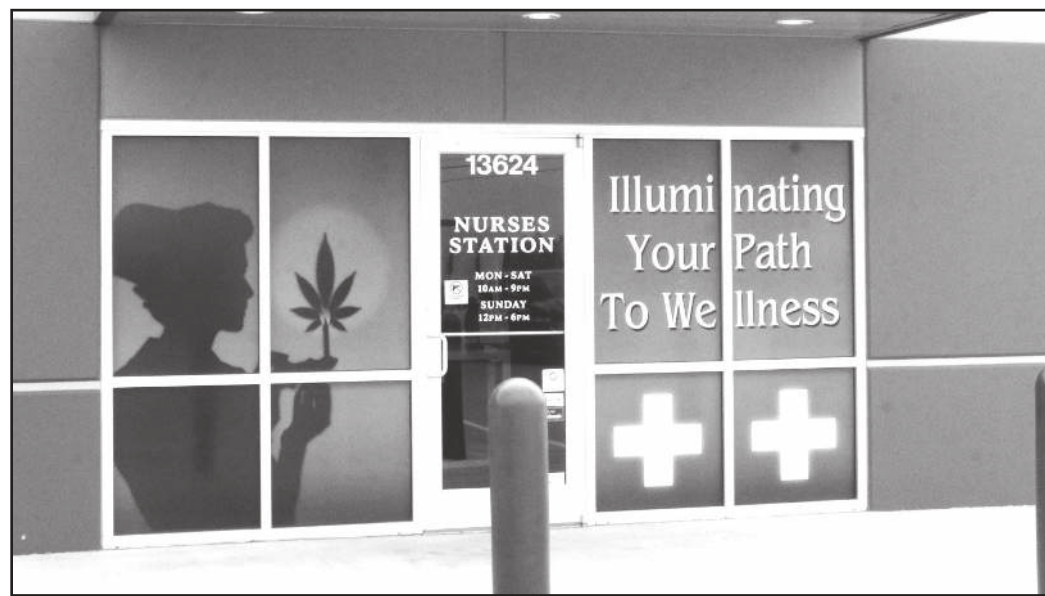
Many Oklahoma cannabis dispensaries are being uprooted from their locations with little warning after a Dallas-based company decided to not renew leases with any medical marijuana related businesses.

For decades, ownership of more than 100 Oklahoma 7-Eleven convenience stores, that leased space to neighboring retail properties and about 80 dispensaries, belonged to the Brown family from Oklahoma City. That began changing in February when then-president and CEO Jim Brown, sold the family-owned franchise to 7-Eleven Inc. in Dallas.

Immediately after the change in ownership, businesses leasing retail spaces from 7-Eleven Inc. were assured by the company's property manager in an email that business would continue as usual. This would not remain the case for tenants in the cannabis industry.

"In January when the initial buyout started taking place, we were all sent emails saying it was probably not going to affect us," Christian Oliver, owner of Gayle's Dispensary, a dispensary located in Northwest Oklahoma City, said. "It was leading us to believe that most likely nothing is going to change."

Oliver said he called 7-Eleven property manager Kristi Adams in February to check in and was told she saw no reason



COURTESY PHOTO

Nurses Station, a dispensary located at 13624 N Rockwell Ave in Oklahoma City, must vacate its building by the end of September after 7-Eleven Inc. decided not to

renew leases with any tenants in the medical marijuana industry.

for anything to change, as he had been "a perfect tenant."

But in mid-June, dispensaries began hearing their leases would not be renewed. Tenants who signed their leases in late 2019 before the buyout have nearly a year to move out and find a new location.

Other tenants were given a month or a mere few weeks.

Oliver's lease ended in May, therefore going into a month-to-month leasing status at the start of June. Even in a month-to-month agreement, Oklahoma law dictates that tenants are to receive warning one full month before having to vacate the space.

Instead, on June 16, Oliver heard rumors from other dispensary owners that leases were not being renewed. He then heard

official word from Adams on June 19 that his dispensary would need to be off the property by the end of the month.

"I asked her if she would initiate some kind of dialogue between us and corporate, and she was very adamant that it wasn't going to happen," Oliver said. "She was very adamant they were never going to change their mind and all decisions were final."

Along with JKC Processing, a cannabis processor in Yukon, Oklahoma, and Nurses Station, a dispensary in Northwest Oklahoma City, Oliver sought help from Bethany law attorney, Chris Cotner, who bypassed Adams to speak to 7-Eleven Inc. and got the three businesses an extension until the end of September.

"It took me six weeks to secure a lease the first

time, so to imagine trying to do that in 10 days is mind boggling," Oliver said.

Finding a retail spot to rent is more challenging in the cannabis business than other retail industries.

"Nine times out of ten, whoever you call, they won't even rent to a dispensary," Nurses Station manager Jennifer Norwood said. "And the ones that do are charging pretty insane amounts for rent."

Because medical marijuana is not legalized at the federal level, complications can arise if a property owner is leasing space to a dispensary and has a mortgage or loan for the property from a federally insured bank.

Property owners fear being accused of using the property for the federally illegal sale of can-

nabis and having the loan called by the bank for full and immediate payment.

Even after securing a new retail space, Cotner said the process of re-opening in a new location can take three to six months.

"Let's say all the stars align, and they find a location this afternoon and apply for a change in location. The big roadblock is the Certificate of Compliance," Cotner said, referring to the certificate that is needed before receiving a license for a new location.

The owner of JKC Processing, John Koumbis, said the space he rented from 7-Eleven had been vacant for 12 years prior to him moving in and required three months of work and \$10,000 to make it presentable.

"Some of the places we've been going around and looking at don't even have the drywall on the wall yet, others are just in really rough shape," Oliver, who has been on the hunt for a new location, said.

Dispensary owners say they have been left confused by 7-Eleven's decision to cut ties with its tenants.

"I think we bring a lot of business to the 7-Eleven," Norwood said. "I don't know why they wouldn't want to collect our \$2,000 every month."

Neither 7-Eleven Inc. nor its Oklahoma property manager could be reached for comment about the leasing issues

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facing the cannabis dispensaries.

Oliver cited 7-Eleven Inc., a subsidiary of the larger Seven-Eleven Japan Co. Ltd, being politically conservative, and Koumbis described the corporation's lack of belief in "the goodness of medical marijuana."

For many of these dispensaries, the challenge of finding a new location and meeting the tax deadline in July makes the future uncertain.

"I'm struggling right now," Oliver said. "Even the first half of Father's Day was spent with my kids at home with grandpa, and me and my wife out running around, looking for places. It's kind of a nightmare."

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Checotah stories from the past

114 Years Ago:
Checotah Times • Friday, March 3, 1906

BIG K. OF P. MEETING

Large Attendance at District Meeting Held at Fort Gibson

Fort Gibson, I.T. - The K. of P. district meeting for the Third district of the Indian Territory was held at this place. Delegates were present from all of the nine lodges composing the third district and from several of the lodges a large number were in attendance.

The district includes lodges at the following places: Muskogee, Tahlequah, Webbers Falls, Checotah, Vinita, McLain, Fort Gibson, Sallisaw and Coweta.

SCHOOLS NEED NOT CLOSE

Muskogee, I.T. - J.D. Benedict, superintendent of schools in Indian Territory, has received the following telegram from Commissioner Leupp:

"Your letter of February 8 received. Inform teachers that the Secretary of the Interior has receive abundant assurance that the bill relating to schools, etc., will pass in time."

This telegram means that unless some unforeseen delay occurs, the schools of Indian Territory will not be discontinued March 4, but will finish out their terms, running until June. The monthly payroll of teachers in the rural schools amounts to \$45,000 and nearly 1,000 teachers would be thrown out of employment if the Curtis bill should not pass within the next ten days.

Barnsdall Oil Company Takes Over Interest of Associates

Represents More Than Half the Oil Production in Indian Territory and Osage Reservation

Bartlesville, I.T. - J.S. Glenn of Parkersburg, W. Va., who arrived here from the east, confirmed the reported organization of the Barnsdall Oil Company, capitalized at \$8,000,000 to take over the holdings in the Osage nation of T. N. Barnsdall of Parkersburg and his associates.

The Barnsdall properties embrace 400,000 acres and a daily production of 20,000 barrels of oil.

The new company's holdings represent more than half the oil production in Indian Territory and the Osage reservation.

