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Election day reminders

Voters will head to the polls on April 6 for the following elections:

- City of Eufaula Municipal Election for Councilmembers Ward #3, Ward #4 and At Large.
- Eufaula Public Schools General Election for Board Member Office #1.
- Graham-Dustin Public Schools General Election for Board Member Office #1.
- Henryetta Public Schools General Election for Board Member Office #1.
- Midway Public Schools for Proposition (bond issue).

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For the Graham-Dustin Public Schools General Election and Henryetta

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U.S. Attorney working hard to prosecute McGirt cases

The United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Oklahoma announced Friday it has filed 40 violent crimes in Indian Country cases since the March 11, 2021, Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals opinions in *Bosse v. Oklahoma* and *Hogner v. Oklahoma*.

The cases include 22 murders, four manslaughters and six sexual abuse offenses involving minor victims.

The Supreme Court decision in *McGirt v. Oklahoma* and the recent Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals rulings in *Bosse* and *Hogner* held that Congress never disestablished the res-

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GriefShare group to start April 7

A new grief group will be starting Wednesday, April 7, at the Checotah First Baptist Church. It is free and non-denominational. The meeting is at 6 p.m., East wing, Room 220-A under facilitators, Wilmatine Griffin and Beth Blackwell.

GriefShare is a weekly non-denominational support group for people grieving the death of a loved one. The

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Stefanie Flud named CIS Teacher of the Year

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Stefanie Flud has been named Checotah Intermediate Teacher of the Year for 2020-2021.

Flud is a third grade teacher at the Intermediate School teaching reading and language arts. She has been teaching 11 years and besides teaching at Checotah, she has also taught at Warner and Henryetta Public Schools.

Flud received her Associates of Arts at Connors State College in 2006, then her Bachelor of Science (Early Education) from East Central University in 2009. She later went back and obtained her Masters of Education (Ed. Leadership) in 2016.

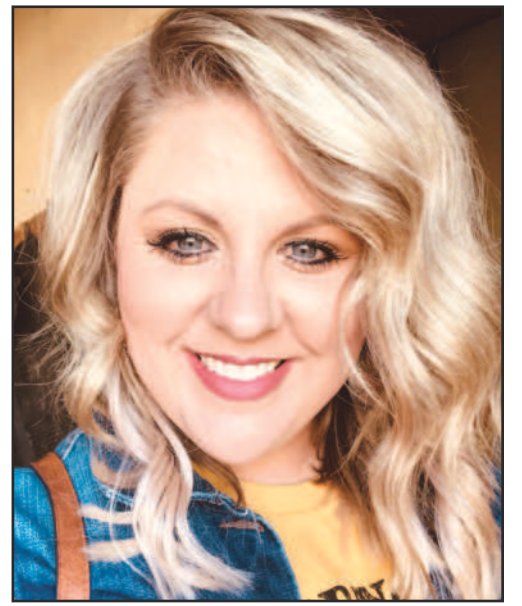
Flud stated it was her love for children that initially drew her into the

idea of teaching as a profession.

"I started as a substitute teacher while in college for my undergraduate work," Flud said. "My love immediately grew as I felt like I could really make a difference and have an impact on a child's life. I wanted to be the teacher that students appreciated years after their job was done for the school year in which they were in my class. I still strive to be that teacher as I invest time in not only their academic class work but also their little league football and soccer teams outside of school."

In college, Flud was asked to write a formal philosophy statement for teaching. Since becoming a teacher she has taken a less fancy jargon and more of a personal approach to reaching her

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Stefanie Flud

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Katie Dismukes won first in her class and Supreme Champion Mini Steer at OYE.



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Mylie Jo Campbell won both classes with her Maine Anjou (1st place, class 1) and this Maintainer (1st place, class 2) at OYE.

Emerson returns to her roots as bank market president



Kim Emerson

COURTESY PHOTO

Armstrong Bank recently named Checotah native Kim Emerson as Market President and Checotah gladly welcomes back one of their very own as she returns to her roots.

Emerson has worked for Armstrong Bank 12 years cumulatively. Before returning to Checotah to serve as market president, Emerson most recently served as a vice president and relationship banker in Muskogee. Throughout her career at the bank, Emerson has held various roles, including branch

manager at the Checotah location as well as operations supervisor and teller supervisor at the Muskogee Chandler location. Emerson began with Armstrong as a customer service representative.

"Kim has been a very valuable member of the Armstrong Bank family over the years, and we are excited to see her move into a market president role in her hometown," Armstrong Bank Regional President Lynn Carson said. "With Kim's leadership acumen, com-

munity banking experience, and love for the Checotah community, she is the perfect fit. Kim will continue to do outstanding things for both Checotah and Armstrong Bank."

After earning her Associate's Degree from Connors State College, Emerson earned her Bachelor's Degree in Animal Science from Oklahoma State University. After graduating from OSU, she worked as the officer manager for her father's veterinary clinic, Voss Veter-

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Library Community Garden Ribbon Cutting

The Jim Lucas Checotah Public Library along with the Checotah Chamber of Commerce will have a ribbon cutting at the Community Garden on Friday, April 2 at 10 a.m. There will be

speakers, prizes, activities and all kinds of fun as they assign plots to the 16 winners.

Democratic Party elections set

The McIntosh County Democratic Party will hold its bi-annual county

party elections on Saturday, April 3. The convention will be held at the Checotah Senior Citizens Center at 2 p.m. County party officers as well as precinct officers will be elected at the convention. Any person who is a registered Democratic Party member who resides within the

county is eligible to participate.

Easter Egg Hunt at KOA next Saturday

On Saturday, April 3 at 2:30 p.m. the Checotah/Lake Eufaula West KOA Holiday located at 409329 Interstate 40,

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These SWOSU baseball players from Weatherford made sure to stop by for some of June's famous chicken this past Thursday on their way to play an away game. They all seemed to have left with full bellies and smiles on their faces.

Man who pled guilty to threatening parents pleads guilty to violating parole

A former Tiger Mountain area resident who was arrested in June, 2019 after allegedly threatening to kill his mother and father landed in trouble again earlier this year.

Charles Darin Johnson, 44, now a Tulsa resident, reportedly broke parole in January after pleading guilty in September 2020 to a charge of feloniously pointing a firearm and being given a seven-year deferred sentence.

District Judge Mike Hogan ordered Johnson to stay out of McIntosh and Okmulgee counties during his probation, but in January he reportedly entered McIntosh County and caused damage at the home of a relative.

Johnson was arrested on Jan. 15 and

released on a \$1,000 bond.

On March 18 he pled guilty to violation of his parole and his earlier sentence was accelerated.

Associate District Judge Brendon Bridges sentenced Johnson to three non-consecutive weekends in the county jail from Friday at 6 p.m. to Sunday at 6 p.m. on the dates March 19-21, April 2-4 and April 16-18.

Once the sentence is completed he will continue to serve the original deferred sentence.

Failure to follow the judge's orders could result in Johnson spending additional time in jail.

At the time of the 2019 incident, five people, including Johnson's parents,

Mary and Bill Johnson, filed for protective orders against him.

According to court documents, on June 3, 2019, Johnson pointed a handgun at his mother, Mary Sue Johnson, and said "he would blow her head off."

On the same day he allegedly demanded to know where his father, Billy Johnson, was and stated he was going to kill him.

The defendant reportedly lived across the road from his parents in the McIntosh County area of Tiger Mountain.

Their postal address is Henryetta in Okmulgee County.

In a probable cause affidavit filed by investigating officer, McIntosh County Deputy Sheriff Gregory Pelley, Mary

Johnson called the sheriff's office at about 6:30 p.m. on June 3 and reported that her son had threatened her and her husband, Bill.

"(She) reported that her son had pulled into her driveway and asked where her husband, Bill Johnson, was. She advised that he would be home in about 30 minutes," Pelley stated in his report.

The defendant allegedly grabbed a pistol, got out of his vehicle and walked to the porch where his mother was standing.

Pelley stated that the mother said her son "pointed the pistol in front of her mouth and said "I will blow your ... head off and drag you down there."



COURTESY PHOTO

Kim Emerson shows off her agricultural jacket she proudly wore in high school, which she accredits for her success in business today.

MARKETING PRESIDENT

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inary Clinic in Checotah, before joining Armstrong. She returned to the clinic for a three-year stint from 2015 to 2018 before rejoining the bank.

"I am excited to be back home and to be able to serve the people of Checotah and surrounding areas," Emerson said.

As an extremely active member of the community, Emerson's nonprofit involvement includes vice president of the Fair Board for McIntosh County, board member of Connors State College Development Foundation, vice president and beef superintendent for the Muskogee Regional Junior Livestock Show, active member of the 4H/FFA Booster Club and attends First Baptist Church of Checotah.

Kim, along with her husband, Josh Emerson, and their two children, Julie and Jax, also own and operate a cow/calf and hay operation in the Honey Springs Battlefield area. Kim's love for the agricultural industry started as a young child, growing up in her dad's vet clinic and ranch. As parents, the Emersons hope to instill the values in their children that they learned growing up. They do this in hopes that one day they will continue to educate others on the agricultural industry and what ranchers provide for the world.

What has made Emerson the successful businesswoman she is today goes back to her roots and how she was raised on a ranch herself. She was recently challenged by Secretary of Agriculture Blayne Arthur

to write about her agricultural jacket journey to celebrate National Agriculture Day. These are her words...

My Jacket's Journey

This is my agricultural jacket's journey. This jacket helped create a foundation that I accredit much of my success to. I grew up on a ranch, with a hard-working family, enrolled in 4-H when I was 9, and started competing in speech contests and showing cattle.

I played both softball and basketball while in high school, but around my sophomore year I decided to hang it up and focus on showing livestock and being on the FFA officer team.

I proudly served as Secretary, VP and President my senior year. Those were the good days and the best decision I ever made. I learned how to speak in public, make eye contact and shake a person's hand the right way, just to name a few.

I believe the things I learned, the confidence I gained, the commitments I made and the opportunities that presented themselves helped me to become who I am today. Like so many others, I love the agricultural industry where we have the opportunity to raise our kids and have the passion to share what we do with others. We also show them how we feed and cloth the world.

Thank you Secretary of Agriculture Blayne Arthur for challenging us to celebrate National Ag Day. What an awesome way to celebrate!

"Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve." -FFA Motto

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students through showing compassion, love and respect.

"I use these qualities daily to build relationships and increase academic success. Clear

goals followed by intense instruction lay the foundation for building blocks year after year. I feel strongly that all students are capable of amazing things when offered support, motivation and clear guidelines."

Flud also believes that

public schools have so many students living in a poverty-stricken environment that it makes learning difficult and she feels it will take teamwork to improve these conditions and really bring on change.

"Students who do not get enough food or sleep are less likely to perform to their full potential because their minds are worried more about survival. I believe schools that can offer a clothes closet, food bags, and school supplies can help lower the daily impact that students feel from circumstances outside of

their control.

"However, all students are capable of learning, though the ways of learning may differ for each student. The days of 'one size fits all' are long gone. Differentiated instruction is instrumental for success in the classroom. Creating lessons that incorporate all types of learning styles help students increase their knowledge in a way that suits their specific needs. Providing visual, auditory, and kinesthetic learning opportunities helps all students learn to the best of their ability in my classroom daily."

Additional assignments that Flud has been involved in include:

- Implemented Pennies for a Patient Penny Drive
- Led and organized Testing Motivation Committee
- Implemented GLOW Testing Rally for Students
- Led Teacher Morale Committee
- Organized, decorated and purchased for Snowflake Shop

She has worked professionally on:

- Literacy First trained
- 21st Century After School Program teacher
- Star Reading Program

trained

- Safe and Healthy Schools Committee
- Fall Festival Committee

Plus her Community Involvement has been:

- Checotah Wildcat Football Booster Club Member
- Checotah Wildcat Dug Out Club Member
- Participate in food distribution for local community through First Assembly of God Church
- Organized Pink Out to help local family fighting cancer
- Participate in local Relay for Life

Stephanie has been married for ten years to Jimmy Flud and they live in Checotah. They have four children in and out of school: Seth (who is grown), Kayson (a CHS junior), and their twins Jentry and Jaxx (who are in Pre-K).

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Defendants awaiting outcome of McGirt motions

The following defendants are among those who have filed McGirt motions in McIntosh County District Court and are awaiting the results of their motions.

Jackie Lee Byrd, 59, Checotah
Charged with rape by instrumentation and two counts of lewd molestation. McGirt motion hearing set for 9 a.m., April 28.

Shawna Marie Buie, 38, Eufaula
Charged with domestic abuse - assault and battery; cultivation of controlled substance; possession of a firearm during commission of a felony; child neglect; obtaining cash and merchandise by bogus check; possession of CDS; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; obstructing an officer. McGirt motion hearing set for 9 a.m., April 28.

Gillian Lowe, 28, Eufaula
Charged with actual physical control of a vehicle under the influence; transporting an open container of alcohol; driving without a valid drivers license; McGirt motion hearing set for 9 a.m., April 21.

John Grayson, 31, Catoosa
Charged with domestic abuse - assault and battery; malicious injury to property under \$1,000;

resisting an officer. Filed a McGirt motion in September, 2020, but motion denied on the bases that he was not accused of a major crime. However, since the Court of Criminal Appeals' ruling expanded McGirt to include all crimes, Grayson, on March 16 amended his motion, which is set to be heard at 9 a.m., May 18.

Aaron Richie McIntosh, 32, Oklahoma City
Charged with child endangerment by driving under the influence (a felony). On Jan. 19 he filed a McGirt motion, which was denied because it was not considered to be a major crime. McIntosh refiled the motion based upon the appellate court's new ruling and is awaiting a hearing on the amended motion, tentatively set to be heard at 9 a.m., April 21.

Timothy Joe Shoemake, 41, Porum
Charged with breaking and entering dwelling without permission. Defendant must provide a certified letter from his tribe that he is a member. McGirt hearing set for 9 a.m., May 5.

In a 5-4 decision on July 9, 2020, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that much of eastern Oklahoma is lo-

cated on an Indian reservation.

In McGirt v. Oklahoma, the court's decision, written by Justice Neil Gorsuch, means state prosecutors lack the authority to pursue criminal cases against American Indian defendants in parts of Oklahoma and therefore crimes involving Native Americans must be prosecuted in either federal court or tribal court.

The justices declared Congress never diminished or disestablished the land as a reservation.

Initially, the court said only major crimes committed by a tribal member on their own reservation must be prosecuted by the federal government in accordance with the Major Crimes Act.

However, the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals has expanded that ruling to include all crimes committed by or against Native Americans in Indian Country, which is virtually all of Eastern Oklahoma.

A long list of defendants in a variety of criminal cases have filed motions in district courts hoping to have their charges dismissed, or if convicted have their convictions overturned, based upon their premise that the state lacks jurisdiction as it relates to them.

State court cases dismissed due to McGirt Ruling

The following cases recently were dismissed after defendants successfully filed McGirt motions claiming the state had no jurisdiction to prosecute them.

Some cases have been refiled in federal court, others are expected to be refiled in tribal court or to be dismissed all together.

Demarco Latrel Patterson, 25, formerly of Checotah
Patterson was charged with second degree rape in McIntosh County on July 2, 2019. The allegation was that he had sexual contact with a juvenile girl under the age of 16. On Sept. 23, 2020, based upon McGirt, the state charges were dismissed.

The U.S. Attorney's office then filed charges against Patterson in federal court in Muskogee.

Last week Patterson pled guilty in the U.S. District Court of the Eastern District to sexual abuse of a minor in Indian Country, punishable by not more than 15 years' imprisonment, a fine up to \$250,000, or both.

Frederick Lamont Burkhalter, 48, Rentiesville
Burkhalter was charged on Oct. 10, 2019 with 11 counts of animal cruelty and one count of obstructing an officer after investigators found 14 dead dogs, 10 malnourished ones and 10 others roaming his property in Rentiesville. In Aug., 2020 Burkhalter filed a McGirt motion asserting he was a member of the Creek Nation and that the alleged crimes took place in Indian Country. On Friday, March 26, all charges were dropped based upon lack of subject matter jurisdiction.

Nick Allen Mabray, 34, Tahlequah
Mabray was charged on March 25, 2019, with aggravated driving while under the influence of alcohol. On March 24, 2021 the district court in McIntosh County

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ervations of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Chickasaw Nation and the Cherokee Nation, and the State of Oklahoma lacked jurisdiction to prosecute major crimes involving Native Americans occurring on these reservation lands.

Based on these rulings, many state convictions have and are being vacated. It will be the responsibility of the federal government and/or tribal governments to prosecute the offenders. It is anticipated additional decisions impacting the Choctaw and Seminole Nations will be issued by the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals in the coming days.

"Our goal has been and will continue to be protecting the people of the Eastern District of Oklahoma by focusing all of our available resources on ensuring that violent offenders are transitioned from state custody to federal custody to be tried for the violent crimes they have been charged with committing," said Acting United States Attorney Christopher J. Wilson. "Our staff has been working many long and stress-filled hours reviewing law enforcement reports and preparing charging documents.

"The logistics of handling this volume of cases has been challenging and has required the cooperation of District Attorney Offices, Sheriff Offices, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the United

States Marshals Service, and the Oklahoma Department of Corrections."

Many of the recent federal charges filed by the Eastern District of Oklahoma involve defendants previously convicted in state court.

"As I stated when the recent Hogner and Bosse opinions came down, the Eastern District U.S. Attorney's Office has been identifying cases of violent offenders currently in custody within the areas of the Cherokee and Chickasaw reservations which could be impacted by a change in Indian Country jurisdiction.

"The collective efforts of our state, local, tribal, and federal partners have enabled our office to have federal charges in place to avoid these violent offenders from being released from custody. The forty cases filed to date are only the beginning. We are reviewing and making charging decisions on additional cases daily. In addition, we have already discovered approximately 150 violent offender cases in the Choctaw and Seminole areas over which we anticipate assuming federal criminal jurisdiction if the OCCA renders similar rulings," said Wilson.

"I am keenly aware of the hardship the jurisdictional change has placed on so many victims," said Wilson. "As the previous state convictions are being vacated for lack of jurisdiction, victims and victim families are being forced to relive the entire process. We are committed

to assisting the victims of these violent crimes as their cases navigate through the federal criminal justice system."

The following criminal complaints have been filed in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma.

All of the offenses are alleged to have taken place in Indian Country

Murder in Indian Country

- K.C. Cole
- Tonya Ann Waite
- Earl McAlister
- Johnatan Caldwell, Jason Armstrong, Jessie Hansen and Edmon McAlister
- Scott Tate Eagle
- Denise Grass
- Joseph Allen Hernandez
- David Glen Thompson
- Tyrik D. Cohee
- James Eric Parker
- Laurie Martin
- Tyler Mullins
- Charles Cooper
- Russell Williford
- Jessica Tyan Moore
- Bobby Joe Hector Jr.
- Glen Gore
- Cory Boykin
- Stormy Gann

Murder in perpetration of kidnapping

- Tyler Presley

Murder in perpetration of child abuse

- Delila Ann Pacheco

Murder in second degree

- Brandon White

Manslaughter

- Heather Nicole White
- Shawn Jones
- James Russell Parker
- Robert Dwayne Roberts
- Kidnapping**
- Tanya Michelle Wilson
- Abusive sexual contact of a child**
- Christopher Space
- Aggravated sexual abuse of a child**
- J.D. Hooper
- Sexual abuse of a minor**
- Philip Ryan Stanley
- Lance Whelchel
- Sexual abuse of a minor and aggravated sexual abuse**
- Lucas James Blackbird
- Lewd acts with a child**
- Santiago Perez III
- Assault resulting in serious bodily injury**
- Geoffrey Hitcher
- Nicholas Hammer
- Assault with a dangerous weapon**
- Justin Taylor
- Chavio Balderas
- Assault with intent to commit murder**
- Chalad Teddie Lee Caldwell
- Bryce Alan Benshoof
- Clarence Wesley Sands

A criminal complaint does not constitute evidence of guilt.

A criminal complaint is only a method of bringing formal charges against a defendant. A defendant is presumed innocent of the charges and may not be found guilty unless evidence establishes guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

GRIEFSHARE

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group offers a comfortable environment

where the emotions and process of grief are understood and welcomed. Participants learn practical strategies for grief recovery through the highly acclaimed

video series and group discussion. Everything said in the group is confidential. No one is pressured to talk, but most people eventually feel the need to

share. Members come for help and end up helping each other. It doesn't matter how long ago the death occurred, come join the group if you are still struggling.

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Checotah will host a free Easter Egg Hunt for the kids. So bring those baskets and come out to the park.

Frito Pie Fundraiser April 9

The Masonic Lodge #86 will be having a drive thru or delivery Frito Chili Pie

Fundraiser on Friday, April 9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 625 W. Gentry, Checotah. Dinner will include dessert. Tickets available at Peoples National Main Bank. Free delivery in city limits. Call Joseph English at 918-470-9674 or Roger Beaver at 918-230-9530.

Spring Tea 2021

The Freedom House Adult and Teen

Challenge Spring Tea fundraiser is now underway. The Spring Tea and Graduation will be Saturday, May 1 from 12-2 p.m. at Summit Christian Academy, 200 E. Broadway, Broken Arrow, OK. There will be a silent auction, student testimonies, door prizes and catered lunch by Tonya Rohr. Tickets are \$20 each. For more information contact Tabitha or Julie at 918-473-3462.

Chamber taking vendor applications

The Checotah Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce that they are getting ready to host the 55th Old Settlers Day on June 12, 2021. Applications for vendors are now available on the website Checotah.com and at the Chamber office. Stay tuned for more information on the event.

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4-H Hike for Change

Hike for Change is a fundraiser for the State 4-H Service Project Change for Change. This 3-mile hike is situated in the beautiful Chickasaw Recreational Area near Sulphur. Registration is \$15 per person and includes a box lunch and t-shirt. There is a \$45 maximum per family. Participants can register online at <https://forms.gle/Lan6mMjWEs2e-ro8W8> or with the 2021 Hike for Change Information and Registration. Money and registration are due to the Murray County Extension Office by April 9. New for 2021-Hike from Home! If youth want to participate but

are uncomfortable in the group setting, they can hike from home. Registration will still be due at the same time, at the same cost. The t-shirt will be mailed to the youth or adult. Participants are to hike or walk three miles and support the Children's Hospital Foundation. Masks will be required the entire event (except when eating). Health forms will be required and social distancing will be enforced between family groups. Any questions, please feel free to contact John Holman (john.h.holman@okstate.edu) in Murray County - (580)-622-3016.

Pastor's wife and accomplice arrested in Ada murder case

Agents from the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation (OSBI) have arrested the wife of Pastor David Evans in connection with his murder.

Kristie Dawnell Evans, 47, was taken into custody on March 25 after confessing her role in her husband's murder to agents. Later that night agents also arrested 26-year-old Kahlil Deamie Square in connection with David Evans' murder.

Kristie Evans is being held in the Pontotoc County Jail and Square is in the Cleveland County Jail.

The investigation began on March 22 when the Ada Police Department requested OSBI assistance with a homicide.

Just after 1 a.m., Kristie Evans placed a 9-1-1 call stating an intruder had entered her home at



Kristie Dawnell Evans



Kahlil Deamie Square

1420 Northcrest Drive and shot her husband. When officers arrived at the residence, they found 50-year-old Pastor David Evans with a gunshot wound. He died at the scene.

The Ada Police Department requested a full investigation by the OSBI.

Based on evidence collected and interviews conducted, Kristie and Square were identified as suspects in David's mur-

der.

In the morning of March 25, Kristie Evans met agents at the Ada Police Department where she confessed and was immediately placed into custody. Law enforcement was able to locate Square at a residence on South Harrah Road in Newalla, a Cleveland County town. Just after 11 p.m., Square was taken into custody without incident.

"This investigation was truly a team effort," said Ricky Adams, Director of the OSBI. "OSBI agents from across the state worked tirelessly on this investigation for days. With the help of OSBI intelligence analysts and multiple law enforcement agencies, the suspects responsible for Evans' murder are in custody. Our team will always follow the evidence and find the truth."

The OSBI would like to acknowledge and thank the following law enforcement agencies for their assistance with this investigation: the Ada Police Department, District 2 Task Force, Light-horse Police Department, Norman Police Department and the Cleveland County Sheriff's Office.

Area residents make Connors honor rolls

Connors State College has announced the names of students on the President's and Vice President's Honor Rolls. **Presidential Honor Roll** To qualify for the President's Honor Roll, students must complete at least 12 semester credit hours and maintain a 4.0 grade point average. The recipients of this honor are:

- Johnson, Sarah B.
- Lewis, Katelynn M.
- Terrell, Kylea
- Whisenhunt, Kyzia M.
- White, Jennifer A.
- Wilson, Megan A.
- Young, Sephora A.

From Council Hill:
• Galliton, Alexis K.
VP Honor Roll
To qualify for the Vice President's Honor Roll, students must complete at least 12 semester credit hours and maintain a 3.5 grade point average. Re-

- ipients of this honor are:
- From Checotah:**
- Anthony, Brooke A.
 - Brown, Alyssa L.
 - Chiles, Trendon C.
 - Dishman, Sierra N.
 - Hamm, Callie
 - Johnson, Meara N.
 - Love, Stevie J.
 - Matthews, Eli T.
 - Rice, Sarah E.
 - Scott, William D.
 - Teague, Connor B.
 - Warrior, Kolyn D.
- From Council Hill:**
• Makinson, Megan A.

Postal union worker pleads guilty to embezzlement

The United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Oklahoma announced that Brenda G. Walters, 60, of Haskell, entered a guilty plea to embezzlement from a labor organization, punishable by not more than 5 years' imprisonment, a fine of up to \$10,000, or both.

From about January 2012, and continuing until about July 2020, within the Eastern District of Oklahoma and elsewhere, the defendant, while serving as the Secretary-Treasurer of American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO, Muskogee Local Area 7, a labor organization engaged in an industry affecting commerce, did embezzle, steal,

abstract and convert to her own use, money, funds, property, securities and other assets of the labor organization in the approximate amount of \$95,100. The charges arose from an investigation by the United States Department of Labor - Office of Labor-Management Standards. The Honorable Steven P. Shreder, U.S. Magistrate Judge in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma, in Muskogee, accepted the plea and ordered the completion of a pre-sentence investigation report. Assistant United States Attorney Michael Cooper represented the United States.

ELECTION

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ta Public Schools General Election, the following precinct polling places will be closed on April 6:

- Precinct 460310 (Hanna Community Center);
- Precinct 460312 (Salem Baptist Church);
- Precinct 460313 (Tiger Mountain Fire Depart-

ment). Voters who regularly vote at those precincts and who did not request an absentee ballot still have time to vote. Early voting will be held at the County Election Board office located on the 1st floor of the McIntosh County Courthouse, 110 North 1st Street, Eufaula, Oklahoma, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 1 and Friday, April 2.

An official Voter Identification Card can be used as proof of identity. Alternatively, voters should bring a current federal or Oklahoma state-issued photo ID, or federally-recognized tribal photo ID, to their polling place. If you forget your ID, you may still cast a provisional ballot by signing an affidavit. Provisional ballots will be verified and counted after Election Day and before the election is certified.

The McIntosh County Election Board is open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Secretary, Janelle McKnight, recommends voters with questions about their eligibility or polling place call the County Election Board before Election Day at (918) 689-2452.

"We provide a number of additional services to voters on Election Day, so it can get very busy. If you have any questions, we strongly suggest you call or come by before Election Day if possible. If you find that you do have a question on Election Day, however, don't hesitate to call."

McKnight says the State Election Board's OK Voter Portal is the easiest way for voters to verify their registration or locate their polling place. The OK Voter Portal can be found at oklahoma.gov/elections/ovp. Voters can also view sample ballots and follow election results in real time at www.elections.ok.gov.

STUDENT of the WEEK

April 1-7, 2021

Breyanna Arion

- Age: 18 • Class: 2021
- Family: Matt Arion & Rachelle Arion
- Extracurricular Activities: Yearbook, Book Club, BPA & National Honor Society
- Interests: I like art, cooking & reading.

FAVORITES

- Food: Soup
- Subject in School: Science
- Holiday: Halloween
- Sports Team: OSU Cowboys
- High School Moment: All the times I got to spend with my friends.

FUN FACTS

- In my free time, I enjoy gardening.

What are your plans after graduation and why?
I plan on going to Oklahoma State University for Psychology to better prepare myself for jobs I may have in the future.

Each week, an outstanding Checotah student will be highlighted in the McIntosh County Democrat. The students are selected by a panel of school faculty and administrators.

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Proposed change to school funding formula targets small-town schools

A bill under consideration by the state legislature will place greater hardships on rural schools, leading to budget shortfalls, potential teacher layoffs, and in some cases possible consolidation, according to a statement released today by the Rural and Small-Town Round Table of Common Interests, a recently formed advocacy group focusing on rural issues.

“The legislature is looking at changing the state school funding formula in a way that puts Oklahoma’s rural schools in the crosshairs,” said Clay Pope, Chairman of the round table. “This move will eventually strip funding from rural schools and has to stop and stop now.”

According to Pope, the measure under consideration, House Bill 2078 authored by Representative Kyle Hilbert of Bristow and Senator Zack Taylor of Seminole, changes the way schools in Oklahoma are funded by taking away from schools the option of us-

ing the current three-year enrollment high of students to determine per-pupil state aid and instead requiring that funding for districts to be based on either the current year’s initial enrollment numbers or the previous year’s enrollment.

This means that if a school has lost students due to economic conditions or demographic changes, it has no time to plan for budget cuts and will be forced to lay off teachers and cancel programs immediately.

Currently, state law gives schools time to strategically plan how to deal with funding reductions to minimize budget shocks and academic constraints caused by changes to the economy, something that will go away if HB 2078 passes.

“As someone who has lived through the booms and busts of the energy industry in rural Oklahoma, I can tell you that the economy can change overnight with immediate results on an area,” Pope said. “The com-

munities most drastically affected by these kinds of changes are located in rural Oklahoma. It doesn’t take a lot of imagination to see that if this bill passes, the next oil bust will result in immediate budget shortfalls and the potential closing of several rural schools. I think it’s pretty clear what the long-term effect of this bill will be, and it needs to stop.”

House Bill 2078 has passed the House and is currently under consideration by the State Senate. Pope encourages everyone concerned with rural school funding to call their State Senators now and ask for their no vote on the measure.

“If we want to stop this back-door consolidation move, we need to act now,” Pope said. “I encourage everyone interested in the health of our rural schools to call and ask for a no vote on this bill.”

OKFB offers tips to prepare for tornado season

According to the weather service, the most costly tornado in Oklahoma led to \$2 billion in damage. With Oklahoma being located in the heart of tornado alley, it is important to create an emergency plan and ensure your home, vehicle, farm and ranch and other assets are protected.

“Every year we see tornadoes impact our policyholders in some way,” said Gary Buckner, executive vice president and general manager of Oklahoma Farm Bureau (OKFB) Insurance. “Before tornado season officially rolls around, it is always a good idea to call your agent and go over your policy to make sure you’re covered in case of tornado damage.”

As tornado season approaches, con-

sider these tips from OKFB Insurance to prepare for a tornado and to keep you and your loved ones safe.

Create an Emergency Plan. This plan should include steps for you and your family to follow when a tornado is spotted in the area. For example, the plan could include the shelter location or who will gather necessary supplies. Additionally, you may consider creating a checklist of items you want to have with you when seeking shelter. A few items that are important to have are:

- Weather radio
- Bottled water & food
- Batteries
- Flashlight
- First aid kit
- Medication

Understand Tornado Watch vs. Tornado Warning. These terms sound similar, but hold different meanings. Knowing the difference is important when preparing for a tornado. Tornado watch signifies the current weather is capable of producing a tornado, while a tornado warning signifies one has been spotted and seeking shelter should be the priority.

Protect Your Assets. One way to protect your assets, like your home, farm and ranch or business, is through insurance. Along with insuring your items, there are a few things you could do to minimize tornado damage.

- Remove debris, outdoor furniture and branches
- Unplug high-dollar appliances and

secure them

- Install permanent shutters to cover windows

Know the Tornado Weather Signs. According to the weather service, tornadoes can happen during any time of the year, so knowing the signs are critical for staying prepared. A few common signs include the sky looking dark and green, a funnel-shaped cloud in the sky and loud continuous rumbling.

Tornado season is just around the corner during these spring months, so take time now to get prepared. Ensure your assets are covered for the unexpected and use these ways to stay safe and protected throughout the year.

Hoffmeister comments on Senate Committee approval of HB 2078

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Joy Hoffmeister made the following remarks today after the Senate Finance Committee approved House Bill 2078. The bill changes the calculation for state funding for school districts.

“House Bill 2078 will have the most negative impact on rural schoolchildren by removing safeguards that ensure stability during volatile shifts in the economy. Going forward, I urge lawmakers to consider the ramifications this measure would have on education in rural Oklahoma.”

HB 2078 amends the State Aid Funding Formula beginning with the 2022-23 school year. It removes language allowing the initial and midyear State Aid allocation calculations to be based

on the weighted average daily membership (WADM) of a district’s second preceding school year. Instead, it requires each district to use its WADM from the preceding school year to calculate its initial State Aid allocation instead of the higher WADM of the preceding 2 school years. And, it directs the midyear adjustment to be based on the higher WADM of the preceding school year or the first nine weeks of the current school year. It increases the allowed general fund carryover between 3 and 8 percentage points depending on the total general fund collections for each district. It also prohibits a general fund balance penalty from being imposed on school districts that exceed prescribed limits during fiscal years 2022 and 2023.