100 Years Ago
McIntosh County Democrat • July 2, 1920

REPUBLICANS HOLD A ROUSING CONVENTION

Full County Ticket Is Named at Monday Afternoon Meeting in the Courtroom

Notwithstanding the very busy season with the farmers, the Republicans of McIntosh County held a most successful, well attended and enthusiastic convention at the county courtroom in this city last Monday afternoon.

Almost every precinct in the county was represented, large delegations of Republicans, both men and women, being present from Eufaula, Hanna and Checotah.

The meeting was called for the purpose of organization of the Republican forces of the county and placing a full ticket in the field for the coming primary election, which was done.

Sunday's Game

The ball game at the local park last Sunday between the Morris team and Checotah was indeed a "comedy of errors," the final score being 8 to 2 in favor of the visitors.

Errors, poor base running, and bone head plays were the features of the locals playing.

It was evidently an "off day" for the locals, being the poorest game they have ever played.

The locals secured one more blow than the visitors

but were unable to bunch them sufficiently to secure the necessary runs to win.

COZY THEATRE

Friday, July 2 - Paramount presents George Loane Tucker production of the Miracle Man. Jack Dempsey in DareDevil Jack.

Saturday, July 3 - Paramount presents Vivian Martin in Unclaimed Goods. W. Duncan in The Silent Avenger, Mutt and Jeff Comedy.

Monday, July 5 - Tucker Bros. presents a Five Reel Feature, Two Reel Westerner, Two Reel Hank Mann Comedy, Fifth Episode of The Lost City.

75 Years Ago:
McIntosh County Democrat • June 28, 1945

Teachers Exams Planned July 6th

An examination will be held at the county superintendent's office on July 6 for those interested in teaching but do not have 40 hours of college credit, Levi Phillips has announced.

The examinations are conducted under direction of the state board of education. The minimum salary schedule for a teacher with a first grade certificate ranges from \$495 to \$895 per year according to teaching experience.

A fee of \$2.00 will be charged each applicant, Phillips said.

NEW OFFICIALS GO INTO OFFICE NEXT MONDAY

Three members of the board of county commissioners will start new two-year terms in office Monday, July 2, it was stated this week.

Lan Whitaker of Eufaula will be the new member of the board and will serve with Bill Norwood of the Checotah district and Curtis Dickens of the Hanna district.

Whitaker was defeated for re-election two years ago by H.T. Yarbrough, but returned to the county for the last election to win out over Bill Franklin.

PIERCE YOUTH ARRIVES AT TEXAS ARMY CAMP

Pvt. William C. Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Young, Pierce, arrived recently at Camp Wolters, Texas, to begin his basic training as an infantryman. He has been assigned to a battalion stressing work with rifles.

50 Years Ago:
McIntosh County Democrat • July 2, 1970

Tribal Meeting At Fountainhead

The Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes will meet at Fountainhead Lodge at 10:00 a.m. next Wednesday for the annual meeting, according to W.E. "Dode" McIntosh, president.

Dr. Chas E. Mitchell, Mayor of Checotah, will give the welcome address and Tom McSpadden, formerly of this city, will give an industrial progress report.

New Real Estate Agency Opened

The Futrell Real Estate Company has established an office at 319 West Gentry with C.P. Futrell and his son, Clarence Futrell, operate the firm as partners.

The building has been remodeled inside and out to house the firm.

C.P., who has been in business in Checotah since 1922, has dealt extensively in real estate for 30 years in connection with his insurance company.

Clarence has also had considerable experience in the real estate business working for several years with a large Tulsa real estate firm.

Old Brood Cow Is Pensioned At Mack King Ranch Place

"Old White Face," at least 27 years old and producer

of 22 calves, has earned full retirement rights on the ranch of P.M. "Mack" King, Checotah feed dealer and cattleman.

"That old hide doesn't owe me anything. She's on a pension," King tells people who ask why he doesn't get rid of the old cow.

A large, white cow with long, crooked horns, Old White Face had her last calf about three years ago, ending a productive career, which started when she was born on the same Herford ranch at least 27 years ago, and possibly 30.

"She had 20 heifer calves, then she had two bull calves," King said. "Then she quit."

"Most of the time we hand feed her - she can't chew very good - and when a storm comes up, we shelter her."

Old White Face was also a good milk cow, King said, even better than one of his Jersey breeds when he operated a dairy string several years ago.

Dr. R.H. Leonard, Muskogee veterinarian, said a cow of her age is equivalent to a human being between the ages of 90 and 100.

25 Years Ago:
McIntosh County Democrat • June 29, 1995

Checotah Native Earns Georgia Teaching Honors

Carolyn Hutcherson has been named Shoal Creek Elementary School "Teacher of the Year" for the 1994-95 school year. Shoal Creek Elementary is in Conyers, Ga.

Hutcherson is the daughter of R.J. and Margaret Koch of Checotah and a 1973 graduate of Checotah High.

Hutcherson, and her husband, Gail, have lived in Conyers for seven years. She has been teaching for 15 years, the first seven in the Oklahoma City area.

Hutcherson received a bachelor's degree in music education from the University of Oklahoma as well as a bachelor's degree in elementary education.

Owner Foils Attempted Truck Theft

Kenneth King of McAlester and two of his buddies found out the hard way that you don't want to mess with Roger Van Meter and his truck after the trio attempted to take Van Meter's 1994 Chevy Silverado Supercab pickup on June 20.

Van Meter said he saw the three men hanging around the parking lot of L&D Foods where he (Van Meter) works. He also saw them when one of them drove off in his pickup, followed by the other two in a black Chevy or GMC 4-wheel drive pickup.

Van Meter said he ran out of the store hollering at the thieves when Marvin Sebree happened by. Van Meter and Sebree gave chase in Sebree's car and the thieves ditched Van Meter's truck about three blocks south of L&D on West Audd.

County Baseball Series Begins This Weekend For Mayor's Cup

All-Stars from summer leagues in Checotah and Eufaula will square off in a best of three series this weekend.

Game times are 6 p.m., June 30, at the Checotah baseball field near the Oldfellows home, and 6 and 8 p.m. July 1 in Eufaula.

Two divisions are involved in the showdown: 9-10 year-olds, and 11-12 year-olds.

Traveling trophies will be presented by Checotah Mayor Jay Hayes and Eufaula Mayor Joe Johnson.

Division trophies will be presented by Nichols Super Thrift Stores and Sharpe's Department Store.

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OSU developing drone to help in disasters

Idea for caged aircraft came from search efforts in OKC bombing

The horrific aftermath of the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995 was the catalyst for OSU's Unmanned Systems Research Institute's work to help first responders today.

At that time, no technology could help rescuers locate victims without risking their own lives to climb throughout what was left of the Murrah Building.

The late Jon Hansen, of the Oklahoma City Fire Department, was the face of the recovery effort for the people of Oklahoma. He said first responders needed a better way to search room to room and communicate with the injured without having rescuers climbing through an unstable structure.

In response to Hansen's observation, Dr. Ben Loh, USRI graduate and research engineer, created OSU's All Terrain Land and Air Sphere (ATLAS), a drone that is encased in a protective cage. Typical drones have exposed propellers and require a coordinated landing. If one turns over, it can't right itself.

"With something like the Murrah bombing scene, most exposed propeller platforms like a quadcopter can easily get caught by the debris or dangling wires in the building," Loh said. "A quadcopter without a prop guard could accidentally hit an obstacle and flip over. This could mean the end of the mission since it cannot recover to flight."

Loh's ATLAS design has a spherical cage, protecting the propellers from debris and people from the propellers.

"The spherical frame can endure an uncoordinated landing," Loh said. "The cage allows ... ATLAS to roll away from obstacles and recover to flight."

The ability to land ATLAS in uneven terrain is essential. Stopping the propellers gives rescuers a greater chance of communicating with victims.

"Noise from the propellers is always an issue if using a microphone to pick up the victim's voice at a disaster area," Loh said. "One way to overcome that is to land the vehicle to stop the propeller."

ATLAS's design is also scalable. Loh has been working on reducing the weight and size from 17 inches to 13 inches to improve its battery life. Although optimized for indoor flight, ATLAS can be used on outdoor missions.

"The research is ongoing to make ATLAS more ef-



Developers examine drone.

ficient as battery (power) remains the limitation for most drones today," Loh said.

ATLAS is designed to carry a payload specific to the mission, from cameras and CO2 sensors to LiDAR, an instrument that uses pulses of laser light to build a complex three-dimensional terrain map.

Loh also created a version with a foam-board cage that is an affordable option for STEM teachers in elementary and secondary education.

Loh has met with fire departments, emergency managers and other potential customers to get feedback on the project. The design is ready for testing at the next natural or man-made disaster.

Dr. Jamey Jacob, director of the Unmanned Systems Research Institute, said using drones in first responses brings together two of OSU's greatest areas of expertise: autonomous systems and firefighter training.

"The ability to design and develop these systems to not only assist first responders, but potentially save lives, really targets OSU's mission as a land-grant university," he said. "What serves the public good more than helping those who help others?"

Hansen told Jacob in 2012 that sending crews into the Murrah building was risky due to structural damage, but they could have saved more lives with a way to assess the situation and search rooms remotely.

"When we were first approached about the need for a system like this to be used in disaster scenarios such as the Murrah building bombing, as a native Oklahoman, it hit very close to home for me," Jacob said. "We took it up as a labor of love to work on a platform that could solve the problems first responders encountered."

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Horse owners need to be on lookout for blister beetles

DONALD STOTTS

OSU COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST

Some Oklahoma horse owners are fighting an incursion of blister beetles that have moved into their facilities from the alfalfa fields, Oklahoma State University Extension experts said.

"Consistent periods of hot, dry weather with intermittent rainfall can lead to increased blister beetle populations, and that is just what Oklahoma experienced in June," said Justin Talley, OSU Extension entomologist. "The source of these blister beetles can be

from hay but most likely are native blister beetles attracted to broad-leaf weeds that could be blooming near the horse barn or other facilities."

That was certainly the case for Mustangs ranch owner Betty Dickson of Pottawatomie County, whose family found itself battling a horde of blister beetles in their barn and even in their house.

"The wrong things were blooming, and one day we had 50-100 blister beetles storming the house, and the barn wasn't much better," she said. "I called Carla Smith of our county Extension office and

she helped us design a treatment program. Things seem to have returned to normal, though we always keep an eye out for blister beetles to protect our horses."

Blister beetles contain cantharidin, a toxic defensive chemical that protects them from predators. Cantharidin can impede breathing and elevate heart rate. These conditions can be fatal.

Unfortunately, blister beetles can end up in hay fed to horses, which is why traditional recommendations for blister beetle management are focused on hay and



TODD JOHNSON | OSU AGRICULTURAL COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

Betty Dickson provides a nutritious treat for her 34-year-old Mustang, Amy.

potentially infested hay fields.

With the surge in beetle populations, horse owners need to be vigilant in checking for signs of cantharidin poisoning. Affected horses will show traditional signs of colic, and also may exhibit a low-grade fever, go off feed or act lethargic and depressed.

"Irritation in the mouth and mucous membranes may make it appear as though an affected horse is playing as if dunking its head in water," said Kris Hiney, OSU Extension equine specialist. "The horse also may look as though it is straining to urinate. Symptoms typically occur within 3-12 hours after ingestion, so checking horses regularly in both the morning and evening is warranted."

Blister beetles can range in size from 3/4" to 1-1/4" in length with narrow bodies and antennae that are about a third the length of their bodies. Four species of blister beetles are relatively common throughout Oklahoma: margined, black, ash gray

and striped. Research has shown the striped blister beetle can contain high levels of cantharidin.

One of the simplest ways to reduce blister beetle populations in and around horse barns, homes and other facilities is to eliminate weeds either by mowing or with an approved herbicide. Horse managers should not apply herbicides or insecticides to any hay or feed that is intended for their animals.

"It's critical to not apply insecticides while animals are within the barn, nor should they be applied directly to animals," Talley said. "Be sure to follow labeling guidelines for waiting periods before returning animals to the facility."

If any beetles - alive or dead - are found in hay, that material needs to be discarded.

An OSU Extension podcast featuring insights from Talley and Hiney about blister beetle challenges and solutions is available to the public.

Welcoming New Patients



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The OSSAA amendment would determine postseason seeding in the sports of football, 6A-2A fast pitch softball, soccer, dual wrestling and 6A-2A spring baseball. Eufaula running back Noah Alex-

ander breaks through the Checotah defense in the Ironhead's win in 2019. Eufaula and Checotah is the longest un-interrupted high school football rivalry in Oklahoma history.

OSSAA amends school-closure policy to include COVID-19 contingencies

RODNEY HALTOM
SPORTS EDITOR

The Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association voted 12-0 in special session to amend its policy governing interruptions of school activities due to health concerns and rescheduling.

Under the amended policy, participating schools should make every effort to reschedule any postponed non-district contest. But they may choose to cancel if rescheduling isn't possible.

If a district contest has to be postponed, partici-

pating schools should attempt within 48 hours to agree on an alternate date to play the game prior to the postseason.

District games determine postseason seeding in the sports of football, 6A-2A fast pitch softball, soccer, dual wrestling and 6A-2A spring baseball.

The remainder of the amended policy addresses the following possibilities:

Won-lost percentage will determine the order of advancement and marginal points will not

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Bumgarner coaches to a Hall of Fame career



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Eufaula head golf coach Bill Bumgarner has coached high school sports for 47 years

RODNEY HALTOM
SPORTS EDITOR

When you think of Hall of Fame coaches in McIntosh County the first names that come to mind are coaches Leon and Truman Dixon, Paul Bell, Perry Anderson, Ray Grandstaff and Johnny Bohannon. However, it won't be long and you can add Eufaula golf

coach Bill Bumgarner to that list.

Bumgarner has developed a golf program that is second to none in the state of Oklahoma. Since the conception of Eufaula's golf program in 2001, Bumgarner has produced nine All-State athletes, nearly a dozen colligate golfers, won the only State championship in school history, was state runner-up three times, placed third in the state tournament, won seven regional championships, qualified for the state tournament 12 different times including seven consecutive times and won the conference championship 12 times.

"No one can come close to what he (Bumgarner) has done in the short time that Eufaula has had a golfing program. His reputation of producing and developing golfers is known

statewide. It would be a shame if he is not nominated to be in the Coaches Hall of Fame," Eufaula assistant coach Robert Nixon said.

The first step is a coach who is already in the Coaches' Hall of Fame must nominate a coach.

Two of Coach Bumgarner's most successful athletes is Melissa Eldredge of OKC University and Heidi Stafford of Southern Nazareth University. Eldredge helped the OKC Stars win a national championship and was named conference freshman of the year and has made the All-Conference team multiple times.

"There is no question that coach Bumgarner should be in the coaches Hall of Fame for what he has done and the success he has had at Eufaula," Checotah golf coach Tommy Gage said.



RODNEY HALTOM | INDIAN JOURNAL

Emalee Smith of Eufaula slides safely across home plate as Jennifer Bates of Wilburton fails to tag Smith out as home umpire looks on.

OFBCA sets date for All-State football game All-State basketball to be played in Edmond

RODNEY HALTOM
SPORTS EDITOR

Oklahoma Football Coaches Association's (OFBCA) All-State football game is scheduled to be played on July 25 at Oklahoma Baptist University's Crain Family Stadium. The game will kick off at 7 p.m. Football rosters will

consist of athletes who received OCA All-State recognition in January and substitutes selected from the OCA's All-Star teams by class. Stroud football coach Chris Elerick heads the East coaching staff and Kingfisher's Jeff Myers heads the West coaching staff.

The Oklahoma Basketball Coaches Association announced plans to play its All-State games on the same date (July 25) at the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond. The large-school game is at 3 p.m. and the large-school game is at 4:30 p.m.



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Melissa Eldredge of OKC University tees off at the national championship in Florida.

Muskogee hires former Fort Gibson coach

RODNEY HALTOM
SPORTS EDITOR

Muskogee hired Randy Smith as assistant baseball coach. Smith won 630 baseball games and had six state tournament teams at Fort Gib-

son from 1988-2014 and brings a wealth of experience to the program.

Prior to Fort Gibson, Smith coached at Metro Christian. His high school coach at Tulsa

Rogers, the late Gordon Morgan, came to assist him at Metro.

Smith coached five seasons at Anadarko Riverside and recently retired.