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ty, acting up the McGirt motion filed by Mabray, noted that the defendant is a member of the Cherokee Nation and that the alleged crime took place in Indian Country and therefore dismissed the case.

Margaret E. Brashier, 65, Muskogee
Brashier was charged in McIntosh County on July 22, 2020, with breaking and entering a dwelling. In September, 2020, she filed a McGirt motion and on March 24, 2021, the court granted the motion to dismiss.

Slaten John Leach, 45, Tulsa
On May 11, 2020, Leach was charged

with the misdemeanor of driving a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol – aggravated. In Sept., 2020 he filed a motion to dismiss based upon the McGirt ruling, stating the court lacked subject matter jurisdiction. On March 19, 2021, the court agreed.

Rheille Breece Maxwell, 22, Checotah

Maxwell was charged on June 10, 2019 with assault and battery upon a police officer and on May 28, 2020 with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and with domestic abuse – assault and battery. The defendant filed McGirt motions in all of the cases and on March 25, 2021 the court granted the motions dismissing the cases.

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OPINION

How do we protect ourselves?

LaDonna's
LAST WORD

by LaDonna Rhodes



How do we protect ourselves in this day and time? How do we protect our hearts? How do we protect our families? How do we protect our sanity? How do we protect what's most important to us?

There is so much hatred, strife and turmoil in the world today. So many individuals live their lives either blaming others or feeling the rejection of that blame. Those individuals who are frequently blamed with an accusing finger waved under their nose often build up walls of defense to protect themselves, while unknowingly they begin to isolate themselves from the very people who really do care about them. That's how people change.

When these individuals get hurt, they in turn begin to lash out and hurt people, just like they were hurt. Our result is a society plagued with wounded spirits, misled hearts and broken dreams.

Too many times we hold on to the very thing that hurt us or the painful memories that we just can't seem to release. We play over and over the offense. We get angry. We get sad. We get confused. How can human beings become so cruel? How do we protect ourselves?

First of all, I believe we pray. Though many people often think prayer is a last resort. Like their saying "when all else fails, pray." I believe the opposite. When it really matters - pray and do it every

day. I mean, seriously, why do we really want to try to do things on our own when we know we are human and we can and probably will mess it up. So if we truly ask God how to deal with the situation and go to His Word to find the answers to help us through these perilous times then He will protect our hearts. In fact His Word says in Proverbs 4:23 "Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it." In other words, what keeps coming out of your mouth is coming out of heart and spirit.

My pastor Steven Furtick said in his sermon Sunday that some people spend more time making sure that their car is clean than making sure that their heart and soul is clean. I laughed because my car is always a mess but Jesus meets me in it every day as I head out the door and pray on my way to work and just

as sweet as He always has spoken to me, the Holy Spirit reminds of who I am in Christ and how He's going to walk me through the highs and the lows of this insane world.

Which brings me to my second point, I believe we must always read His Word and fill ourselves with good thoughts so we stay positive and not just possessive. When we strive to stay more positive we beat out the negativity around us. We can choose to not look at social media for several days and that might really help us stay more focused on our own tasks rather than worrying about everyone else's situations.

Lastly, we can decide to be the change in the world. Rather than joining in the chaos, why not be kind and be the light to someone else. When we realize that no matter what we can't protect ourselves from getting hurt or our children from

getting hurt in this lifetime why not show them that when we bleed, we bless. We have to just open up our hearts again and find the purpose for the pain. Just like Christ Who came to take away our sin and shame, there was purpose in the pain He endured for us. So we would know that we were created for more than this - more than the sorrow, more than the strife; we were created to live a victorious life.

I have never seen anyone helped by a pointing finger, but I have seen plenty helped by a helpful, healing hand. So pull down those walls and be friendly again and quit worrying about your idea of protection because God is your Protection. Progress and peace will come from a place of pain. I can guarantee it.

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Agriculture Day and Oklahoma Youth Expo

AVERY FRIX
STATE REPRESENTATIVE

The Oklahoma House of Representatives this week adopted House Resolution 1008, naming March 23, Agriculture Day. The resolution notes that agriculture is one of Oklahoma's leading industries, and its associated production, processing and marketing segments together provide a major source of employment and income for our state.

Agriculture also provides us with the basic necessities of life, including food, fiber and other items. The performance of agriculture is vital to our state and our local economy and our way of life, and I'm a proud supporter of this industry.

On the topic of agriculture, many lawmakers took part in the Oklahoma Youth Expo's 18th Annual Legislative and Celebrity Showmanship Reception on March 16 in Oklahoma City. The show is nearly a century-old tradition, bringing youth from each of the state's 77 counties to compete and show their livestock. It's recognized as the largest youth even in Okla-

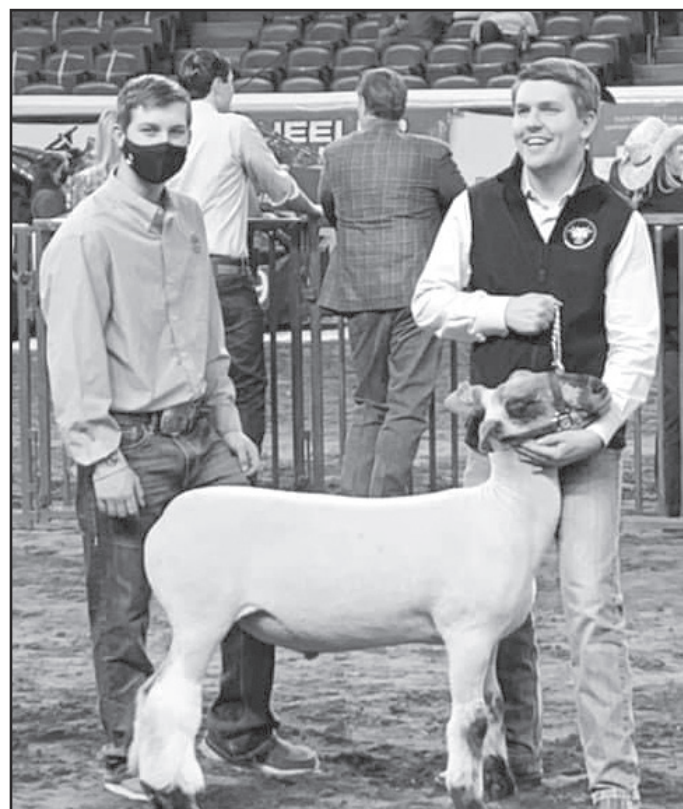


Avery Frix

homa and is touted as the world's largest junior livestock show. The show brings over 7,000 exhibitors along with their educators and families and raises hundreds of thousands of dollars for youth scholarships.

The celebrity show is always a fun event as it pits lawmakers and other state officials and celebrities against each other showing livestock for a young person from their home district. This year, I showed a sheep belonging to Blaize Herriman of Warner FFA. Blaize was a great sport, and he's done an excellent job raising his sheep.

One of the reasons I love OYE is because it teaches young people the value of working hard and remaining dedicat-



COURTESY PHOTO

Rep. Avery Frix shows a sheep for Blaize Herriman of Warner FFA at the Oklahoma Youth Expo's Legislative and Celebrity Showmanship Reception on March 16 in Oklahoma City.

ed to a project. Raising livestock and competing in the Sale of Champions truly helps prepare these young people for their future careers, no matter what field they choose.

I would like to congratulate the winners of OYE from House District 13. They are listed by School, Name, place, and category as follows:

- Checotah FFA**
- Carly Dismukes, 1st place, Charolais Breeding Class 07; 3rd place, Commercial Heifer Class 03
 - Shayla Dismukes, 1st place, Percentage Charolais Class 07; 2nd place, Charolais Breeding Class 03

- Ky Fowler, 2nd place, Commercial Heifer Class 14
- Kade Fowler, 2nd place, Pure Bred Heifer Class 09
- Sophie Mcguire, 3rd place, Shorthorn Plus Class 31; 4th place, Commercial Heifer Class 14
- Dually Robison, 3rd place, Breeding Doe Class 05; 7th place, Breeding Doe Class 07; 7th place, Breeding Doe Class 15
- Kloee Vanmeter, 3rd place, Shorthorn Plus Class 27; 5th place, Simmental-Influence Breeding Class 08

- Oktaha FFA**
- Tatum Barnett, 2nd place, Commercial Ewes Class 11
 - Jaiden Bacon, 7th place, Commercial Ewes Class 03; 9th place, Barrow Spot Market Class 02; 10th place, Barrow Poland China Market Class 01
 - Jana Stacy, 2nd place Commercial Ewes Class 06; 3rd place, Wether Dam Doe Class 08
 - Tyann Stacy, 2nd place, Commercial Ewes Class 04; 5th place, Commercial Ewes Class 06
 - Rayna Ward, 1st place,

Commercial Ewes Class 01

- Warner FFA**
- Karlee Glover, 4th place, Breeding Doe Class 02
 - Falcon Walker, 2nd place, Purebred Heifers Class 06
 - Braden Watts, 3rd place, Barrow Spot Market, Class 01
 - Jalei Watts, 1st place, Barrow Berkshire Class 01; 2nd place, Barrow Duroc Market Class 03

- Muskogee County 4-H**
- Meleah Adams, 1st place, Commercial Ewes Class 05
 - Lane Lewis, 10th place, Simmental-Influence Breeding Class 04
 - Jai Paxton, 7th place, Angus Breeding Class 08
 - Taryn Trennepohl, 4th place, Purebred Heifers Class 09

Letters to the EDITOR

To the Editor:
Seems Markwayne Mullen wants people to be ashamed for getting a stimulus check. This is being repeated across the country. Suddenly conservatives have found their lost austerity that's been missing for four years. To compare Republican spending during Trump's term to drunken sailors is an insult to drunken sailors. But it's always the same 'ol same 'ol: Republican presidents come in, totally wreck everything and leave the clean up to someone else.

But let's see what Mullen had to say about a bill he supported: the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017. You know, the one that, after Trump signed it he boasted to a room full of billionaires "I just made you all a whole lot of money."
He called a bill that shifted the tax burden from the wealthiest 1% in this country to the lower middle class and the working poor a Christmas gift. He was proud of voting for something that pushed the deficit sky high. No talk of who's gonna pay

for this God-awful thing that's gonna saddle our grandkids with debt for decades to come. Not for that nor for the stimulus package he voted for last year. Because he owns four firms that received \$800,000 in stimulus dollars. He claims he's not involved with those companies yet his wife runs Mullen Plumbing which netted more than \$350,000.
And Tom Cole, who wasted no time happily informing the Tribes about their good fortune in this bill: \$31 billion, the largest package of help to Native Americans EVER, even though he didn't vote for it. I guess he never heard of holding your nose and doing what's right. No, he, Mullen

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The internet isn't a luxury, it's a necessity



MULLIN IT OVER

by U.S. Representative Markwayne Mullin

One of the biggest lessons we have taken away from the pandemic is that the internet is no longer a luxury. It is a necessity.
From telework to telemedicine, having reliable broadband connectivity is the difference between being connected and being in the dark. Now, as

Congress debates a massive infrastructure package, it is more crucial than ever to ensure that rural America does not get left behind.
This issue hits home for all of us. Over half of the residents who live in the Second District of Oklahoma do not have access to broadband in their

homes, and more than 45 percent of those living on Tribal land do not have access to high-speed internet. I fully understand the challenge this creates because I didn't have internet at my own house until last year.
As a result, many Oklahomans find themselves significantly behind the digital curve. These disparities must be addressed to ensure that our local businesses, schools, and communities all have reliable in-

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OPINION

We must end the cycle of racism by remembering and reckoning



For the Children

By Joe Dorman, CEO
Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy

Numerous incidents this past year have increased discussion over what constitutes a hate crime. Just about every minority community has endured violence throughout the world based upon this type of bias.

A commitment is needed to help reverse what has been ingrained in so many for so long if we want to see better for the next generation. At the Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy, we hope a more serious discussion occurs about understanding and accepting racial cultures and differences.

Why is a child advocacy group raising this issue? Because what adults say and do will impact children around them, including conversations that create bias and racism in the next generation. Even an insensitive, racially-based joke can lead to a lifelong bias against a particular group and possibly even instigate hate-based actions.

There are different legal definitions regarding hate crimes. Thanks to Hunsucker Legal Group for helping with this topic. As defined in Oklahoma's law, a hate crime is where the perpetrator of a crime has "the specific intent to intimidate or harass another person because of that person's race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin or disability."

The first offense is a misdemeanor carrying a \$1,000 fine and/or imprisonment in the county jail for up to a year. A felony conviction increases punishment to as much as 10 years for second or subsequent offenses; fines go as high as \$10,000. Furthermore, perpetrators can be sued in civil court for damages caused while committing the crime.

At the federal level, the Justice Department generally

allows any state prosecution of an underlying crime to proceed before deciding whether to pursue a civil rights investigation via the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The federal government defines a hate crime as a crime committed "because of the actual or perceived race, color, religion, or national origin of any person." If a federal prosecutor can prove this kind of intent, it would satisfy the "bias" requirement necessary to convert an otherwise ordinary act of physical violence into a federal hate crime.

Understanding the punishment is important, but more importantly, we must work to stop hate before it starts. Children are not born with hatred toward others who look different. They learn it from the words and actions of adults around them. To end racism, we must speak up when we hear these wrongful and hurtful words.

As great as America is, we have a long history of prejudice. Even the magnificent Constitution contains the odious "Three-fifths Compromise," creating a separate class of humans. Moreover, just a generation ago, many Americans were denied full and equal voting rights based upon their race.

Closer to home, this year marks the 100th anniversary of the Tulsa Race Massacre, a catastrophe with which our nation and state are only just now coming to grips. Nor should we ignore the AAPI internment camps locking up American citizens of Asian descent during World War II, as well as the increased attacks against them in the past year, stoked by ignorance, fear, and hate.

Only by discussing this history factually and weighing its impact on those who endured discrimination will we ensure that young people understand that mistakes were made in the past. We must work not to repeat them. Remembering and reckoning is not a weakness; it allows us to ensure these tragic mistakes are never repeated on American soil. That is the true excellence we should strive to achieve as Americans.

Tribes welcome COVID-19 relief funds, say deep-rooted problems remain

MOLLY HUDSON
CRONKITE NEWS

Advocates said the billions in aid slated for Native Americans under the latest COVID-19 relief bill is welcome, but they told a House committee that a one-shot infusion will not solve all the challenges facing tribes.

"While the American Rescue Plan provides much-needed support to Indian Country's ongoing requests, the pandemic is far from over and there is much work still left to be done," William Smith, the National Indian Health Board chairperson, told a House committee Tuesday.

That includes not just health care, they said, but the whole range of infrastructure shortfalls, from health facilities to lack of broadband access to overcrowded housing, that have combined to contribute to the devastating effects of COVID-19 on Indigenous people.

Members of the House Natural Resources subcommittee that was holding the hearing appeared to be receptive to the range of challenges the advocates brought to the table.

"Many tribal communities lack proper water delivery systems, sanitation facilities and other disparities, which create the perfect storm," said Rep. Bruce Westerman, R-Ark., and ranking member of the committee.

Tribal communities have been hammered by COVID-19.

Smith said in his written testimony that COVID-19 has led to 5,981 American Indian/Alaska Native deaths over the past year. The Indian Health Service reported 189,231 total positive COVID-19 cases as of Sunday, almost one-third of which were reported in Arizona.

The Oklahoma City area office of the IHS recorded the most cases in the nation, with 59,884 cases, but it was followed by Navajo Nation, with 31,224 cases and the Phoenix area office with its 23,236. The Tucson area reported 2,730 to the IHS.

At one point last year, the Navajo Nation had the highest rate of infection in the country, exceeding even New York City at the height of the pandemic. As of Monday, 1,233 members of the Navajo Nation had died of COVID-19, according to the Navajo Department of Health.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that Native Americans have the highest risk for infection, hospitalization and death from COVID-19 of any racial or ethnic group in the country.

"According to the CDC our people are 1.7 times more likely to be diagnosed with COVID-19 when compared to non-Hispanic white people," Smith said.

He said in his written testimony that the \$1.9 trillion

American Rescue Plan provides more than \$6 billion for Indian health with "\$600 million specifically for vaccine activities in Indian Country."

But health care is just one of the areas in need, witnesses said. One effect of the pandemic is that it has exposed long-running housing needs of Indigenous communities, said Adrian Stevens, acting board chairman for the National American Indian Housing Council.