WCRA announces \$300,000 Stampede at the 'E' to replace Puget Sound Showdown

Event to Offer Open Entry For Both Youth And Open Athletes

World Champions Rodeo Alliance (WCRA) today announced that in light of COVID-19 restrictions in the state of Washington, the Puget Sound Showdown will be replaced with a one-day \$300,000 rodeo in Guthrie, OK at the Lazy E Arena on August 15. The "Stampede At The E" will be coupled with the renowned Bullnanza on May 14, creating a weekend of premier western sports action.

The Stampede At The E will be preceded by timed event and rough stock qualifier August 11-14 which will raise the week's total payout upwards of \$600,000. The top eight athletes in each



The Puget Sound Showdown will be replaced with a one-day \$300,000 rodeo in Guthrie, OK at the Lazy E Arena on August 15.

discipline from the qualifier will earn a spot in the Saturday night Stampede At The E main event.

Contestants in nine disciplines—bareback riding, women's breakaway roping, saddle bronc riding, steer wrestling, tie-down roping,

barrel racing, bull riding, and team roping (heading and heeling)—will compete for their piece of the \$300,000 purse. Athletes in each discipline will compete for share of \$28,000 in the main event with the champions

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be used to break ties between tied teams.

If two or more teams are tied for the highest playoff position, it will go to the team that won over the other tied teams. If head-to-head results do not break the tie, it will be determined by lot.

After the highest playoff position has been determined, the next-highest position goes to the team that won over the remaining tied teams. If this method is again not sufficient, the next-highest position will be determined by lot.

The OSSAA will set the procedure for determining positions by lot.

OSSAA Policy LIV (45) INTERRUPTION OF EVENTS DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERNS OR OTHER EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES

A. On occasion, a state or local government authority or a local Board of Education/School Governing Board may, due to a specific public health concern or other emergency circumstances, cause a member school to be closed for a full school day or longer, which prohibits a member school team from participating in a scheduled regular season contest. School closing shall mean that the local health authority or Board of Education/Governing Board has cancelled all secondary school classes and school sponsored extracurricular activities for a minimum of one full school day due to a specific public health concern.

In that event:

1) If the results of the contest would not impact placement in a play-off bracket (volleyball, cross country, fall baseball, Class A or B fast-pitch softball, basketball, wrestling, swimming, slow-pitch softball, track and field, tennis, golf, Class A or B spring baseball, Academic Bowl, or Speech and Debate) the two schools should make all reasonable efforts to reschedule the contest at a different date and time within the regular season, but if the schools are unable to reschedule, the two schools may choose to cancel the contest;

2) If the results of the contest would impact placement in a play-off bracket (classes 2A-6A fast-pitch softball, football, dual wrestling, soc-

cer, classes 2A-6A spring baseball) the two schools are required to make an effort to mutually agree upon a date and time to reschedule the contest prior to the beginning of the play-offs in that activity. The agreement to reschedule should occur within 48 hours of the original contest. If the two teams are unable to agree on a rescheduled date and time:

(a) Placement in the play-off bracket shall be determined by won/loss percentage for all teams in the district, and marginal points shall not be considered in breaking ties between teams;

(b) If two or more teams are tied in won-loss percentage, the highest position in the district will be given to the team that won over the tied team(s); if the highest position cannot be determined according to the outcomes in head-to-head contests between the tied teams, the highest position in the district will be determined by lot.

If two or more tied teams are remaining after the highest position is determined, the next highest position in the district will be given to the team that won in head-to-head contests over the other remaining tied teams; if the next highest position cannot be determined according to the outcomes in head-to-head contests between the remaining tied teams, the next highest position in the district will be determined by lot. This same procedure will be repeated until all play-off positions for the district teams have been determined. The OSSAA will set the procedure for determining placement by lot.

c) If a decision by a state or local government authority, or by the State or local Board of Education/School Governing Board, concerning a specific public health concern or other emergency circumstances, interrupts the conduct, scheduling, or locations of play-off contests, the Executive Director is authorized to develop and execute a plan in the best interest of the membership to continue, reschedule, or relocate post-season play. The Executive Director's plan and determinations shall be considered valid and effective.

Okay Native returns from 7-month deployment aboard Floating City at Sea

RICK BURKE
NAVY OFFICE OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH

NORFOLK, Va.- A 2017 Okay High School graduate and Okay, Oklahoma, native returned home June 16, marking the end of a seven-month deployment aboard USS Harry S. Truman. Since departing its homeport of Norfolk, Virginia in November 2019, the aircraft carrier sailed in the Arabian Gulf, Red Sea, Mediterranean Sea and Atlantic Ocean.

Airman Sean C. Blish is an aviation boatswain's mate (handling) aboard the carrier. As an aviation boatswain's mate, Blish is responsible for being an aircraft firefighter and aircraft director.

"My favorite part is directing aircraft when there is minimal time to have everything ready for flight operations, it's a big adrenaline rush," said Blish.

Following a scheduled return from deployment in March, after operating in the U.S. 5th and 6th Fleet areas of operations, Truman remained underway in the Western Atlantic as a certified and ready carrier force ready for tasking. As the COVID-19 pandemic spread across the globe, the Truman continued to conduct operations underway, minimizing the potential spread of the virus aboard the ships, in order to maintain maritime stability and security and ensure access, deter aggression and defend U.S., allied and partner interests.

Truman sailed more than 56,000 nautical miles, deploying dynamically to support dual-carrier operations, air defense exercises, anti-submarine warfare exercises, and interoperability with joint services and with allies and partners. The ship also completed multiple strait and choke point transits, to include



Airman Sean C. Blish

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the Strait of Gibraltar, the Suez Canal and the Babel Mandeb Strait, while operating under three Combatant Commanders - U.S. Northern Command (NORTHCOM), U.S. European Command (EUCOM), and U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM).

"My proudest moment during this deployment was holding the line as tensions with Iran got worse," said Blish. "My proudest moment in the Navy was conducting combat operations against ISIS during Operation Inherent Resolve on deployment in 2018."

Truman demonstrated the Navy's continuing regional commitment to EUCOM and CENTCOM areas of responsibility by hosting 80 embarked guests, including political and military leaders from eight ally and partner nations. These embarks directly supported U.S. 5th and 6th Fleet theater security

objectives and greatly enhanced U.S. relationships and partnerships with multiple NATO ally and partner nations and Gulf Cooperation Council members.

"I'm so very proud of all our sailors!" said Capt. Kavon Hakimzadeh, commanding officer of Truman, "Their resilience, perseverance, and utter dedication to mission has been nothing short of exemplary. It has been my greatest honor to serve as Truman's commanding officer this deployment!"

According to Navy officials, maintaining maritime superiority is a vital part of a Navy that is present today and prepared for tomorrow. The impact affects Americans and their interests around the world, as more than 70 percent of the Earth is covered by water and 90 percent of all trade travels by sea.

The foundation of the Navy the nation needs

includes a focus on warfighting, warfighters and the future of the fighting force.

Sailors' jobs are highly varied aboard Truman. More than 6,000 men and women serve aboard the ship during deployment keeping all parts of the ship running smoothly. Each crewmember performs a number of tasks outside of their traditional job or rating.

"It is my responsibility to ensure safe and efficient movement of the aircraft in my direction, to save lives and prevent further damage in the case of an aircraft fire," said Blish.

Throughout the deployment, Truman performed numerous training exercises to develop tactical competencies. From carrier strike force operations as the flagship of the Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group, to exercises with partner navies and forces, the ship developed key skillsets to maintain readiness and interoperability. While conducting stability operations in the CENTCOM area of responsibility, the strike group was called upon during an international crisis to assert American commitment to the region and act as a primary de-escalatory catalyst.

As a member of the U.S. Navy, Blish, as well as other sailors, know they are a part of a service tradition providing unforgettable experiences through leadership development, world affairs and humanitarian assistance. Their efforts will have a lasting effect around the globe and for generations of sailors who will follow.

"I joined the Navy to do my part in defending my country as well as gaining experience and leadership skills to better myself for life after the military," added Blish.

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walking away with a minimum of \$12,500 each.

Bull riders will compete for a total \$78,000 purse as the \$50,000 payout from Kansas City is carried over due to no qualified rides in the showdown round at the Royal City Roundup. The bull riding event champion will earn a minimum payout of \$62,500.

Athletes from around the globe have the opportunity to compete in the Stampede at the E and may qualify and earn points by nominating their efforts through the WCRA Virtual Rodeo Qualifier (VRQ) until

July 26 at 11:59 p.m. CT. The number one athlete on the segment six leaderboard in each discipline as of July 26 will earn a direct spot in the \$300,000 main event.

WCRA also announced any athlete has the opportunity to compete at Stampede At The E through the addition of the "Open to the World Qualifying Pools" for the opportunity to compete in the August 15 main event.

Youth athletes ages 13 and up will also have an opportunity of their own to run at the Stampede At The E, as the WCRA also announced the addition of DY Youth Pool of com-

petition.

Open To The World Entries for the Stampede at The E will begin on July 13 at Noon CT and close on August 5 at 5 p.m. CT. Early entry fees for the open division will be \$625 while youth fees will be \$500. All entries will be taken on entrytool.com.

A total of 10 positions in timed events and nine positions in rough stock will be available in the Stampede at The E with multiple combinations of pay-outs available throughout all stages of qualification.

All athletes ranked 1-16 on the WCRA Leader board in timed events

and 1-9 in rough stock will not be required to pay an entry fee.

If WCRA athletes would like to request a refund for their segment six nominations, please email support@wcrarodeo.com by Friday June 26 at Noon for a full refund.

All rodeo athletes interested in learning more about the VRQ should be directed to wcrarodeo.com or contact support@wcrarodeo.com

Since launching in May of 2018, the WCRA and its partners have awarded more than \$7,300,000 in new money to rodeo athletes.

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Wildlife Commission Trims, Alters Turkey Hunting Bag Limits

Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commissioners voted to reduce or alter wild turkey hunting bag limits in large areas of western Oklahoma during their regular June 17 meeting in Oklahoma City.

Starting this fall, turkey gun hunters will be allowed to harvest one tom only in the 14 counties that previously permitted either-sex harvest. Archery hunters will still be allowed one turkey of either sex statewide in the fall.

Next spring, all counties outside the Southeast Region will have a one tom limit. The spring turkey season limit remains unchanged at three toms. None of the changes made will affect existing regulations in the Southeast Region for turkey hunting, where the season limit is one tom turkey for all



Oklahoma's turkey hunters will find reduced or altered bag limits for the coming fall and spring seasons, based on declining turkey numbers the past two years.

eight counties combined.

Chief of Wildlife Bill Dinkines told Commissioners declining turkey numbers during the past two years, especially in southwestern Oklahoma, prompted the bag limit

changes.

Also during Wednesday's meeting, Commissioners voted to immediately prohibit all recreational hunting of feral swine on four wildlife management areas: Kaw,

Sandy Sanders, Hackberry Flat, and Waurika. The prohibition supports efforts of the Feral Swine Eradication and Control Pilot Program operated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in those areas.

Officials said eradication efforts in those areas will be more effective without feral hog hunting.

In other business, Commissioners:

Approved a Fiscal Year 2021 budget totaling \$63.8 million, which is a 17 per-

cent decrease from the FY 2020 budget of \$76.8 million.

Approved emergency rules establishing regulations for the new Sandhills Wildlife Management Area, which will allow hunting and public use of the 5,200-acre WMA in Woods County.

Heard Director J.D. Strong's regular Department report, including a notice that this meeting would be the final regular meeting for John D. Groendyke of Enid, who decided not to seek another appointment after serving 44 years on the Wildlife Conservation Commission. Strong said a formal recognition of Groendyke's service to the Wildlife Department is planned this fall.

Approved re-appointment of four directors to the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Foundation.

Displaced dispensaries searching for new homes

BREANNA MITCHELL
GAYLORD NEWS

Many Oklahoma cannabis dispensaries are being uprooted from their locations with little warning after a Dallas-based company decided to not renew leases with any medical marijuana related businesses.

For decades, ownership of more than 100 Oklahoma 7-Eleven convenience stores, that leased space to neighboring retail properties and about 80 dispensaries, belonged to the Brown family from Oklahoma City. That began changing in February when then-president and CEO Jim Brown, sold the family-owned franchise to 7-Eleven Inc. in Dallas.

Immediately after the change in ownership, businesses leasing retail spaces from 7-Eleven Inc. were assured by the company's property manager in an email that business would continue as usual. This would not remain the case for tenants in the cannabis industry.

"In January when the initial buyout started taking place, we were all sent emails saying it was probably not going to affect us," Christian Oliver, owner of Gayle's Dispensary, a dispensary located in Northwest Oklahoma City, said. "It was leading us to believe that most likely nothing is going to change."

Oliver said he called 7-Eleven property manager Kristi Adams in February to check in and was told she saw no reason for anything to change, as he had been "a perfect tenant."

But in mid-June, dispensaries began hearing their leases would not be renewed. Tenants who signed their leases in late 2019 before the buyout have nearly a year to move out and find a new location.

Other tenants were given a month or a mere few weeks.

Oliver's lease ended in May, therefore going into



Nurses Station, a dispensary located at 13624 N Rockwell Ave in Oklahoma City, must vacate its building by the end of September after 7-Eleven Inc. decided not to renew leases with any tenants in the medical marijuana industry.

a month-to-month leasing status at the start of June. Even in a month-to-month agreement, Oklahoma law dictates that tenants are to receive warning one full month before having to vacate the space.

Instead, on June 16, Oliver heard rumors from other dispensary owners that leases were not being renewed. He then heard official word from Adams on June 19 that his dispensary would need to be off the property by the end of the month.

"I asked her if she would initiate some kind of dialogue between us and corporate, and she was very adamant that it wasn't going to happen," Oliver said. "She was very adamant they were never going to change their mind and all decisions were final."

Along with JKC Processing, a cannabis processor in Yukon, Oklahoma, and Nurses Station, a dispensary in Northwest Oklahoma City, Oliver sought help from Bethany law attorney, Chris Cotner, who bypassed Adams to speak to 7-Eleven Inc. and got the three businesses an extension until the end of September.

"It took me six weeks to secure a lease the first time, so to imagine trying to do that in 10 days is mind boggling," Oliver said.

Finding a retail spot to rent is more challenging in the cannabis business than other retail industries.

"Nine times out of ten, whoever you call, they won't even rent to a dispensary," Nurses Station manager Jennifer Norwood said. "And the ones that do are charging pretty insane amounts for rent."

Because medical marijuana is not legalized at the federal level, complications can arise if a property owner is leasing space to a dispensary and has a mortgage or loan for the property from a federally insured bank.

Property owners fear being accused of using the property for the federally illegal sale of cannabis and having the loan called by the bank for full and immediate payment.

Even after securing a new retail space, Cotner said the process of re-opening in a new location can take three to six months.

"Let's say all the stars align, and they find a location this afternoon and apply for a change in location. The big roadblock is the Certificate of Compliance," Cotner said, referring to the certificate that is needed before receiving a license for a new location.

The owner of JKC Processing, John Koumbis,

said the space he rented from 7-Eleven had been vacant for 12 years prior to him moving in and required three months of work and \$10,000 to make it presentable.

"Some of the places we've been going around and looking at don't even have the drywall on the wall yet, others are just in really rough shape," Oliver, who has been on the hunt for a new location, said.

Dispensary owners say they have been left confused by 7-Eleven's decision to cut ties with its tenants.

"I think we bring a lot of business to the 7-Eleven," Norwood said. "I don't know why they wouldn't want to collect our \$2,000 every month."

Neither 7-Eleven Inc. nor its Oklahoma property manager could be reached for comment about the leasing issues facing the cannabis dispensaries.

Oliver cited 7-Eleven Inc., a subsidiary of the larger Seven-Eleven Japan Co. Ltd, being politically conservative, and Koumbis described the corporation's lack of belief in "the goodness of medical marijuana."

For many of these dispensaries, the challenge of finding a new location and meeting the tax deadline in July makes the future uncertain.

"I'm struggling right now," Oliver said. "Even the first half of Father's Day was spent with my kids at home with grandpa, and me and my wife out running around, looking for places. It's kind of a nightmare."

Gaylord News is a reporting project of the University of Oklahoma Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication.

On this day in U.S. military history

RODNEY HALTOM
INDIAN JOURNAL

On July 9, 1776 – The Declaration of Independence was read aloud to Gen. George Washington's troops in New York.

1795 – James Swan paid off the \$2,024,899 US national debt.

1846 – An American naval captain occupies the small settlement of Yerba Buena, a site that will later be renamed San Francisco.

1850 – Zachary Taylor, the 12th president of the United States, dies suddenly from an attack of cholera morbus.