"It is important to discuss how pre-existing housing shortages have impacted and increased COVID-19's ability to cause greater harm in our tribal communities and other parts of the country," Stevens said. He cited a 2017 Department of Housing and Urban Development housing needs assessment that highlighted the overcrowding in tribal housing.

"In many tribal communities you will find three generations or larger extended families living under the same roof," Stevens said. "It is impossible for families to practice safe social distancing under these conditions."

While there is funding for tribal housing in both the CARES Act and the American Rescue Plan that advocates appreciate, Stevens said "it is just not possible to build new housing at a snap of a finger." A longer-term commitment is needed, he said.

But it's not all bad news: Dr. Charles Grim, secretary of the Chickasaw Nation Department of Health testified that "the Chickasaw Nation workforce of over 11,000 experienced significantly lower rates of coronavirus infections compared to rates within our communities in the state."

Grim attributed that success to policy and procedures implemented by the tribal government.

"We were able to maintain a seven-day percent-positive testing rate that was 50% or less than rates seen in the community and state," he said. "Presently our seven-day rolling average for employees is at 0.96% compared to the community rate of 10.59%."

Rep. Don Young, R-Alaska, called on his colleagues to work together to address the range of issues that had been laid out before them.

"Let's write a new American Native bill... that will address all these problems," Young said. "A bipartisan bill addressing the indigenous people of America and the salvation and solution to problems that they are facing with funding, the whole bit, the housing, the water and the sewer, education, transportation, you name it. And we can do that, I believe."

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Capitol update



This Week at the Capitol

by State Rep. Randy Randleman

After our deadline a few weeks ago to pass bills out of their chamber of origin, the House has now received all the bills passed by the Senate.

House committees have begun hearing Senate bills, and our schedule will follow a similar pattern to earlier this session: we'll spend the next few weeks focused on committees, and then several weeks of long days on the House floor hearing the Senate bills that survived committee.

On Thursday morning, I sat in on a meeting with the Oklahoma Health Care Authority to discuss funding for various state agencies that fall under OHCA's purview, including the Dept. of Human Services (DHS), the Oklahoma State Dept. of Health (OSDH), the Office of Juvenile Affairs (OJA), the Dept. of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS), the State Dept. of Education (SDE), and the Dept. of Corrections (DOC).

We discussed plans and funding for the new community mental health center in eastern Oklahoma that I have been working with ODMHSAS to establish. I have been hoping to establish this center for quite a while, so I am excited to see the vision start to become a reality!

I also recently attended a meeting with some constituents who are concerned about rock quarries moving in close to their homes. Over 100 people gathered at the Porum Landing Volunteer Fire Dept., including two people from the Oklahoma Department of Mines. Together, we had a discussion about how to keep quarries from being so close to housing additions, as well as what legislation could look like for next session to tighten protections for constituents dealing with this issue.

The Legislature's most important duty is approving the annual state budget for the following fiscal year. We are already in the process of drafting our state budget for Fiscal Year 2022, which begins in July. This year, we have \$7.9 billion to appropriate to state agencies. We will continue funding education at more than 50% of the overall budget, but schools are also expected to receive record amounts of relief funding from the federal government as part of the Coronavirus CARES Act. We also will be funding about \$164 million for the cost of Medicaid expansion, which Oklahoma voters approved last June.

The House and Senate are discussing restoring funding borrowed from several off-the-top sources last year during the onset of the pandemic. We also anticipate saving a bit this year as we have the past few years. This has proven prudent as we've had to navigate through the pandemic and some severe weather events because we want to prepare for whatever the future may hold.

As we continue developing the state budget and hearing Senate bills, please feel free to share your thoughts about legislation with me at (405) 557-7375 or randy.randleman@okhouse.gov. Thank you for the privilege of representing you at the State Capitol.

Rep. Randy Randleman represents District 15 in the Oklahoma House of Representatives, which includes portions of Haskell, LeFlore, McIntosh, Muskogee, Pittsburg and Sequoyah Counties.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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len and every Republican in Congress chose party over people.

Yes, I'm ashamed. I'm ashamed to live in a state that's dumb enough to keep sending people like Mullen and Cole back to D.C. time after time. And really, Mullen's just jealous because none of the insurrectionists on Jan. 6 were hugging and kissing him.

Larry Parsons,
Warner

MULLIN IT OVER

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ternet access to stay competitive in the global economy.

In order to bridge the digital divide, we must identify opportunities to work together to turbocharge public and private investment, upgrade infrastructure, boost competition, and streamline the broadband deployment process for rural areas. These are ideas that lawmakers on both sides of the aisle can get behind.

Investing in rural broadband means investing in our communities. We cannot afford to be left behind any longer.

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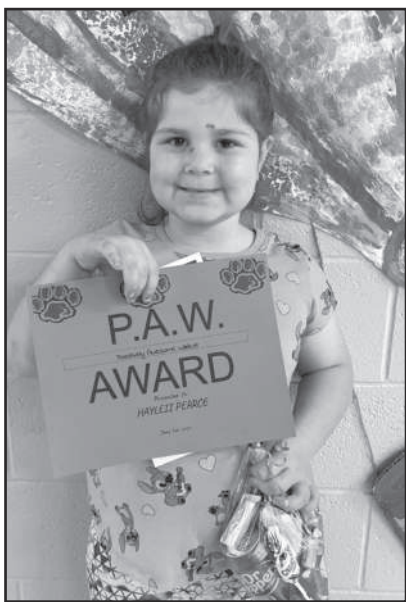
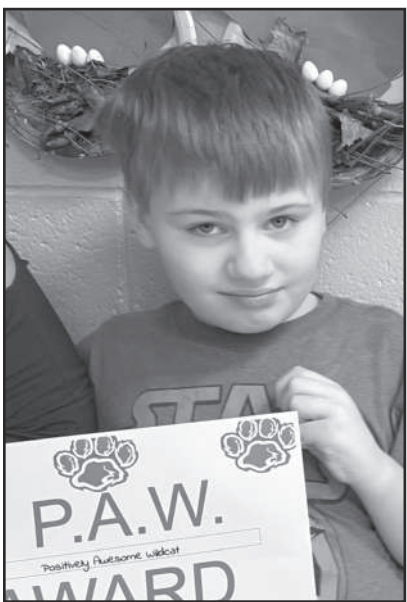
- Pre-K - Deacon Rainbolt, Kymber Barlow, Andi Walker, Alayzia Gilbert
- Kind. - Kayzlea Moham, Stryker Franks, James Lewis, Levi Love, Trinity McDaniel
- First - Chevy Creekmore, London Hollenbeck, Piper Williams, R.J. Umphrey, Remi Walker,
- Serena Nelson, Landon Thondeenok
- Second - Elijah Codner, Elyjah Tayde, Dagan Timmons, Addison Williams, Jax Reeves,
- Special - Hayleii Pearce



COURTESY PHOTOS

March Winners:

- Pre-K - Olivia Fanning, Arwyn Anderson, Payton Hatridge, Carolina Moser
 - Kind. - Ty Stewart, Mason Morrison, A'Dreya Owens, Ray-Lynn Tarkington, Diesel Drum
 - First - Avree Stover, Casey Smith, Abbi Howell, Korie Walker, Serenity Siers, Kylah Herron
 - Second - Aubree O'Connor, Rylee Burge, Alex Luce, Keegan Hollingshed and Joshua Atkinson
 - Special - Finley Killblane
- Pictured below is Austin Phillips who was a January PAW winner.



DEATH NOTICES

EUFULA - Margaret Catherine Ralston, 76, passed away on Friday, March 12, 2021 in Eufaula, OK. A memorial service was held Friday, March 26 at Serenity Chapel of Garrett Family Funeral Home.

CHECOTAH - Geneva Kay Burks-Dunlap, 69 years, 6 months, 12 days old, passed away on Friday, March 12, 2021, in Tulsa, OK, after a long illness. Service was held Wednesday, March 17, 2021. Interment Greenlawn Cemetery.

SHAWNEE / PORUM LANDING - Julie Ann Norman, 40, passed from this earthly life Tuesday, March 23, 2021. Services were held on Saturday, March 27 in the Serenity Chapel of Garrett Family Funeral Home, Checotah, with Pastor Tim Allen of Texanna Assembly of God Church ministering. Committal prayers and Interment followed Saturday, March 27, 2021 at Garden Grove Cemetery, Prague, Oklahoma.

CHECOTAH - Calvin Lee Wooten, 69, passed away Monday, March 22nd, 2021. Service pending.

CHECOTAH - Perry Joe Johnson, known to all who love him as Red, 86, left this earth March 25, 2021 surrounded by the love of his family. A funeral service for Perry Joe Johnson, Sr., (Red), was held at Hunn Funeral Home on Monday, March 29, 2021.

MUSKOGEE - Marvis Elvie Blevins, 84, passed away on Thursday, March 25, 2021 at Broadway Manor Nursing Home. A celebration of her life was held on Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at Timothy Baptist Church. Interment Fort Gibson National Cemetery.

QUINTON - Margie Adams, 70, of Quinton, passed away March 22, 2021 at Cornerstone Hospital in Muskogee after a yearlong battle with cancer. A memorial was held Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at Brooken Cemetery.

BOWER - Oscar "Louie" Lewis Bedford, 71, a 1968 Canadian High School graduate, passed away Friday, March 26, 2021, at his home. A memorial service was held Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at Bower Cemetery.

WARRANTS

Ake, Roger M.
Albright, Austin Michael
Allen, Edmond Monte
Allen, Justin Lee
Almeida, Louis Ernest III
Anderson, Gary Don
Anderson, Teddy Bruce
Arnold, Charles Wayne
Bahe, Mandy Gail
Baker, Jerry Beal
Bash, Jessica
Baumann, Staci Raye
Bear, Larissa Leann
Blevins, Kevin
Boswell, Eric Lee
Boyles, Daron Ray
Brakebill, Raymond
Brinsfield, Danny Joe
Brown, James
Brown, Ricky Dan
Burns, Simone Rachelle
Burnett, Cody K.
Burris II, Richard Cecil
Cardana, Adolfo Raralcaba
Carter, Kevin Dale
Casey, Jerry Dean
Chandler, Tyler Ray
Chaney, Charles Anthony
Clarkson, Natalie Marie
Coffey, David
Colbert, Brady Del

Collins, Dennis Eugene
Conner, Courtney Laveda
Crawford, Cheryl
Crawley, Coby Vaughn
Cunningham, Alexandria
Davis, Deidra Marie
Davis, Jamie Dwight
Degraffenreed, Buffy
Degraffenreed, Dakota
Duncan, Jimmy Christopher
Dye, Brandi Lynette
Ellis, Edward Dee Jr.
Eplin, Vernon Dale
Focht, Cheryl Ann
Fowler, Benjamin Casey
Garrison, Gregory Dale
Garza, Ruben
Gibson, Jr., Gerald Hugh
Gill, Dana Michelle
Gonzalez, Kathleen M.
Gorum, Joshua
Hays III, Melvin Leon
Holt, Anna M.
Hueitt, Joseph
Huffman, Curtis James
Hughes, John J.
Hunt, Lucas Marvin
Hunt, Meaghan Cathleen
Hunter, Justin David
Hutson, Catherine Lee
Jarvis, Jayson

Jobe, Joseph Isac
Johnson, Andrianna Neshelle
Jones, Tana Samaria
Jordan, William
Keen, Louie F.
Lancaster, Mary
Lanham, Anthony Scott
Lann, Garland Dillard
Large, Cory Wayne
Lawson, Jarred
Lever, John J.
Lewis, Brandon E J
Lewis, Dale
Loveless, Tammy Ann
Lynn, William Curtis
Lyttle, David P.
Mabry, Kyle Davin
Manley, Leatrice
Manley, Pamela
Marr, Haelee Renae
Marshall, Cheryl Lee
Mathis, Donna Marie
Menary, Makayla Michelle
Miller, Kely
Mitchum, Traci Aline
Mosco, Michael Ray Jr.
Murray, Christina Rosemarie
Murray, Hustle S.
Nelson, Kimberly Faye
Newell, Clinton James
Nichols, River Ashton

CHECOTAH POLICE REPORT

March 22 - 29, 2021

- **Juvenile:** Furnishing of Tobacco to Minors / Possession by Minor
- **Donny Lynn Creekmore:** Animal Running at Large
- **Susan Kathleen Hanna:** Operating MV While License Suspended; Failure to Stop at Stop Sign
- **Jeremy Lane Melton:** Petit Larceny; Possession of Paraphernalia

Poindexter, Tangi
Powdrill, Darren Lamar
Rau, Joshua Robert
Reynolds, Jamie Darlene
Rice, Jackie Lea
Ross, Kevin D.
Sawyer, Kandis Autumn
Schirmer, Keith
Serena, Robert
Sheline, Paul Jason
Simon, Arnold
Skadal, Aaron
Smith, Jesse Johnny
Smith, Joseph
Smith, Steven Gregory
Smith, Tanner
Stafford, Richard Edward

Stinnett, Lisa
Sweatt/Pinckney, Richard
Sullivan, Jeffrey Ray
Talbert, Della Marie
Thompson, Tanner
Waldo, Gary
Walker, Chase Dillyon
Webb, Richard Jr.
Wells, Christina
Williams, Allen Ray
Williams, Jr., Leslie Jackson
Wisdom, Coleman
Wood, Brittany Rashawnda
Worley, Phillip Titus
Yahraus, Jessica Cecilia

Checotah stories from the past

JERRY FINK
MANAGING EDITOR

115 Years Ago:
Checotah Times • November 23, 1906

FORTY-EIGHT COUNTIES

Looks Like Sequoyah Map Will Prevail in Indian Territory

Guthrie, Ok., Nov. 26 - The present outlook is that the new state of Oklahoma will have within its borders 90 counties. The present territory of Oklahoma has 26 counties, Indian Territory has 26 recording districts and the Sequoyah convention at Muskogee gave to Indian Territory a total of 48 counties.

With Indian Territory divided into 48 counties, as will probably be the program, the Territory of Oklahoma must therefore be divided into 42 to fill out the total of 90.

Child Badly Burned

The six-month-old baby of Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Millsaps, living east of Checotah, fell into the fireplace Tuesday and came very near burning to death.

The child was sitting in a chair near the fire, while Mrs. Millsaps was in another room, it fell over and it is thought remained in the fire for about a minute. The child was badly burned on the left side of the face and top of the head and will probably be disfigured for life.

Checotah Carriage Works

The Checotah Carriage Works is now prepared to meet all demands for blacksmithing, wagon and carriage work. Wm. Siegrist, the proprietor, during the past few months has made many improvements in his establishment and now has one of the best-equipped shops in the new state.

Last summer he built an addition onto his former building in which he has installed a 6-horsepower gasoline engine and woodwork machinery of all kinds.

100 Years Ago:
McIntosh County Democrat • March 31, 1921

MIDNIGHT BLAZE

Fire Threatens Entire McIntosh Block Early Last Friday Morning

About 12:30 Friday morning the citizens of Checotah were awakened from their slumbers by the shrill blasts of the fire whistle and a large number did not realize the danger, which threatened the business district until they came to their work at the usual hour.

The fire originated at the rear of the Checotah meat market and it was only through the prompt and efficient work of Chief Randall and his firefighters that the entire McIntosh block was saved from destruction.

A large amount of lard in the meat market added fuel to the flames and for a time it looked as though

the building was doomed.

COUNTY MEET APRIL 8-9

The annual McIntosh County Track Meet and Literary Contests will be held in Checotah on April 8 and 9. These two days are "red letter ones" in the heart of the pupils of the various schools throughout the county and no doubt a number of county records will be broken this year.

Freeze Does Large Damage

The good housewife who was planning on filling the empty jars with luscious fruit this summer had all her hopes completely shattered Sunday and Monday nights. Following an all day rain Sunday the wind shifted its position to the north and the winter's chilling breezes played havoc with all kinds of fruit and also such garden stuff as was freezable.

The temperature dropped so low that ice was a common sight both Monday and Tuesday mornings.

75 Years Ago:
McIntosh County Democrat • March 28, 1946

Child Labor Protest Investigated in City

A checkup of Checotah minors employed in local industry was made this week by Ione M. Crabbe, deputy commissioner of labor.

Mrs. Crabbe made the investigation in Checotah after a protest had been filed in the office of Pat Murphy, state labor commissioner.

State laws prohibit any child under 14 years of age to be employed in any factory, workshop, theater, bowling alley, pool hall or laundry at any time day or night.

3 G.I.'s Employed by Peoples Bank

Three young men, all of whom have served in the armed forces, have taken jobs at the Peoples National bank, it was announced by officials of the institution this week.

The new employees are Tom Johnson, Warner, former Checotah athletic coach; Jim Phillips of Porum and Vernon Harrison, McAlester.

Big Bass Biting at Checotah Lake

The catch of big mouth bass at the local lake has been extremely good in recent weeks, Jess Cowan, caretaker, reported.

Cannery Is Seeking Acreage of Peas

Contract for 1,000 acres of field peas is sought in McIntosh County by the Drake and Thomas cannery of Haskell, leading farmers of the county have been advised.

The cannery has agreed to pay \$65 per ton for the peas delivered at Haskell. They specified that only black eye and cream crowder-type peas are acceptable for canning.

50 Years Ago:
McIntosh County Democrat • April 1, 1971

Canal Proposal Is Under Study

Thoughts ranging from beginning construction immediately to never beginning construction were expressed during hearings in connection with the Central Oklahoma navigation project, which would link Oklahoma City to the Arkansas River project.

The corps is studying a proposal that would bring water transportation from Eufaula Lake up the Deep Fork River to a port at Lake Arcadia northeast of Oklahoma City.

Patton Serving in Coast Guard

Coast Guard Lieutenant (junior grade) David F. Patton Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. David F. Patton Sr., of Checotah, is now serving at the Coast Guard Aviation Center, Bates Field, Mobile, Ala.

Ott Is Promoted in Marine Corps

Marine Cpl. Randy J. Ott, son of Mrs. Cora M. Ott of Route 1, Checotah, was promoted to his present rank while serving at the Marine Barracks, Hunters Point Naval Shipyard, San Francisco.

25 Years Ago:
McIntosh County Democrat • April 11, 1996

City Approves Penny Hike in Sales Tax

Checotah Mayor Jay Hayes looks at the April 2 passage of a penny hike in Checotah's sales tax as a sign that "people want our little town to grow and to provide jobs so that our young people, who are our future, do not have to move away to make a living.

Checotah voters gave the tax hike request a resounding 78 percent approval despite a last minute effort by some to sway voters with an April 1 flyer that was passed out to most of the houses in Checotah.

Council Lifts Ban on Building Permits

The Checotah City Council lifted its ban on building permits during a regularly scheduled meeting Monday night.

The council, however, stopped short of opening permit grants for mobile homes.

The permit freeze was lifted to allow local businesses to proceed with construction on permanent buildings.

Lions Club Slates Hamburger Fry at Legion Hall

The Checotah Lions Club will host a hamburger fry April 12 at the American Legion Hall. The money the local club raises never leaves the community and goes to the Milam King Scholarship Fund and for eyeglasses.

Marshall Elementary AR Point Earners

February

1st place Overall AR Point Earner for 1st grade - Kinlee Frame
 2nd place Overall AR Point Earner for 1st grade - Remi Walker
 Accelerated Reading Highest Monthly Point Earner for 1st grade - Korie York
 1st place Overall AR Point Earner for 2nd grade - Isabella Pitts
 2nd place Overall AR Point Earner for 2nd grade - Kenzley York
 Accelerated Reading Highest Monthly Point Earner for 2nd grade - Isabella Pitts

March

1st place Overall AR Point Earner for 1st grade - Kinlee Frame
 2nd place Overall AR Point Earner for 1st grade - Remi Walker
 Accelerated Reading Highest Monthly Point Earner for 1st grade - Londyn Clark
 1st place Overall AR Point Earner for 2nd grade - Isabella Pitts
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 Accelerated Reading Highest Monthly Point Earner for 2nd grade - Isabella Pitts

1st Grade AR Movie Party

Kinlee Frame
 Spencer Stidham
 Remi Walker
 Londyn Clark
 Kimber Taylor
 Josiah Casey

1st Grade AR Bowling Party

Mya Burkhalter
 Josiah Casey
 Anastyn Phillips
 Will Branchcomb
 Remi Walker
 Kori York
 Axel Adcock
 Jazzlyn Banks
 Londyn Clark
 Kylah Herron
 Jagger Warrior

1st Grade Pizza Party

Mya Burkhalter
 Josiah Casey
 Camdem Hays
 Ellie McGee
 Anastyn Phillips
 Piper Williams
 Atticus Comages
 Keagon Laguna
 Ava Ramsey
 Kri York
 Waylon Bayouth
 Axle Adcock
 Jazzlyn Banks
 Londyn Clark
 Kylah Herron
 Wyatt Morgan
 Parker Andrews
 Ava Fitzgerald
 Kamillia Hellweg
 Rylie Lackey
 Keylee Piland
 Addison Buchanan
 Korbin Short
 Emery Storm
 Jagger Warrior
 Madison Thrall
 Makenna Webb
 Alijah Wilson

2nd Grade Movie Trip

Katie Dismukes
 Addison Williams
 Kenzley York
 Joshua Wolfe



STAFF PHOTOS



Keegan Hollingshed
 Adalee Johnson
 Isabella Pitts

Lariat Lovett
 Addison Williams
 Rowdy Wilson
 Karsen Jones
 Jerin Link
 Macyn Pointer
 Kabrie Barlow
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 Kanaan Lovett

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2nd Grade Bowling AR Trip

Roper Chandler
 McKinley Crawford
 Katie Dismukes



COMMUNITY

Get ready for COVID-19 vaccines: insurance coverage and misinformation

GLEN MULREADY

OKLAHOMA INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

Thanks to the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) and all the front-line workers, Oklahoma has now entered Phase 4 of its vaccine distribution plan. With three COVID-19 vaccines available, all Oklahomans are now eligible for vaccination. As we're on track to get our "normal" back, I'd like to remind you that the cost of obtaining a vaccine will not be a barrier for Oklahomans, regardless of health insurance status.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, provides funding for the vaccine itself. It also requires most health insurance companies to cover qualifying coronavirus preventive services without imposing any cost-sharing requirements, such

as a copay, coinsurance or deductible. If you are covered under Medicare or Medicaid, your vaccine will be paid for by the Medicare's trust fund. If you don't have insurance, your vaccine is still covered. Healthcare providers will get reimbursed through the Provider Relief Fund.

If you received an unexpected bill for a COVID-19 vaccine or qualifying associated visit, you should contact the provider or your insurance company and alert them of the error. If you have issues with your health insurance company regarding a bill related to COVID-19, please file a complaint with the Oklahoma Insurance Department (OID) at www.oid.ok.gov/ or contact the Consumer Assistant at 800-522-0071. Also, here are some key takeaways to avoid fraud related to COVID-19 vaccines.

- You don't need to pay to get a COVID-19 vaccine appointment. Visit the OSDH's website to make your appointment. You can also ask your doctor or provider how to get the vaccine near where you live.

- Getting a COVID-19 vaccine is free. Whether you have health insurance or not, the vaccines are always free. Providers can seek reimbursement from your insurance company, but there are no co-pays or cost-sharing. If you're asked to pay money, contact the OID at 800-522-0071.

- You cannot buy a COVID-19 vaccine. Please do not fall for the ads that come via email or pop up on your social media feed offering early access to a vaccine. The vaccine is available only at federal and state-approved locations.

- Vaccinations will not impact your

life insurance benefits. Life insurance policies clearly spell out what might cause your insurer to deny a benefit. Receiving a COVID-19 vaccine would not void a policyholder's life insurance coverage. Contact your agent if you have questions or concerns about the details of your policy.

- Never give out your personal financial information. No one from a vaccine distribution site, state agency, healthcare provider's office, insurance company or Medicare will contact you to ask for your Social Security, credit card or bank account number to get the vaccine.

For more insurance information, please contact the Oklahoma Insurance Department at 1-800-522-0071 or visit our website at www.oid.ok.gov.

Health officials caution of Salmonella risk from baby poultry

Cases of Salmonella infection increase each year around Easter time when stores begin putting baby poultry (chicks and ducklings) on display, or when they're given as gifts.

Salmonella are bacteria that make people sick.

American scientist Dr. Daniel E. Salmon discovered Salmonella bacteria in 1885. Most people with Salmonella infection have diarrhea, fever and stomach cramps.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates Salmonella bacteria cause about 1.35 million infections, 26,500 hospitalizations and 420 deaths in the United States every year.

Young children exposed to baby birds are at greatest risk, accounting for approximately 24 percent of those who became ill with Salmonella in 2020.

According to Dr. LeMac' Morris, state public health veterinarian at

the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH), even birds that look healthy and clean can transmit Salmonella.

Before interacting with baby chicks and ducklings in stores or backyard poultry, OSDH suggests the following safety tips:

- Never eat, drink or put anything in your mouth while handling poultry.

- Wash hands with soap and water right after handling any types of birds. If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer with at least 62 percent ethyl alcohol.

- Do not wash animal food and water dishes from a backyard poultry flock in the kitchen sink.

- Do not let children younger than 5 years of age handle or touch chicks, ducklings, or other live poultry without supervision. Children younger than 5 years of age are more likely to get sick from exposure to germs like Sal-

monella.

Symptoms usually begin six hours to six days after infection and last four to seven days. However, some people do not develop symptoms for several weeks after infection and others experience symptoms for several weeks.

Salmonella strains sometimes cause infection in urine, blood, bones, joints, or the nervous system (spinal fluid and brain), and can cause severe disease.

Pregnant women, older adults and people with a weakened immune system should be aware they are also at greater risk of illness from germs animals may carry and should follow safe handling precautions.

For more information about Salmonella, visit cdc.gov/salmonella or call OSDH Acute Disease Service (405) 271-4060.

Basics of horse hay explained

DONALD STOTTS

OSU COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST

The need for quality horse hay – shorthand for attributes desirable in hay fed to equines – has not quite lifted yet.

"We're still in hay feeding season as pastures have not greened up as yet; now is not the time to cut back on horses having ready access to hay to meet their nutritional needs," said Kris Hiney, Oklahoma State University Extension equine specialist.

Attributes of desirable horse hay include:

- Clean – it should not contain trash, dirt, dust, toxins, fungus, mold, bugs, weeds or other material that can interfere with digestion.

- Uniform – bales should have the same appearance relative to the types and maturities of the plants in the cases of alfalfa or bermudagrass, or similar amounts of mixes of range grasses in bales of prairie grass.

- Proper preparation – the hay should have been harvested or cured correctly, at a moisture content level to not promote mold growth.

- Appealing – horses must be satisfied visually and tactilely, which means stem size should be small to moderate and the plants should have a significant amount of leaves compared to the stem.

Horses typically do a good job of eating and digesting immature to mid-growth plants, but do not digest mature plants as well as other livestock. As such, a major defining point of horse hay is that it be a plant variety and only mature enough to encourage intake. Plants with a high proportion of leaf compared with stem weight will be more digestible, as will varieties of grasses that have inherently smaller stem size, such as bermudagrass.

"We recommend not using Johnsongrass hay because of potential toxicity issues," Hiney said. "Avoiding Johnsongrass is good risk management."

Given the list of desirable attributes, it is not unusual for horse hay to be more expensive than other types of hay, in part because production requires more inputs such as herbicides and fertilizers. Those costs may be passed on to the buyer. In addition, harvesting plants in an immature state to enhance digestibility generally means volume of production on a weight basis will be less.

The increased cost may be a better value for the horse manager regardless. Bermudagrass digestible protein content will decrease as much as 40% from mid-growth to late-growth hay, and about 10% in digestible energy content. On an energy basis, paying 10% more for the mid-growth hay verses late growth typically will be a good buy.

Expect the same drop in nutritional value from early bloom to mid-bloom alfalfa hay. If comparing alfalfa to bermudagrass, estimate mid-bloom alfalfa to have about 20% more digestible energy per weight than mid-growth bermudagrass, and as much as 50-60% more protein. Prairie grass is similar to bermudagrass. It depends on the variety and maturity of plants in the prairie grass hay.

"In general, you can estimate prairie grass hay to be at least 20% less nutritious because plants had to reach greater maturity to ensure adequate amounts for harvesting," Hiney said. "Of course, all comparisons assume the hay is clean, uniform and harvested correctly. As for alfalfa, make sure it is free of blister beetles."

Fact sheets detailing research-based information about feeding horses and other equine management practices are available online and through OSU Extension county offices.

Snacks play an important role in children's healthy diet

TRISHA GEDON

OSU COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST

Although some people may think snacking between meals is counterproductive to a healthy diet, research has shown snacks can play an important role in meeting kids' nutrient needs.

Snacking isn't a replacement for meals, said Janice Hermann, Oklahoma State University Extension nutrition specialist – it's a bridge between meals. Children can burn a lot of energy, and they need healthy options to fill the gap. With March being National Nutrition Month, now is a good time to refine that plan.

"When planning snacks, choose a variety of foods from all the food groups," she said. "Obviously, children shouldn't snack all day long, but two or three healthy, nutrient-dense snacks an hour or two before meals will help your child stay energized all day. Keep portion size in mind for snacks. Kids just need a little extra boost."

To help youngsters set behavior patterns that



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Healthy snacks are important for children to provide energy they need throughout the day.

will serve them well into adulthood, let them participate in planning, shopping and prepare their snacks. Give them age-appropriate tasks in the kitchen. Young children can measure individual servings of grapes, baby carrots or nuts into snack-size zipper bags; older children can help make mini-muffins or cut up raw broccoli.

Hermann has some easy snack ideas that are sure to appeal to children of all ages:

- Make a mini pizza by toasting a whole wheat English muffin, then

drizzle with pizza sauce and top with low-fat mozzarella cheese.

- Top a small, baked potato with salsa and low-fat cheese.

- Make mini-muffins using whole grain flours and pureed fruit.

- Dip slices of fruit in low-fat vanilla pudding or yogurt.

- Mix equal parts of fat-free plain or flavored yogurt with 100% fruit juice. Pour into small paper cups and freeze.

- Sprinkle shredded cheese over a corn or a whole-wheat tortilla. Fold in half and micro-

wave for 20 seconds. Top with salsa.

- Make a parfait using low-fat vanilla yogurt and dried cereal.

- Spread celery sticks with smooth, nut butter or low-fat cream cheese.

Not only are the snacks themselves important, but where the snacks are eaten should be considered.

Health experts advise that eating in an area without distractions allows children to focus on the food itself – eating should be intentional. It's easy to overeat when distracted, so avoid snacks and meals while watching TV or using other electronic devices.

"Sometimes snacking gets a bad rap because it often is associated with foods that are high in fat and added sugars. In reality, snacks can be very healthy and are an important part of a balanced diet," Hermann said.

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Roper Chandler
McKinley Crawford
Tristan Durrett
Ethan Miller
Aria Snodgrass
Alexandria Cantrell
Katie Dismukes
Payton Anderson
Ethan Hailey
Karsen Jones
Aubree O'Connor
Macyn Pointer
Jaxon Ellifritt

Brooklyn Ertle
Chris Gierut
Tinnley Haywood
Shonna Hopson
Blaze Neal
Austin Phillips
Karlee Sanders
Chevy Abell
Brianna Shelton
Presley Brown
Ethan Edmonds
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Abilene Christian University head basketball coach Joe Golding scans the court as his team competes in tournament action.

Golding – Not your average Joe

RODNEY HALTOM
SPORTS EDITOR

Former Abilene Christian letterman and head basketball coach Joe Golding is in his tenth season as the men's basketball coach at his alma mater. Golding carries on the high standards that his grandfather Joe "Lester" Golding and his great uncle Joe "Junior" Golding did in Eufaula,

Oklahoma with the Ironheads and at the University of Oklahoma and East Texas State in years past. The Golding family came to Oklahoma in 1911 when Joseph G. Golding and his wife Una moved to Eufaula and had four children (Irene, Wanda, Joseph "Lester" and Joseph "Junior" has

See **GOLDING**, page B3



RODNEY HALTOM | SPORTS EDITOR

Matt Clover of Eufaula makes the catch for an out and prevents a runner from stealing second base.

Ironheads fall in shootout with Crowder

RODNEY HALTOM
SPORTS EDITOR

The Eufaula Ironheads fell to Crowder (3-4) in a game of big hits and runs. Both teams combined for 27 runs in a 15-12 win for Crowder. Crowder started it off with a three-run first inning and added seven in the sixth and five more runs in the seventh for the victory. The Ironheads played well and consistently as they chipped away at the lead before making a five-run rally in the seventh inning but fell short.

Luke Adcock drove in six runners in the loss for

Eufaula. He drove in runs on a home run in the first inning, a single in the fourth, and a grand slam in the seventh inning.

Ethan Metcalf gave the Ironheads a spark in the seventh inning as he connected for a double, scoring a run. Noah Gray took the loss. He allowed just two runs on zero hits. Eufaula collected 10 hits and was led by Adcock 3-for-5 and Matt Clover and Josiah Ostrowski.

Ironheads/Bulldogs split
The Eufaula Ironheads and Lincoln Christian

See **IRONHEADS**, page B3

Struggles continue for Lady Wildcats

RODNEY HALTOM
SPORTS EDITOR

Strong finish for Red Oak seals win over Checotah Lady Wildcats 17-8 on Friday at Checotah. It was a battle from the start as the first inning ended with a combined seven runs (4-3) in favor of Red Oak. Red Oak took the lead for good in the third inning and never looked back. One highlight for the Lady Wildcats came when Bia Fields smashed a pitch, sending it over the fence for a home run in the

second inning.