1941 – Crackerjack British cryptologists break the secret code used by the German army to direct ground-to-air operations on the Eastern front. British experts had already broken many of the Enigma codes for the Western front.

1943 – Operation Husky: The invasion of Sicily begins. The landing force is concentrated around Malta. There are 1200 transports and 2000 landing craft which will land elements of 8 divisions.

1944 – The US 1st Army continues attacks toward St. Lo.

1944 – Elements of US 5th Army advance. The US 88th Division captures Volterra and elements of the French Expeditionary Corps reach Poggibonsi.

1947 – In a ceremony held at the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia, General Dwight D. Eisenhower appoints Florence Blanchfield to be a lieutenant colonel

in the U.S. Army, making her the first woman in U.S. history to hold permanent military rank.

1951 – President Truman asked Congress to formally end the state of war between the United States and Germany.

1971 – Four miles south of the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ), about 500 U.S. troops of the 1st Brigade, 5th Mechanized Division turn over Fire Base Charlie 2 to Saigon troops, completing the transfer of defense responsibilities for the border area.

1987 – In his third day of testimony on Capitol Hill, Lt. Col. Oliver North said he had shredded evidence as part of a planned cover-up of his role in the Iran-Contra affair.

1992 – The space shuttle Columbia landed at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida, ending a two-week mission.

2002 – NATO troops arrested Radovan Stankovic (33), a former member of an elite Serb paramilitary unit, for allegedly running a house where women and girls were raped during Bosnia's 1992-1995 war.

2003 – It was reported that occupation authorities had eliminated all import taxes in Iraq and accelerated the closure of hundreds of local factories unable to compete with foreign goods. At the same time hundreds of millions of dollars was pumped in as cash payments to government workers.

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Bid: # 2020-9
Bidding Period Closing Date and Hour: July 24th, 2020 @ 3:30 PM
Sealed Bid Opening Date and Hour: July 27th, 2020 @ 9:00 AM
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The Board of County Commissioners, McIntosh County, Oklahoma is seeking bids for Paradise Point Road EW 1060 RD. 20FT Wide and 2-inch-deep overlay. Total of 5800'. 1437 tons of hauling and laying in place.
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The Commissioners appointed by the Court, Floyd Smith, Randy Stidman, and Joe Painter have appraised this real property's value to be \$225,000.00. They have also determined that the real property could not be divided in kind between the parties of this action without manifest injury. Thus a fair and impartial opinion of the real value of the land, to allot that portion between the parties of this action has been determined in the amount of \$225,000.00.
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Dated this 2nd day of July, 2020.
/s/ David T. Potts
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PLEASE BE ADVISED that the deadline for filing an exception or an election to take the property at the appraisement is July 20, 2020.
Dated this 2nd day of July, 2020.
/s/ David T. Potts
James C. Milton, OBA #16697
David T. Potts, OBA #21032
HALL, ESTILL, HARDWICK, GABLE, GOLDEN & NELSON, P.C.
320 South Boston Avenue, Suite 200
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ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFFS

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WALKER, DECEASED; (14) THE HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES AND ASSIGNS OF WILLIE LEE WALKER; (15) FREDERICK WALKER, A/K/A ALVIN FREDERICK WALKER, A/K/A ALVIN FREDERICK WALKER, A/K/A ALVIN FREDERICK WALKER; (16) UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF FREDERICK WALKER, A/K/A ALVIN FREDERICK WALKER, A/K/A ALVIN FREDERICK WALKER; (17) THE HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES AND ASSIGNS OF FREDERICK WALKER, A/K/A ALVIN FREDERICK WALKER, A/K/A ALVIN FREDERICK WALKER, IF DECEASED; AND, (16) THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA EX REL. OKLAHOMA TAX COMMISSION, Defendants.
CASE NO. CV-2018-12
NOTICE
TO: (8) JEFFERY TAYLOR WALKER; (9) THE HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES AND ASSIGNS OF O.Z. WALKER, DECEASED; (10) THE HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES AND ASSIGNS OF HENRY LEE "PICKETTS" WALKER, DECEASED; (14) THE HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES AND ASSIGNS OF WILLIE LEE WALKER; (15) FREDERICK WALKER, A/K/A ALVIN FREDERICK WALKER, A/K/A ALVIN FREDERICK WALKER, A/K/A ALVIN FREDERICK WALKER, IF DECEASED; AND, (16) THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA EX REL. OKLAHOMA TAX COMMISSION
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the attached Revised Oath of Commissioners dated June 19, 2020, issued in the above-referenced cause of action, has been filed with the Court on the 30th day of June, 2020.
This Revised Oath of Commissioners report pertains to the following real property:
The Southwest Quarter of Section 7, Township 11 North, Range 16 East, less and except an undivided 1/2 interest in the oil, gas and other minerals which have been reserved by prior grantors, McIntosh County, Oklahoma, (the "Green Tract").
LESS AND EXCEPT:
A tract of land situated in Government Lot 3, Section 7, Township 11 North, Range 16 East of I. B. & M., McIntosh County, Oklahoma, more particularly described as being the North 451.3 feet of the South 868.7 feet of the West 208.7 feet of said Govt. Lot 3. Contains 2.1 acres more or less, McIntosh County, Oklahoma, (the "Green Tract").
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NO. PB-2020-30

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FARM AUCTION
SATURDAY, JULY 11 • 10AM
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ESTATE OF KEN PARKS & PAUL PARKS, OWNERS

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Weight	Feeder Steers	Feeder Heifers
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350-400	\$169.00 - \$179.00	\$144.00 - \$154.00
400-450	\$151.00 - \$161.00	\$142.00 - \$152.00
450-500	\$150.00 - \$160.00	\$138.00 - \$148.00
500-550	\$145.50 - \$155.50	\$128.00 - \$138.00
550-600	\$143.00 - \$153.00	\$129.00 - \$139.00
600-650	\$138.00 - \$148.00	\$123.50 - \$133.50

Joe Don Eaves
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
TO THE CREDITORS OF:
JAMES R. WILKINS, SR. s/p/a JAMES R. WILKINS

All Creditors having claims against JAMES R. WILKINS, SR. s/p/a JAMES R. WILKINS, Deceased are required to present the same, with a description of all security interests and other collateral (if any) held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to the undersigned named Personal Representative at the law office of Charles M. Laster, 102 East Highland, Shawnee, Oklahoma, 74801, attorney for the Personal Representative on or before the 24th day of June, 2020, or the same will be forever barred.

Dated this 24th day of June, 2020.
/s/ James R. Wilkins, Jr.
JAMES R. WILKINS, JR.,
Personal Representative
CHARLES M. LASTER, OBA #5256
LAWYERS BUILDING
102 EAST HIGHLAND
SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA 74801
PHONE: (405) 273-2910
FAX: (405) 273-2398
Attorney for Personal Representative

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCINTOSH COUNTY, STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLIE HENRY KESSLER, JR.,

Deceased
No. PB-20-26
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All creditors having claims against Charlie Henry Kessler, Jr., deceased, are required to present the same, with a description of any security interest or other collateral, if any are held by any such creditor with respect to such claim, to Tom Tannehill, Attorney for the Petitioner/Personal Representative, Betty Brown, at his address, Tom Tannehill, Attorney at Law, 1016 Murl Drive, Irving, Texas 75062, on or before the present date of August 25, 2020 or the same will be barred forever.

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Dated this 24th day of June, 2020.
/s/ Tom Tannehill, Attorney for Petitioner
1016 Murl Drive
Irving, Texas 75062
Prepared by:
/s/ Tom Tannehill
Tom Tannehill, OBA 8840
Attorney for Petitioner
1016 Murl Drive
Irving, Texas 75062
972-258-5089

Legal Notice

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR MCINTOSH COUNTY

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF, MARY ELIZABETH TABOR ANDRE, a/k/a MARY TABOR ANDRE, DECEASED.

PB-2020-14
NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT AND PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP, DISTRIBUTION AND DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that Katherine Elizabeth Andre and Rosemary Susan Andre, Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of Mary Elizabeth Tabor Andre, a/k/a Mary Tabor Andre, deceased, having filed in this Court their Final Account of the Administration of said estate, and their Petition for Distribution of said estate and for final discharge of said Co-Personal Representatives, the hearing of the same has been fixed by the Judge of said Court for 9:00 o'clock a.m., on the 29th day of July, 2020, at the Courtroom of said Court in the District Court-house in Eufaula, McIntosh County, Oklahoma, 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 Mary Eliza-

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beth Tabor Andre, aka Mary Tabor Andre, deceased, determined, said estate distributed, and the Co-Personal Representatives discharged.