Checotah collected 14 hits. Alana Barnett, Halle Britt and Fields each collected multiple hits.

In game one Checotah fell to Westmore 15-3. The Lady Wildcats gave up 15 runs in the game that had an error-plagued first inning. Amanda Brown had a home runs in the game and Alexis Hamilton added one in the fourth inning. The Lady Wildcats tallied 11 hits in the game and Fields took the loss.



RODNEY HALTOM | SPORTS EDITOR

Checotah's Bia Fields connects on this pitch sending it over the fence for a homerun against Red Oak.

Bradford signs with Missouri State University

RODNEY HALTOM
SPORTS EDITOR

Eufaula senior band member Nicholas Bradford signed his letter of intent to play for the PRIDE Band at Missouri State University. He is a two-time All-District band member and made the OSSBDA All-State band in 2021.

Bradford has numerous accolades such as the following:

- * OSSBDA All State 2021
- * All District 2020 and 2021
- * EOBDA 2019, 2020, 2021
- * District Solo and Ensemble Superior Rating 2020, 2021
- * State Solo and Ensemble Qualifier 2020,2021
- * 2nd Round Big

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COURTESY

Eufaula senior band member Nicholas Bradford signs his letter of intent to play and attend Missouri State University. His family Felicia and April

Bradford and Eufaula band director Rusty Helms and assistant Michelle Barnes surround him.

Sooners announces spring game details



RODNEY HALTOM | SPORTS EDITOR

The University of Oklahoma Athletics Department has announced

that the Sooners' April 24 spring football game will kick off at 4 p.m. CT

and be televised by FOX Sports Oklahoma.

OU also revealed that, like the 2020 fall season, Gaylord Family - Oklahoma Memorial Stadium's seating capacity will be reduced to approximately 25% for the spring game. Tickets will first be made available to season ticket holders via a March 25-April 4 presale.

If tickets remain following the presale, a public on sale will begin April 5.

OU student tickets are free and online claims for those 2,428 tickets will

begin April 19.

The season ticket holder presale schedule is as follows (detailed purchasing information will be emailed to season ticket holders and suite and loge box holders):

- March 25: Champions Society and premium seat holders
- March 29: Sooner Club members
- March 31: Public season ticket holders

Fans with ticketing questions or who need assistance can call or text

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COURTESY

Eufaula assistant coach Jerad Efurd was named the Assistant Coach of the Year for the SE District.

Efurd named Assistant Coach of the Year

RODNEY HALTOM
SPORTS EDITOR

The Eufaula Ironheads coaches continue to shine as Lady Ironheads' assistant coach Jerad Efurd was named the SE District Oklahoma Girls Basketball Association "Assistant Coach of the Year".

"This is a great honor and well deserved. He is a great asset to our pro-

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Sports | Outdoors

Bird Housing Spring cleaning tips for stopping Feeder Disease outbreaks

After a busy bird feeding season, some Oklahomans are reporting small, localized die-offs of birds due to a potential Salmonella outbreak at their feeders. The bacterium is passed through droppings and can spread to other birds visiting the feeding station when they come into contact with contaminated droppings. Salmonella may be introduced by the feeding station's regular visitors, or by roving flocks moving through to their breeding grounds. Common symptoms include lethargy, diarrhea and swelling of the mouth and crop. Birds healthy before the infection are often able to fight the infection, but stressed or young birds may struggle more. Ground feeding birds and longer distance migrants like pine siskins and American goldfinches may be more vulnerable to the bacterium.

Rotating feeding station locations every three to four months can help prevent Salmonella outbreaks. If your bird feeder visitors are plagued with the infection, we offer the following spring cleaning tips:

Close your feeding station for a day. Remove spilled seed and droppings from the ground below the feeders. Soak empty feeders in a one-part bleach to nine-part water solution for at least 30 minutes and let the clean feeders dry overnight. Relocate your feeding station to "fresh ground" at least 20 feet from your previous feeding station. Offer fresh water near the new feeding station to help affected birds recover.

Eufaula Golf Schedule

- 4/3 Lake Eufaula Classic (Fountainhead)
- 4/7 Canadian Boys
- 4/15 Henryetta Girls
- 4/19 Canadian Boys (Arrowhead)
- 4/20 3A Girls Qualifier TBA
- 4/26 3A Boys Qualifier Fountainhead
- 4/27 3A Girls Qualifier Fountainhead
- 5/3 3A Boys Regional (Claremore Heritage Hills)
- 5/5-6 3A Girls State (Norman Westwood GC)
- 5/10-11 3A Boys State (Cushing-Buffalo Rock)

Checotah Golf Schedule

- 4/3 Eufaula Classic at Fountainhead
- 4/5 at Stigler Brier Creek Boys
- 4/6 at Stigler Brier Creek Girls
- 4/12 at Poteau (Choctaw Country Club) boys
- 4/16 at Wagoner girls
- 4/19 at Poteau girls
- 4/20 Girls Qualifier
- 4/26 Boys Qualifier
- 4/27 Girls Regional
- 5/3 Boys Regional
- 5/5-6 Girls State
- 5-10-11 Boys State

2021

Checotah Lady Cats Slowpitch Softball

Date	Home	Opponent	Time
April 1	Home	3-Way Heavner and Sallisaw	4:00 PM
April 5	Warner	Warner	6:00PM
April 6	Home	3-Way Muldrow and Henryetta	4:00PM
April 8-9	Home	Checotah Tournament	TBA
April 12	Haskell	Haskell	4:00PM
April 13	Home	Bixby	4:00PM
April 15	Eufaula	Eufaula	4:00PM
April 19	Home	Morris	4:00PM
April 20	Tahlequah	Tahlequah	4:00PM
April 22	Home	Wagoner	4:00PM
April 24		DISTRICT TOURNAMENT	TBA
April 29		REGIONAL TOURNAMENT	TBA
May4-5		STATE TOURNAMENT	TBA

Eufaula High School Baseball Schedule 2021

Date	Opponent	Place	Time	Games
4-1	Dewar Tourn	There	TBA	V
4-5	Holdenville	There	4:30	V-JV
4-6	Holdenville	Here	4:30	V-JV
4-8	Morris Tourn	There	4:30	V
4-12	North Rock Creek	Here	4:30	V-JV
4-13	North Rock Creek	There	4:30	V-JV
4-15	Okmulgee	There	5:00	V-JV
4-16	Checotah	There	4:30	V-JV
4-19	Henryetta	There	4:30	V-JV
4-20	Henryetta	Here	4:30	V-JV
4-22	Warner	Here	4:30	V-JV
4-23	Morris	Here	4:30	V-JV



2021 Lady Ironheads Slowpitch Softball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
4/1	Morris/Kiefer	Morris	4:30/5:30
4/6	Okay	Eufaula	4:00
4/8-4/9	Checotah Tournament	Checotah	TBA
4/12	Canadian	Canadian	4:00
4/13	Warner	Eufaula	4:00
4/15	Checotah	Eufaula	4:00
4/16	Warner	Warner	4:00
4/19	Okemah/Wilburton	Eufaula	4:30/6:30
4/20	Preston/Kellyville	Preston	4:30/5:30
4/22	District Tournament	TBA	TBA
4/29	Regional Tournament	TBA	TBA
5/5	State Tournament	TBA	TBA

2021 Checotah HS Baseball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Time	Opponent	Place	Time
Thurs-Sat	4/1-4/3		TBA	Dewar Tourn	Away	TBA
Mon	4/5		5:00	Sallisaw	Home	7/5
Tues	4/6		5:00	Sallisaw	Away	7/5
Thurs	4/8		4:30	Warner	Away	7/5
Mon	4/12		4:00	Broken Bow	Away	7/5
Tues	4/13		4:00	Broken Bow	Home	7/5
Fri	4/16		4:30	Eufaula	Home	7/5
Sat	4/17		1:00	Haskell	Home	7/5
Mon	4/19		4:00	Idabel	Away	7/5
Tues	4/20		4:00	Idabel	Home	7/5
Thurs-Sat	4/22-4/24		TBA	Okmulgee Tourn	Away	TBA
Tues	4/27		4:30	Coweta	Home	7/5
Thurs-Fri	4/29-4/30		TBA	Bi-Districts	TBA	TBA
Thurs-Sat	5/6-5/8		TBA	Regionals	TBA	TBA
Thurs-Sat	5/13-5/15		TBA	State	TBA	TBA

Sooners coach Lon Kruger announces his retirement

After 10 years in Norman Sooners basketball coach Lon Kruger announced his retirement. His career includes being the only coach with the distinction of winning at least one NCAA Tournament game with five different programs. Two of those, he directed to the Final Four, including OU in 2016 and Florida in 1994. Kruger led his eighth-seeded Sooners to an

NCAA Tournament win over No. 8 seed Missouri in the first round. After that, they fell to the No.1 ranked seed Gonzaga Bulldogs. Kruger compiled a 195-128 (.604) overall record during his time in Norman and nearly 700 total career wins. One of those featured Buddy Buckets and company's run to the Final Four during the 2015-16 campaign, a year they went 29-8.

Eufaula competes in Henryetta track meet

The Eufaula Ironheads competed in their first track meet of the year. The girls' 3200-relay team placed third. Curtis Miles

placed fourth and Colter Roberts placed fifth in the boys 3200 race. Emily Tatgenhorst placed fourth in the 3200.

SOONERS

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the OU Athletics Ticket Office at 405-325-2424. **Party at the Palace**

OU's "Party at the Palace" presented by Allstate pregame fan festival held on the lawn immediately north of the stadium will run from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Many of the usual Party at the Palace elements will be featured the day of the spring game, including a variety of food trucks (Meating Place, Midway and others) and music. Additionally, the Sooner Radio Network (flagship 107.7 The Franchise) will originate the start of its pregame show live from Party at the Palace beginning at 2 p.m.

TV info

The 2021 spring game will be televised by FOX Sports Oklahoma with Toby Rowland, Dusty

Dvoracek and Jessica Coody announcing. **Sooners for Life Spring Weekend**

The April 23-25 Sooners For Life Spring Weekend is dedicated to connecting and celebrating former OU student-athletes. This year's programming will include a golf tournament, an evening welcome, a pre-spring game event, as well as the opportunity to attend the spring game. Sign-up information has been communicated to former OU student-athletes through the Varsity O Association letterwinner organization. Former student-athletes who have not received this information or who have questions are encouraged to contact Varsity O at 405-325-4709 or varsityo@ou.edu.



RODNEY HALTOM | SPORTS EDITOR

McKinzie Crawley of Eufaula makes a highlight reel catch for an out against Jenks on Tuesday at Tulsa Union field.

Lady Ironheads score 43 runs in 3-Way

RODNEY HALTOM
SPORTS EDITOR

The Eufaula Lady Ironheads was on fire Monday as they competed in a 3-Way against Wewoka and Okemah. Adison McLaughlin earned a 22-0 shutout victory over Okemah in game one. Eufaula scored one run in the first, five in the second and third innings and added 11 runs in the fourth for the win.

The offensive onslaught came from an error on aball put in play by Mea Townley, Avery Williams, Jordas McClish and Kambry Williams. Also in on the action was Gabby

Noriega, McKinzie Crawley and Allie Anderson who each had singles and Anderson also connected on a triple.

McLaughlin went four innings allowing five hits and zero runs while striking out one and walking one. Eufaula had 21 hits in the contest.

In game two Eufaula continued the romp as Gabby Noriega led Eufaula with a doubles in the first, second, third and homered in the third in a 21-3 shellacking of Wewoka. The Lady Ironheads put up nine runs in the second and third innings. Eufaula had 13 hits in the game.

HALTOM'S Huddle

Eufaula Public Schools should be recognized statewide

Most schools would love to have accomplished just half of what Eufaula Public Schools have accomplished this past year. Let's take a look at EPS extra curricular activities: Football team makes the playoffs, two players get scholarships, cheer team earns state runner-up, Band wins several awards and member earns scholarship, boys basketball team goes to state tournament, FFA program recognized, cross country team has multiple qualifiers for state meet, basketball coaches earn highest honors, power-lifting team member places in Top 10 at State meet, academic team recognized and spring sports are in full swing now.

EPS has accomplished this during a COVID-19 riddled year that other states and in-state schools haven't even had in class studies. When a school district can do this there should be some statewide recognition and you can bet I will do my part to make this happen. Think of everything that had to happen to make this a reality; mask mandates, disinfecting buses, equipment, creating a safe environment for teachers, students and fans, distribution of equipment, etc... *1-2-3 break.*



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GOLDING

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East Texas State and Army football star Joe "Lester" Golding Sr.

made an impact from that point on.

Recently his great grandson, coach Joe Golding, led the ACU Wildcats to the second round of the NCAA tournament. The Wildcats defeated Texas 53-52 before falling to UCLA in the round of 32. The apple didn't fall far from the tree as you will see Joe came from good stock.

Coach Golding's grandfather Joe "Lester" Golding was a standout athlete at Eufaula (Class of 1936). He and his best friend Clinton White received a scholarship to play at NEO in Miami, Oklahoma before going to East Texas State. Golding then went to the Army where he finished his playing career. Before each of their lives was over they would be inducted their respective Hall of Fames.

Lester began his career at Denison in 1946 as a football assistant and the head basketball coach. He then moved to Wichita Falls one year later and was promoted to head coach after one year. In his 15 years (1947-1961) his Coyotes reached the state title game six times, winning four state championships (1949, 1950, 1958 & 1961). His players, frequently lighter than their opponents, perfected his single-wing offense and compiled a 154-24-2 record. Inducted in THSCA Hall of Fame in 1969, he was Texas High School Coach of the Year in 1949. Coach Golding died on July 5, 1979. The football field still bears his name.

Coach Golding's great uncle, Joe "Junior" Golding, was a football standout at Eufaula (Class of 1940). He scored 71 points against Haileyville. He caught the attention of the coaches from the University of Oklahoma. Golding was special. He became the best wingback in Oklahoma's modern football history, averaging 5.8 net yards on each rush although running laterally to the weak side. He snared 21 forward passes for 238 yards, grabbed off three pass interceptions, ran back two kickoffs 91 yards and scored eight touchdowns. He could run either inside or outside. Some say he was the best back of modern time. Then he went away

to war (four of six years at OU). Golding was in the thick of early fighting, when the Nazis overran Europe. He was a sergeant in the Infantry, won the Silver Star and Purple Heart with assorted clusters, the Combat Infantryman's Badge and comported himself so well in battle that he won a battlefield commission to second lieutenant. He played no service football.

It is easy to see where coach Golding got some of his greatest characteristics. Joe Lester Jr., followed in his dad's footsteps as he quickly became a terrific high school football and golf coach at Wichita Falls High School and had success throughout his career. The entire Golding family carried strong characteristics of being well organized, well prepared and extremely competitive and confident.

Now the youngest Joe has carried those characteristics with him at Abilene Christian University. He followed up a historic 2018-19 campaign with another outstanding season in 2019-20. The Wildcats struggled to start the season, falling to 2-5, before turning it around and finishing with a 20-11 record including a 15-5 mark in Southland play. The team once again earned a two-seed and a double-bye at the conference tournament before the season was cut short due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The team earned back-to-back 20-win regular seasons for the first time in program history. It was just the second time in program history that the team put together back-to-back 20-win seasons including the postseason, the first came during coach Golding's playing days.

2018-19 was a historic season for the Wildcats under Golding as he led his team to a 27-7 record and their first Southland Conference Tournament Championship. ACU earned a berth to the NCAA Tournament for the first time at the Division I level, earning a 15-seed and a first round matchup with the University of Kentucky. ACU went 14-4 in Southland play to earn the two-seed in the SLC Champion-

ship and battled a tough Southeastern Louisiana team in the semifinal to earn a place in the championship. The Wildcats went on to earn a 77-60 win over New Orleans in the title game to punch their ticket to the NCAA Tournament.

The 2017-18 season was a historic one for ACU as the team had the highest win total (16) since the 2007-08 squad won 20 games. The Wildcats earned a berth in the collegeinsider.com (CIT) Tournament, the program's first national post-season tournament at the NCAA Division I level, and its first national tournament appearance of any kind since reaching the 1998-99 NCAA Division II national tournament.

The Wildcats excelled off the court as well, participating in numerous community service activities (Habitat for Humanity, Mudslinger Fun Run, Hudson Wade 5K) and posting a 3.0 cumulative GPA in the classroom, the program's highest cumulative mark since 2013-14.