WITNESS my hand this 30th day of June, 2020.

/s/ ORIGINAL SIGNED BY BRENDON BRIDGES
Brendon Bridges,
Associate Judge of the District Court
Gregory R. Stidham,
OBA#8632
Attorney for Estate
P. O. Box 265
Checotah, Ok 74426
918-473-5700

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DISTRICT COURT OF MCINTOSH COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN RE: The name of: Tristen Lee Harjo
CV-2020-00061
NOTICE OF HEARING ON CHANGE ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

TO: All interested parties.
Take notice that Tristen Lee Harjo has petitioned to change his/her name to Tristen Lee Corley.

A Hearing on said petition is set for 2:00 o'clock P.M. on the 11 day of Aug, 2020, before Judge Bridges at 2:00 o'clock in his/her courtroom in the McIntosh County Courthouse. Should you know of some reason why this change of name should not be allowed you must file a written protest in the above styled and numbered cause prior to the above date with the Clerk of this Court. Should you fail to do so, the petition for change of name will be granted as prayed.

COURT CLERK
/s/ Lisa Rodebush
By: DEPUTY APPROVED:
/s/Tristen Lee Harjo
114286 Lenna Rd.
Eufaula, OK 74432

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**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
MCINTOSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
June 22nd, 2020**

The McIntosh County Board of Commissioners met on Monday, June 22nd, 2020, in a regularly scheduled Meeting, at 8:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' meeting room on the first floor. Chairman, Michael Burns; Vice Chairman, Bill Phillips; Member, Tim Pendley; and County Clerk, Ronda Prince, Susan Whittle, Matt Hackler, Betty Whisenunt, Janelle McKnight, Brendon Bridges, Trina Williams, Lisa Rodebush, Kayla Ridley, and Sherry Burke were all present. Advance notice of the Meeting was posted on the bulletin board next to the Commissioners' room, and also at both the south and east entrances of the Courthouse, on the 18th day of June, 2020.

- I. The Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Michael Burns, at 8:00 am.
- II. Roll was called with the following responses: Burns, present; Phillips, present; and Pendley, present.
- III. Sherry Burke gave update on COVID-19 and there are about 30 new cases in the County.
- IV. Reports
 - a. Emergency Manager, Susan Whittle, nothing to report.
 - b. 911 Coordinator, Matt Hackler, nothing to report.
- V. Action Items
 - A. A Motion was made by Pendley and seconded by Phillips to approve deposits. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
 - B. A Motion was made by Phillips and seconded by Pendley to approve donations R-20-50 through R-20-63. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
 - C. A Motion was made by Pendley and seconded by Phillips to approve Minutes of Commissioners' Meeting held on June 15th, 2020. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
 - D. A Motion was made by Pendley and seconded by Phillips to approve Letter for OMMMA Certificate of Compliance Form. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
 - E. A Motion was made by Phillips and seconded by Pendley to approve Declaration of Surplus for Health Department Green/Blue Oversized Guest Chair SI 102-04 in the amount of \$559.00. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
 - F. A Motion was made by Phillips and seconded by Pendley to approve Declaration of Surplus for Health Department Green/Blue Oversized Guest Chair SI 102-05 in the amount of \$559.00. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
 - G. A Motion was made by Phillips and seconded by Pendley to approve Declaration of Surplus for Health Department Magnetic Sand Table SI 609-01 in the amount of \$522.50. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
 - H. A Motion was made by Pendley and seconded by Phillips to approve Resolution for Disposing of Equipment for the Green/Blue Oversized Guest Chair SI 102-04. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
 - I. A Motion was made by Pendley and seconded by Phillips to approve Resolution for Disposing of Equipment for the Green/Blue Oversized Guest Chair SI 102-05. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
 - J. A Motion was made by Pendley and seconded by Phillips to approve Resolution for Disposing of Equipment for the Magnetic Sand Table SI 609-01. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
 - K. A Motion was made by Pendley and seconded by Phillips to approve Application for Temporary Appropriations for General Government in the amount of \$2,497,780.00. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
 - L. A Motion was made by Pendley and seconded by Phillips to approve Detention Services Agreement with ROCMND Area Youth Services, Inc. and the Board of County Commissioners of McIntosh County, Oklahoma. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
 - M. A Motion was made by Phillips and seconded by Pendley to approve Application for Permit Public Service/Utility Crossing for Oklahoma Natural Gas Company in the SE NE corner of Section 30/31, Township 11N, Range 17E. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
 - N. A Motion was made by Pendley and seconded by Phillips to approve Monthly Report of the County Treasurer of McIntosh County. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
 - O. A Motion was made by Phillips and seconded by Pendley to approve Resolution for Treasurer to Deposit funds and interest for FY20-21. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
 - P. A Motion was made by Pendley and seconded by Phillips to approve Resolution for Designation County Depository Banks; Bank of Eufaula, Peoples National Bank, Bank of Oklahoma for FY 20-21. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
 - Q. A Motion was made by Phillips and seconded by Pendley to approve Resolution for Court Clerk Salaries for FY 20-21. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
 - R. A Motion was made by Pendley and seconded by Phillips to approve Resolution for Treasurer to Invest all interest and rebates from Bank of America Purchase Card Deposit for FY 20-21. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
 - S. A Motion was made by Phillips and seconded by Pendley to approve Resolution for County Election Board for awarding compensation time to county employees for overtime worked for FY 20-21. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
 - T. A Motion was made by Pendley and seconded by Phillips to approve Resolution for Reimbursement to Election Board Part Time Pers Service Account for FY 20-21. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
 - U. A Motion was made by Phillips and seconded by Pendley to approve Resolution for Reimbursement to Election Board M&O Account for FY 20-21. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
 - V. A Motion was made by Pendley and seconded by Phillips to approve Memorandum for McIntosh County Health Department for yearly contracts and Resolutions for FY 20-21. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
 - W. A Motion was made by Pendley and seconded by Phillips to approve Contract between Statewide Commercial Cleaning Co, LLC and Oklahoma State Department of Health for July 1st-June 30th fy 20-21. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
 - X. A Motion was made by Pendley and seconded by Phillips to approve Contract Labor Agreement between McIntosh County Health Department and Timothy Christopher Pendley/Pendleys Pest Patrol and Lawn Care for FY 20-21 July 1st- June 30th. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
 - Y. A Motion was made by Pendley and seconded by Phillips to approve Contract for Service for water Between City of Checotah and McIntosh County Health Department for FY 20-21 July 1st- June 30th. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
 - Z. A Motion was made by Pendley and seconded by Phillips to approve Pest Control Service Agreement between Elite Spray Services and McIntosh County Health Department at Checotah building for FY 20-21 July 1st- June 30th. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
 - AA. A Motion was made by Pendley and seconded by Phillips to approve Pest Control Service Agreement between Elite Spray Services and McIntosh County Health Department at Eufaula Building for FY 20-21 July 1st-June 30th. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
 - BB. A Motion was made by Pendley and seconded by Phillips to approve Contract with Fretwell Heating and Air Conditioning, Inc and McIntosh County Health Department at Checotah Building for FY 20-21 July 1st- June 30th. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
 - CC. A Motion was made by Pendley and seconded by Phillips to approve Contract with Fretwell Heating and Air Conditioning, Inc and McIntosh County Health Department at Eufaula Building for FY 20-21 July 1st- June 30th. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
 - DD. A Motion was made by Pendley and seconded by Phillips to table the Resolution Lease Agreements for FY 20-21 July 1st- June 30th. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
 - EE. A Motion was made by Pendley and seconded by Phillips to approve Requisitioning and Receiving Officers for 911 Trust. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
 - FF. A Motion was made by Phillips and seconded by Pendley to approve Resolution to Execute Agreement between ACCO and McIntosh County for Property and Liability. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
 - GG. A Motion was made by Phillips and seconded by Pendley to approve Intent to participate in ACCO-SIG between ACCO and McIntosh County for FY 2020-2021 in the amount of \$153,830. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
 - HH. A Motion was made by Pendley and seconded by Phillips to approve Resolution to Execute Agreement between ACCO and 911 Trust Authority for Property and Liability. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
 - II. A Motion was made by Pendley and seconded by Phillips to approve Intent to participate in ACCO-SIG between ACCO and 911 Trust Authority for FY 2020-2021 in the amount of \$2,792. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
 - JJ. A motion was made by Pendley and seconded by Phillips to approve Resolution for County Road Machinery and Equipment Lease Renewal between ODOT and Board of County Commissioners' of McIntosh County for FY 2020-2021 July 1st - June 30th 2021. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
 - KK. A motion was made by Pendley and seconded by Phillips to approve Insurance Verification for McIntosh County and ODOT FY 2021. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
 - LL. A Motion was made by Pendley and seconded by Phillips to approve 324-a Claim. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
 - MM. A Motion was made by Pendley and seconded by Phillips to Award 6 Month Bids at 9:30 a.m. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
 - NN. Purchase Orders: A Motion was made by Pendley and seconded by Phillips to approve signing of purchase orders to be processed for payment on June 22nd, 2020. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye: 2019-2020 911 phone 492, CITY OF CHECOTAH 400.00, STEPHEN DUBOIS WILLIAMS, JESSICA LEE, 150.00, STEPHEN DUBOIS, CAIN, AMBER DUBOIS, 100.00, STEPHEN DUBOIS, DOMINIC TERESA MERRI ANGLIQUE, 100.00, STEPHEN DUBOIS, ANDERSON, TIKETIA LYNN, 50.00, STEPHEN DUBOIS, AT&T, 37.38, UTILITIES500, WINDSTREAM COMMUNICATION, 312.20, UTILITIES, General 3810, MILLER OFFICE EQUIPMENT, 20.37, COPIER MAINTENANCE/COLOR COPIES3811, O KELLY AUTOMOTIVE INC., 47.74, PARIS3812, COOKSON HILLS PUBLISHERS INC, 128.16, PUBLICATION3813, VYVE BROADBAND A, LLC, 238.46, UTILITIES3814, NCHOLS GROCERY, 303.24, 3815, GRANLAYS INC., 463.94, CLEANING SUPPLIES3816, PITNEY BOWES, 34.02, POSTAGE METER/POST LEAS3817, EAST CENTRAL ONE OKLAHOMA APPRAISAL, LLC, 5000.00, BOAT DOCK/3818, OKLAHOMA NATURAL GAS, 88.79, UTILITIES3819, EUFULA TREE VALUE, 79.15, MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES3820, AT&T CBL, 187.00, UTILITIES3821, GRAND TETON BOTTLING, 5.50, WATER/ GALLON, 3022, GRAND TETON BOTTLING, 10.00, WATER/ GALLON - HEAR 383, MCALESTER REG. HEALTH CENTER, 68.00, SUPPLIES384, MCALESTER REG. HEALTH CENTER, 51.00, RE-CERTIFICATION385, MCALESTER REGIONAL HEALTH CENTER AUTHORITY, 34.80, MATERIALS386, YORK ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS, INC, 200.00, SECURITY387, YORK ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS, INC, 200.00, SECURITY388, MCALESTER REGIONAL HEALTH CENTER AUTHORITY, 2.40, Register389, MCALESTER REGIONAL HEALTH CENTER AUTHORITY, 17.00, Register390, FIVE STAR OFFICE SUPPLY, 475.36, OFFICE SUPPLIES391, STATEWIDE COMMERCIAL CLEANING COMPANY, 1250.00, JANITORIAL SERVICE392, PENDLEYS PEST PATROL AND LAWN CARE, 375.00, LAWN CARE393, STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE, 123.79, CLEANING SUPPLIES394, STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE, 51.40, SUPPLIES395, STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE, 56.79, SUPPLIES396, STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE, 17.16, SUPPLIES397, STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE, 40.39, SUPPLIES398, RENFRO ELECTRIC, 1150.00, building improvements399, FIVE STAR OFFICE SUPPLY, 68.00, SUPPLIES400, OKLAHOMA NATURAL GAS, 91.86, UTILITIES401, STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE, 123.79, CLEANING SUPPLIES, Highway 2429, BANK OF AMERICA, 37.90, OFFICE SUPPLIES42410, HOPKINS FUEL & PROPANE, 402.57, FUEL2411, SALES RECYCLING & SANITATION, 75.00, DUMPSTER RENTAL7412, ARMSTRONG BANK, 1316.11, Equipment Payments2413, SUMMIT TRUCK GROUP OF TULSA, 2342.04, PARTS2414, CORRECT DISCOUNT TIRE OF STELLWATER, 1505.00, TRES2415, SUMMIT TRUCK GROUP OF TULSA, 373.43, TRUCK REPAIR2416, STANDAMM GRADER & WELDING, 220.00, REPAIRS2417, EASTERN OK CD2 SIGN SHOP, 78.31, SIGN2418, YELLOWHOUSE MACHINERY CO., 151.46, FILTERS2419, DUB ROSS CO INC, 842.80, GRADER BLADES2440, HOPKINS FUEL & PROPANE, 2317.24, DIESEL2441, ROLLING PRAIRIE-FILTER CARE OF MO, 243.95, FILTER CLEANING2442, HUGHES NETWORK SYSTEMS LLC, 69.99, UTILITIES: J&H-ST 1499, HOBART INC, 1980.99, REPAIRS1500, OKLAHOMA NATURAL GAS, 246.18, UTILITIES: M6, Fee 60, GRAND TETON BOTTLING, 20.00, WATER/ GALLON : Mfg Cvt 52, GRAND TETON BOTTLING, 5.50, WATER/ GALLON : SH Company 11, TOP VALUE, 576.09, HOOD FOR J&H-12, TURN KEY HEALTH CLINICS, LLC, 12345.00, MEDICAL 391 Svc Fee 351, RESLINE AUTOMOTIVE LLC, 1322.13, REPAIR AUTO/SHERIFF352, MR. PRINTER, 40.00, BUSINESS CARD353, TIRE ONE, 175.00, REPAIR AUTO/SHERIFF354, KERS GARAGE, 69.95, REPAIR AUTO/SHERIFF: Tax Refunds 11, CHRONISTER, JT, 64.00.
 - OO. A Motion was made by Phillips and seconded by Pendley to approve Expense Report(s) for FY 2019/2020 dated June 22nd, 2020. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
 - VI. BOCC Comments or Concerns: None.
 - VII. A Motion was made by Phillips and seconded by Pendley to adjourn Meeting. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.

Signed this 29th day of June, 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Michael Burns
Michael Burns, Chairman
Bill Phillips
Bill Phillips, Vice Chairman
Tim Pendley
Tim Pendley, Member

ATTEST: *Ronda Prince*
Ronda Prince, County Clerk



Oakwood Harbor is accepting sealed bids for Surplus Property. Below is a list of items for Auction.

List of properties for sealed bid:

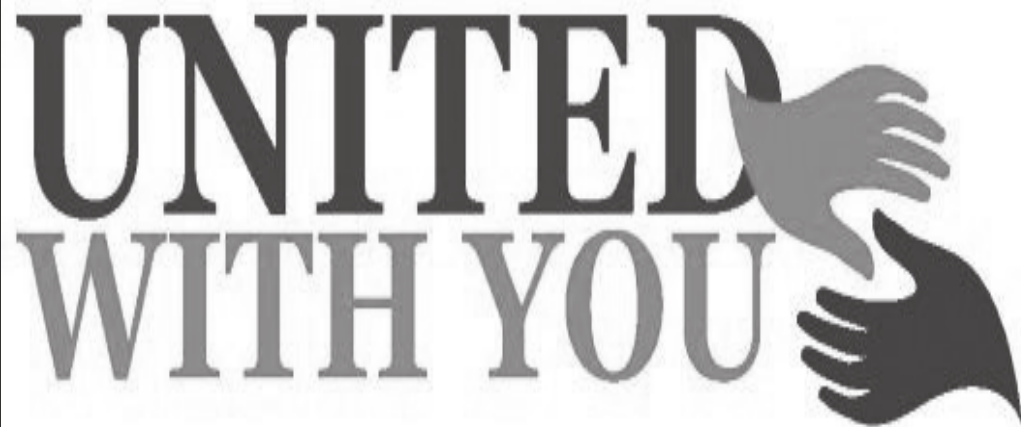
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