On the court, the Wildcats picked up NCAA Division I non-conference road wins over Campbell University, Bowling Green and Air Force and beat Texas State at home. The Wildcats missed out on the Southland Conference Postseason Tournament (finishing tied for eighth, but losing the tiebreaker), but beat Incarnate Word in the regular-season finale to earn a berth in the collegeinsider.com (CIT) national tournament.

Golding joined the UALR coaching staff on July 1, 2008, bringing with him nine years of coaching experience at the junior college and high school levels. Prior to joining the Trojans, Golding spent three seasons (2005-08) as the top assistant to head coach Jason Copeland at Abilene Christian, where his primary duties included recruiting, scouting and on-floor coaching. A former point guard at ACU from 1994-98, he was also responsible for coaching the Wildcat guards.

In 2007-08, Golding helped guide the Wildcats to a 20-9 record, marking the program's first 20-win season since the 1998-99 ACU squad qualified for

the Lone Star Conference Tournament for the first time since 1998, Golding's senior season.

Golding was a four-year letter winner at ACU from 1994-98, playing in all 108 games, and was given the Teague Point Guard Award as a senior. He shot 46 percent from the floor over his four-year career, and averaged 4.3 points and 4.2 assists per game. Upon graduating from ACU with a bachelor's degree in exercise and sport science in May of 1999, Golding got his first coaching job as a varsity assistant at South Garland High School, where he helped the team to back-to-back Class 5A playoff appearances.

He spent the 2001-02 season as an assistant coach at Seminole Junior College before taking the head coaching job at Sachse High School. In the program's first years at the 5A level, Golding led the team to a 15-14 record in 2002-03 and an 18-10 mark in 2003-04. Prior to returning to Abilene Christian in 2005, Golding spent the 2004-05 season as an assistant coach at Collin County Community College.

Golding was recently inducted into the Texas High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame. The apple doesn't fall from the tree in the Golding family as the many accolades and awards Joe and his grandfather earned shows the family's high standard and dedication to their trades.

Golding and his wife, Amanda, have two sons, Cason and Chase. Golding still has family in Eufaula - Bud and Bob McCombs and Diane Douglas Reynolds Thompson. Diane's son Douglas Reynolds (Class of 1986) was a very successful boxer who won the golden gloves and boxed in the 1988 Olympic trials in Denver, Colorado.

The talent didn't just run in the men of the Golding family. Joe "Lester" Golding Sr. sisters Irene (Douglas) and Wanda (McCombs) were outstanding basketball players and Wanda was a yell leader. The McCombs family date their roots as far back as 1905 and both families have intertwined the fabric of success and the love of sports and family for many generations.



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University of Oklahoma football greets Daryl Royal (Left) and Joe "Junior" Golding (Right).

IRONHEADS

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Bulldogs split 12-2, 11-3. The Bulldogs scored seven runs in the second inning in game one. Luke Adcock connected on a third inning single was the only highlight in game one for Eufaula.

In game two Eufaula was focused and showed on the field. The Ironheads connected for five runs in the fifth where Tyler Lee led Eufaula with four RBIs going 2-for-3 as did Jacob Fitzer and Josiah Ostrowski added an RBI.



COURTESY

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BRADFORD

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School All-State Qualifier 2021
Bradford's scholarship is an impressive \$21,587

total per year.
Academic Scholarship \$20,587 and Music Scholarship \$1,000 per year.

EFURD

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gram and the entire school system. And for the record he finished two votes shy in Oklahoma City of being honored as the Assistant Coach of the Year for the East side of the state," said Eufaula head basketball coach Jeff Oliver.

"I am honored and humbled to receive this award. I am so grateful that God has blessed me with the opportunity to impact the lives of young people here in Eufaula. We have a tremendous group of young ladies that I call "my other daughters" that I am very proud to coach. I also want to thank my team at home: my wife and kids for their unwavering support," Efurd said.

Eufaula basketball players earn All Conference honors

The Eufaula Ironheads had an impressive year going to the state tournament and solidifying their spot as one of the

best teams in the state. The following players were voted as the best in the Heartland Conference earning All Conference honors.

Boys

Nick Jones
Alex Parish
Khelil Deere
Honorable Mention: Justis James and Jacob Fitzer.

The Eufaula Lady Ironheads are in a rebuilding year but made great strides that their effort earned them notification. The following earned All Conference honors.

Girls

Allie Anderson
Mykah Osborne

Checotah's Henson named All Regional

Checotah senior forward Vanessa Henson earned All Regional basketball honors. Henson suffered a devastating foot injury but overcame the injury and ended her high school basketball career with 980 total points.



COURTESY

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Lake Eufaula Fishing Report

Elevation normal, water 50 and clear. For current elevation conditions go to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers website at <https://www.swt-wc.usace.army.mil/EUFA.lakepage.html>. Large-mouth, smallmouth, spotted, striped white bass and striped bass hybrids fair on jerk baits, jigs, PowerBait, small lures and spinnerbaits in the discharge, main lake, along docks and sandbars. Blue, channel and flathead catfish good on chicken liver, cut bait, live bait and stinkbait below the dam, along the dam, discharge, main lake and river mouth. Crappie fair on hair jigs, jigs, plastic baits, tube jigs and pink/light green jigs at 12-15 ft. along channels, creek channels, discharge, docks, main lake and river channel.

Report submitted by David deMontigny, game warden stationed in McIntosh County.

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Legal Notice

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/s/ Gary W. Updyke
Board of Directors Representative
/s/ Laura Willmon
ATTEST: District representative

Legal Notice

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR MCINTOSH COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Claudia Landon, Vincent Green, Plaintiffs,
vs.

The Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Devises, Trustees and Assigns of Willie A. Green, Deceased, the Unknown Successors of Willie A. Green, Deceased, and the State of Oklahoma; ex rel, Oklahoma Tax Commission

No. CV-21-26

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION STATE OF OKLAHOMA: TO THE HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, TRUSTEES AND ASSIGNS OF WILLIE A. GREEN, DECEASED, AND THE UNKNOWN SUCCESSORS OF WILLIE A. GREEN, DECEASED, GREETINGS:

You and each of you are hereby notified that you have been sued in the District Court of McIntosh County, State of Oklahoma, in Cause No. CV-21-26, wherein Claudia Landon is plaintiff, and The Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Devises, Trustees and Assigns of Willie A. Green, Deceased, et al., are defendants, and the plaintiff alleging that they are the owner of and in possession of the following described real property, to-wit:

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230 feet more or less to the point of beginning; less and except and reserving to the grantor, his heirs and assigns an easement for roadway along the North 22 feet for the use and benefit of owners in the SW1/4SW1/4; and less and except all oil, gas, coal and other minerals in and under said land.

Lots Twelve, Twenty-four, Thirty-six, Thirty-seven, Forty-nine, Fifty-eight, Sixty-seven, Sixty-eight and Seventy-two in Gentry Creek Acres, situated within the North half of Northwest Quarter of Section Thirty-two, Township Twelve North, Range Sixteen East, in McIntosh County, Oklahoma.

A tract of land lying in the N1/2 NW1/4 of Section 32, Township 12 North, Range 16 East in McIntosh County, more commonly described as follows: Lots Seventy-three and Seventy-four, located in Gentry Creek Acres development, according to recorded plat thereof.

And you, the said defendants, are further notified unless you answer said Petition of the plaintiffs filed herein against you on or before the 15th day of May, 2021, the allegations of said Petition, will be taken as true, and judgment determining the heirs of Willie A. Green, deceased will be entered, and a Decree quieting plaintiffs' title to the above-described property will be entered against each of you, the said defendants.

WITNESS my hand this 12 day of March, 2021.

Lisa Rodebush, Court Clerk
McIntosh County, Oklahoma
By /s/ Crystal Newton
Deputy

Prepared by: /s/ Pat Layden

Pat Layden, OBA #12370

Pat Layden Law Firm, P.C.

23 E. Carl Albert Parkway

P.O. Box 1871

McAlester, OK 74502

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Legal Notice

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR MCINTOSH COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BETTY LOU GIVENS,

LEGAL NOTICES

Deceased.

Case no. PB-2019-0022
NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT, PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, DISTRIBUTION AND DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that James Givens, Personal Representative of the Estate of Betty Lou Givens, deceased, having filed in this Court his final account of the administration of said estate and Petition for order allowing same, determination of heirs, distribution and for final discharge of said Personal Representative, the hearing of the same has been set by the Court for the 5th day of May, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., at the courtroom of the District Judge, in the Courthouse at Eufala, in the County and State aforesaid, and all persons interested in said estate are notified then and there to appear and show cause, if any they have, why the said account should not be settled and allowed, the heirs of said Betty Lou Givens, deceased, determined, said estate distributed, and the Personal Representative discharged.

DATED THIS 22 day of March, 2021.

/s. ORIGINAL SIGNED BY BRENDON BRIDGES

THE HONORABLE BRENDON BRIDGES

DISTRICT JUDGE

PREPARED BY:

James Sicking, OBA #18467

611 South Detroit Avenue

Tulsa, OK 74120

918-777-4529 (P)

918-890-4529 (F)

Attorney for the Personal Representative

James Givens

Legal Notice

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NOTICE OF FILING PERIOD FOR ELECTION OF DISTRICT DIRECTOR TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED:

Arborstone Storage located at 415946 Highway 9, Eufaula Ok 74432 will hold a Public Sale on Saturday, April 17, 2021 at 12:00 pm. The contents of the occupants leased space will be sold to satisfy the Owners/Operators lien in accordance with Section 191-200, title 42 of Oklahoma Statutes. Units contain household and personal goods unless otherwise indicated. Bidders must bid on the entire contents of storage unit. Terms are Cash Only. Successful bidders must remove contents on the day of the sale. The following Units contents shall be sold:

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that any person who is a registered voter and a resident of the McIntosh County Conservation District and has entered into or will enter into a Cooperator Agreement with the Directors of said District, may have their name placed on the official ballot of the District Director Election of said District for Position Number 2 by filing a Notification and Declaration of Candidacy with said District located at 417738 E 1210 Rd. Eufaula OK 74432 between the dates of May 3-14, 2021. Notification and Declaration of Candidacy forms may be obtained at the above location and must be returned to the same location before close of business on the last day of the filing period. The Election will be held on Tuesday, June 1, 2021.

/s/ Douglas Howell
Board of Directors Representative
/s/ Laura Willmon
ATTEST: District representative

Legal Notice

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Unit 5

Name Marilyn Hickman

Address 114140 S. 4200 Rd., Eufaula, OK 74432

Unit 37

Name Marilyn Hickman

Address 114140 S. 4200 Rd., Eufaula, OK 74432

Legal Notice

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NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

Case SC-21-45

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

TO:

Edward A. Thele C/O Linda Thele

Defendant, GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff, Belle Starr Ranch, has filed a small claim in the District Court of McIntosh County, Oklahoma, to collect past due debt as to the following described real estate in McIntosh County, Oklahoma, to-wit:

Lot 22 in Block 11 in Belle Starr Ranch, McIntosh County, State of Oklahoma

and all Defendant must answer said Petition on or before the 10th day of May, 2021 or judgment and decree will be granted as prayed for in said Petition.

Dated and signed the 22nd day of March, 2021.

(SEAL)

/s/ Taylor Thomason

COURT CLERK,

MCINTOSH COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

BELLE STARR RANCH PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

P. O. Box 945

Checotah, Oklahoma 74426

918-490-2156

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400-450	\$186.50-\$196.50	\$157.50-\$167.50
450-500	\$178.75-\$188.50	\$153.50-\$163.50
500-550	\$165.00-\$175.00	\$148.00-\$158.00
550-600	\$160.00-\$170.00	\$141.00-\$151.00
600-650	\$157.50-\$167.50	\$125.50-\$132.50

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Office 918-234-3438

Home 918-266-2893



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We are now accepting applications for summer dock hands. Must be 18yoa. Must have own transportation and be willing to work most weekends and ALL holidays until 8:00 p.m. Pick up application in Ship Store at No. 9 Marina on Hwy 9 East in Longtown.

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LEGAL NOTICES

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Checotah, Oklahoma 74426
918-490-2156

Legal Notice

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR MCINTOSH COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA
NORMAN ANESTHESIA PROVIDERS,
Plaintiff,
vs.
JENNIFER R. VOSSEN,
Defendant.

Case No. CS-2020-135
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
JENNIFER R. VOSSEN,
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that you have been sued by NORMAN ANESTHESIA PROVIDERS and you must answer Plaintiff's Petition on or before the 15 day of July 2021 or a money judgment in the amount of \$1,000.00 plus interest and attorneys fees will be rendered accordingly.

Dated this 22 day of March 2021.
MCINTOSH COUNTY COURT CLERK

By: /s/ Deserea Crawley
Approved by:
/s/ Kristin Blue Fisher
Kristin Blue Fisher, OBA #15898
Timothy A. Fisher, OBA #15899
Fisher & Fisher
8177 S Harvard Ave., #333
Tulsa, OK 74137-1612
Telephone 918-488-9191
Tim@FisherLaw.cc

Legal Notice

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCINTOSH COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA
RENITA WEST,

Plaintiff,

vs.

RICHARD WEST, if living, and if deceased the unknown successors of RICHARD WEST deceased, and

ROBERT WEST, if living, and if deceased the unknown successors of ROBERT WEST deceased, and

State of Oklahoma, ex rel, Oklahoma Tax Commission
Defendants.

Case No.: CV-2020-33
ALIAS NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO:
i. "ROBERT WEST, if living, and if deceased, the unknown successors of ROBERT WEST, deceased"
ii. "RICHARD WEST, if living, and if deceased, the unknown successors of RICHARD WEST, deceased"

GREETINGS:
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that you have been sued in Case No. CV-2020-33 in the District Court of McIntosh County, Oklahoma, by Renita West as Plaintiff and you and each of you must answer said Amended Petition filed in said Cause on or before the 26 day of May 2021, or the allegations contained therein will be taken as true and judgment rendered as prayed therein, against you and each of you, quieting the title and confirming possession as to the following described property, to-wit:

Lot 5 and the West 8 feet of Lot 6, in Block 82, City of Eufaula, McIntosh County, State of Oklahoma and

The North 93.5 feet of the East 60 feet of Lot 6, Block 82 and the West 10 feet of the East 60 feet of the S/2 of Lot 6, block 82, of the original Town of Eufaula, McIntosh County, Oklahoma barring and enjoining you and each of you from ever asserting any right, title or interest in and to said property adverse to the determination of ownership made by the Court.

WITNESS my hand this 26th day of March, 2021.
MCINTOSH COUNTY, COURT CLERK

By:/s/ Crystal Newton
Deputy
Courtney L. Eagan, OBA #22553
Attorney for Plaintiff
150 Foley Avenue
Eufaula, Oklahoma 74432
(918) 689-2528

Legal Notice

Published in the McIntosh County Democrat, Thursday, April 1 and April 8, 2021

OKLAHOMA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LAWS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

In accordance with Title 37, Section 522 and Title 37A, Section 2-141 Jazmin's Mexican Restaurant, 212 South Broadway St., Checotah, OK 74426, a Oklahoma Limited Liability Company, hereby publishes notice of her intention to apply within sixty days from this date to the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission for a Beer and Wine License under authority of and in compliance with the said Act. That she intend(s), if granted such license to operate as a Beer and Wine establishment with business premises located at 212 South Broadway St. in Checotah, McIntosh, Oklahoma, under the business name of Jazmin's Mexican Restaurant.

Dated this 25 day of March, 2021.
Signature of applicant (s): If partnership, all partners must sign. If corporation an officer of the corporation must sign. If limited liability company a manager must sign.

/s/ Jasmine Rojas
County of McIntosh, State of Oklahoma
Before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared:
/s/ Jasmine Renee Rojas
to be known to be the person (s) described in and who executed the foregoing application and acknowledged that she executed the same as her free act and deed.
/s/ Victoria Sands
(Notary Public)
June 4, 2024
(My commission expires)
(SEAL)

LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notice

Published in the Indian Journal, Thursday, March 25 and April 1, 2021
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
Case No. CJ-2020-17

TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND TO PERSONS OR OTHER ENTITIES AND THEIR UNKNOWN SUCCESSORS HAVING AN INTEREST IN THE HEREIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY WHICH SPECIFICALLY INCLUDES, WITHOUT LIMITATION, THE FOLLOWING:
<WILLIAM D. MAGREEVY
<UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF WILLIAM D. MAGREEVY
<PAUL MAGREEVY, UNKNOWN HEIR OF WILLIAM D. MAGREEVY
< MARK MAGREEVY, UNKNOWN HEIR OF WILLIAM D. MAGREEVY
< DALE MAGREEVY, UNKNOWN HEIR OF WILLIAM D. MAGREEVY
<UNKNOWN HEIRS, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS OF WILLIAM D. MAGREEVY
<UNKNOWN TENANT, 416721 E 1210 ROAD, EUFAULA, OK 74432-5433

THE ABOVE-SPECIFIED AND ALL OTHER PERSONS OR ENTITIES AND THEIR UNKNOWN SUCCESSORS HAVING AN INTEREST IN THE HEREIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY WHOSE ACTUAL ADDRESS IS UNKNOWN ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED OF THE FOLLOWING SHERIFF'S SALE.
Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of May, 2021 at 10:00 o'clock a.m., at the Courthouse in McIntosh County, Oklahoma, the undersigned Sheriff of said McIntosh County will offer for sale and sell for cash at public auction, to the highest and best bidder therefore, with appraisal, all that certain real estate which has been duly appraised at \$35,000.00, to-wit:
LOTS 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344 IN EAGLE BLUFF ESTATES ADDITION #3, A SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 16 EAST OF THE I.B. & M., IN MCINTOSH COUNTY, OKLAHOMA ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF.
Property Address: 416721 E 1210 Road

Eufaula, OK 74432-5433
subject to taxes, tax sales, expenses for preservation of the involved real estate; prior mortgages and liens and redemption rights, if any.
Said sale will be made pursuant to a Special Execution and Order of Sale duly issued upon a judgment entered in the District Court of McIntosh County, Oklahoma, in the above-numbered case wherein Arvest Bank is Plaintiff and those persons or entities set forth above are Defendants.
SHERIFF OF MCINTOSH COUNTY
By:/s/ Angela Reasor
W. Brent Kelley
KELLEY & TAYLOR, P.C.
401 N. Hudson Ave., Suite 200
Oklahoma City, OK 73102
Telephone: (405) 848-6803

Legal Notice

Published in the Indian Journal, Thursday, March 18, 25 and April 1, 2021

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCINTOSH COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA
ROSEMARY MAXEY,

Plaintiff,

vs.

The successors both known and unknown immediate and remote, of BETTY, MCCOMBS deceased;
State of Oklahoma, ex rel, Oklahoma Tax Commission
Defendants.

Case No.: CV-2021-24
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO:
i. "The successors both known and unknown immediate and remote of BETTY MCCOMBS, deceased;"
GREETINGS:
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that you have been sued in Case No. CV-2021-____ in the District Court of McIntosh County, Oklahoma, by ROSEMARY MAXEY as Plaintiff and you and each of you must answer said Petition filed in said Cause on or before the 10th day of May 2021, or the allegations contained therein will be taken as true and judgment rendered as prayed therein, against you and each of you, quieting the title and confirming possession as to the following described property, to-wit:

The NW/4 NW/4 and the N/2 SW/4NW/4 in Section 9, Township 9 North, Range 15 East, less oil, gas and other minerals and less tracts to USA.
And
S/2 NW/4 and E/2 SE/4 NW/4 of Section 35 and SW/4 SW/4 and W/2 NW/4 SW/4 of Section 36, all in Township 9 North, Range 14 East, less oil, gas and other minerals and less tracts to USA
barring and enjoining you and each of you from ever asserting any right, title or interest in and to said property adverse to the determination of ownership made by the Court.
WITNESS my hand this 2nd day of March, 2021.
(SEAL)
MCINTOSH COUNTY, COURT CLERK

By:/s/ Taylor Thomason
Deputy
Courtney L. Eagan, OBA #22553
Attorney for Plaintiff
150 Foley Avenue
Eufaula, Oklahoma 74432
(918) 689-2528

Legal Notice

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Oklahoma Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Advertisement for Bids

Notice to Bidders
Notice is hereby given that Rural Water District # 8 hereinafter called the "Owner" will receive sealed bids at the Office of the RWD #8, 116659 S. 4241 Road Eufaula , Oklahoma, until 10:00 am on the day of April 14 , 20 21 .

Drinking Water McIntosh County Rural Water District # 8 Water System Improvements

Installation of a Mixing System in a Storage Tank and installation of an Oxidant Chemical Feed System
DWSRF Project No. P40-1020529-01

All bids received at said time shall be publicly opened and read aloud. All work shall be performed and all construction and material used and furnished shall be in accordance with the Plans and Specifications prepared by Neel, Harvell & Associates, and on file in the office of the McIntosh County Rural Water District # 8.

The Notice to Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Plans and Specifications, Forms of Bid Bond, Performance and Statutory Payment Bond, and other Contract Documents may be examined at the following:

1. Neel, Harvell & Associates
123 N Oak
Sallisaw, OK 74955
(918) 775-7731
2. Southwest Construction News

Legal Notice

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OKLAHOMA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LAWS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

In accordance with Title 37, Section 522 and Title 37A, Section 2-141 Monroe's Club, 1212 W. Gentry Ave., Checotah, OK 74426, Donna Castleberry and Peggy Marshall, a Partnership, hereby publishes notice of their intention to apply within sixty days from this date to the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission for a Mixed Beverage License under authority of and in compliance with the said Act. That they intend(s), if granted such license to operate as a Mixed Beverage establishment with business premises located at 1212 W. Gentry Ave. in Checotah, McIntosh, Oklahoma, under the business name of Monroe's Club.

Dated this 19 day of March, 2021.
Signature of applicant (s): If partnership, all partners must sign. If corporation an officer of the corporation must sign. If limited liability company a manager must sign.

/s/ Donna Castleberry
/s/ Peggy Marshall
County of McIntosh, State of Oklahoma
Before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared:
/s/ Donna Castleberry
/s/ Peggy Marshall
to be known to be the person (s) described in and who executed the foregoing application and acknowledged that they executed the same as their free act and deed.
/s/ Tabby Colburn
(Notary Public)
May 30, 2022
(My commission expires)
(SEAL)

Service
7170 South Braden, Suite 165
Tulsa, OK 74136
3. McIntosh County Rural Water District # 8
116659 S 4241 Road
Eufaula, OK 74432

A complete set of Plans and Specifications to prospective bidders may be obtained at above described office upon payment of \$ 75.00 .
Each bidder shall accompany his original bid, with a certified or Cashier's Check on a solvent bank located in Oklahoma or a Bidder's Bond, in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount bid, as a guarantee of his ability to perform the contract bid upon, and that he will enter into a written contract with the Owner to perform said work and/or furnish said materials in accordance with said plans and specifications and furnish the required bonds within ten (10) days after the acceptance of his bid.

The deposit will be retained by the Owner as, and for, liquidated damages in case the successful bidder fails to enter in said contract and furnish the required bonds provided for in the specifications within the time required. Deposit of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned upon the execution of the Contract and required bonds.

Each bidder shall accompany his bid with a DW- 412 Non-collusion Affidavit and a DW-413 Business Relationships Affidavit in writing displaying that the Bidder has not directly or indirectly entered into an agreement, express of implied, with any other bidder or the price or amount of such bid or any bids, the limiting of the bids or bidders, the paying to anyone any money for promotion expenses, the parceling or farming out to any bidder or bidders or other persons of any part of the contract or any part of the subject matter of the bid or of the profits thereof.

Performance, Maintenance and Statutory Payment Bonds in the amount of 100% of the contract price with a Corporate Surety licensed in Oklahoma and approved by the Owner and Engineer, will be required for the faithful performance of the contract. A Maintenance Bond guaranteeing the repair of all damage due to improper materials or workmanship for a period of one (1) year, after the acceptance of the work by the Owner, will be required.

This project is to be financed by a loan from the Oklahoma Water Resources Board through the Department of Environment Quality Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) and shall be referred to as DWSRF Project No. P40-1020529-01.

A. "Equal Opportunity in Employment: All qualified applicants will receive considerations for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or physical handicap. Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246, as amended. The requirements for bidders and contractors under this order are explained in the specifications.@

B. "Each bidder must fully comply with the requirement, terms and conditions of the Department of Environmental Quality Small, Minority, Women's Businesses Requirements including affirmative steps to contract with small, minority and women's businesses during the performance of this contract. The bidder commits itself to the affirmative steps to contract with small, minority and women's businesses contained herein and all other requirements, terms and conditions of these bid conditions by submitting a properly signed bid. Requirements are contained in DEQ Guidance and Procedures, DW-700."

C. All bidders must comply with the Anti-Kickback Act and the Contract Work Hours Standards Act.@

D. ADavis Bacon Act wage rules shall apply. All laborers and mechanics employed by contractors and subcontractors on projects funded directly by or assisted in whole or in part by and through the Federal Government shall be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on projects of a character similar in the locality as determined by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with subchapter IV of Chapter 31 of Title 40, United States Code. The Department of Labor provides all pertinent information related to compliance with labor standards, including prevailing wage rates and instructions for reporting. For more information please refer to http://www.wdol.gov/.

F. American Iron and Steel provisions also apply to projects funded directly by or assisted in whole or in part by and through the Federal Government pursuant to the AConsolidat-

ed Appropriations Act, 2014@. Sec. 436(a)(1) of the act states that ANone of the funds made available by a State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund as authorized by Title VI of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C 1381 et seq.) or made available by a Drinking Water Treatment Revolving Loan Fund as authorized by Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300j-12) shall be used for a project for the construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of a public water system or treatment works unless all of the iron and steel products used in the project are produced in the United States.@

G. System for Award Management (SAM) registration is required for all DWSRF program applicants and Awardees (Entities, prime contractors, subcontractors, vendors) in order to be awarded contracts by the DWSRF program. SAM replaces Central Contractor Registration/Federal Agency Registration, Online Representations and Certifications Application, and Excluded Parties List System. Applicants and awardees are required to complete a one-time free registration to provide basic information relevant to procurement and financial transactions. New Applicants and awardees please go to Sam.gov to complete the registration process.

Note: In order to register in SAM, a Data Universal Number System (DUNS) number will be required. DUNS number is a unique, non-indicative 9-digit identifier issued and maintained by Dun & Bradstreet (D&B) that verifies the existence of a business entity globally. D&B assigns DUNS numbers for each physical location of a business. All entities doing business with the U.S. Government can receive a DUNS number FREE of charge and, under normal circumstances, within 1-2 business days when using the D&B web form process at http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform

The bids filed with the McIntosh County Rural Water District # 8 will be opened and considered by the Mc-

Intosh County Rural Water District # 8, at a meeting to be held in the Rural Water District , Oklahoma at 10:00 am on the 14th day of April , 20 21, but all bids shall remain on file at least forty-eight (48) hours thereafter before a contract will be made and entered into thereon. Bids received more than ninety-six (96) hours prior to the Bid Opening will be returned.

A pre-bid conference will be held on this project at 9:00 am on the day of April 6, 2021, in the McIntosh County Rural Water district #8, Oklahoma.

The contract is to be awarded to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informality in the bidding and the right to reject any and all bids in accordance with the Oklahoma Competitive Bidding Act. Conditional bids shall not be accepted.

3/8/21
Date

Jeff Phillips
Typed or Printed Name
/s/ Jeff Phillips
Signature
Plant Manager
Title

Legal Notice

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCINTOSH COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA
KATHLEEN DABBS, and
DEBBIE ANN JONES,
Plaintiffs,

vs.

The successors, both known and unknown of D.C. DABBS, deceased,

and

The Unknown heirs, executors, ad-
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Legal Notice

Published in the Indian Journal, Thursday, April 1, 2021

City of Eufaula Public Hearing Notice

Notice is hereby given that the City of Eufaula, Oklahoma, will conduct a public hearing on the proposed application to Close Public Way of property located within the City of Eufaula.

The public way is described as follows:

Description: The section of Washington Street [Clifford Seals Street] which is bounded by Lots 5, 6, 7, and 8 of Block 54 on the north, by E Street on the east, by the United States Army Corps of Engineer property on the south, and by the MK&T Railroad on the west.

Applicant/s: 3-D Mobile Home & RV Park

The public hearing will be held as

follows:

Eufaula City Council Meeting, May 3, 2021 at 5:00 P.M., Eufaula Community Center, 121 High Street.

At this time any interested citizen of Eufaula, Oklahoma will have the opportunity to be heard regarding the zoning variance request. If there are any questions about the proposal, or you need additional information prior to the public hearing, please contact the Eufaula City Hall at 918-689-2534. A copy of the application is available for public inspection during normal working hours and can be accessed from the Eufaula City Hall at 918-689-2534 or by emailing aa@cityofeufaula-ok.com.



Legal Notice

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STATE OF OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Advertisement to Contractors - April 15, 2021 10:30 A.M. Bid Opening

Plans and proposals for this bid opening will be ready for sale on March 25, 2021. No bidding proposals will be issued to any Contractor after April 14, 2021 10:30 A.M. The cost for each bidding proposal is \$50.00 + tax. State Standard Specifications may be purchased by contacting Office Services Division. No refunds will be made for bidding documents or specification books purchased.

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

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

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

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

A Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at 10:00 A.M. on April 02, 2021 concerning this April 15, 2021 10:30 A.M. bid opening in the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) Commission Room. Submit any questions or concerns to the Office Engineer Division via email: ODOT-Prebid.Question@odot.org, fax: 405-522-0972, or phone: (405) 521- 2625. Please include the words "Pre-bid question(s)" along with the call order and the bid opening date of the project in question in the subject line of the correspondence.

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

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

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Description of work and location of project:

SSP-251C(116)PM US-266 MUSKOGEE Call Order: 175
SBR-4000(107)SB I-40 MCINTOSH JP NO. 26288(04)
WIDEN, RESURFACE, AND BRIDGE REHABILITATION JP NO. 33440(04)

I-40/US-266: I-40, OVER US 266 0.6 MILES WEST OF THE MUSKOGEE COUNTY LINE. US-266, FROM 1.4 MILES EAST NEAR WARNER.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
- By: TIM GATZ, Director.

LEGAL NOTICES

ministrators, devisees, legatees, trustees, successors and assigns, immediate and remote, of AGNES SCOTT, Full Blood Creek Indian, Roll No. 8551, deceased.

State of Oklahoma, ex rel, Oklahoma Tax Commission Defendants.

Case No.: CV-2021-29
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO:

1. "The successors, both known and unknown of D.C. Dabbs, deceased;"

2. "Unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, trustees, successors and assigns, immediate and remote, of AGNES SCOTT, Full Blood Creek Indian, Roll No. 8551, deceased;"

GREETINGS:
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that you have been sued in Case No. CV-2021-29 in the District Court of McIntosh County, Oklahoma, by Kathleen Dabbs and Debbie Ann Jones as Plaintiffs and you and each of you must answer said Petition filed in said Cause on or before the 24th day of May 2021, or the allegations contained therein will be taken as true and judgment rendered as prayed therein, against you and each of you, quieting the title and confirming possession as to the following described property, to-wit:

A tract of land situated in the W 19.52 acres of Lot Two (2), Section Eighteen (18), Township Nine (9) North, Range Sixteen (16) East, more particularly described as follows: beginning at the NW corner of said 19.52 acres of Lot Two (2); thence East along the North line of said Lot Two (2) a distance of 437.46 feet; thence South Parallel to the West line of said Lot Two (2) a distance of 208.7 feet; thence East parallel to the North line of said Lot Two (2) a distance of 208.7 feet; thence South parallel to the West line of said Lot Two (2) a distance of 130.77 feet; thence West parallel to the North Line of said Lot Two (2) a distance of 644.16 feet; Thence North along the West line of said Lot a distance of 339.47 feet to the point of beginning.

barring and enjoining you and each of you from ever asserting any right, title or interest in and to said property adverse to the determination of ownership made by the Court.

WITNESS my hand this 18 day of March, 2021.
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MCINTOSH COUNTY, COURT CLERK
By: /s/ Bailey Burns
Deputy
Courtney L. Eagan, OBA #22553
Attorney for Plaintiff
150 Foley Avenue
Eufaula, Oklahoma 74432
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Court Report

McIntosh County District Court Report

Felony Cases

Elzie Eugene Haney: battery/assault and battery on police officer; obstructing officer; resisting an officer; intimidation of witness; protective order violation

Gage Steven McLeod: actual physical control of motor vehicle while under the influence; transporting opened container of beer/intoxicating beverage

Misdemeanor Cases

James Thomas Parent: driving with license canceled/suspended/revoked

Civil Cases less than \$10,000

AHS, Oklahoma Physicians Group vs. Billy Lee Epperson, et al
Progressive Car Finance vs. Caitlyn Walters, et al

Small Claims

Herb Pope vs Tamissa Cooper, et al
First Family Federal CU vs. Hailey Ray Manning, et al
First Family Federal CU vs. Paige Mariah Raymond, et al

Traffic Cases

Lorraine Kay Adams: seatbelt
Jeremy Lynn Barker: seatbelt
Gary M. Barnard: seatbelt
Leah Deann Burgess: speeding
Jamie Eugena Burke: no liability insurance
John Travis Bussey: seatbelt
Chelsea Cooper: seatbelt
Erin Cooper: failure to restrain child; seatbelt
Pamela Correa: driver not wearing seatbelt
Colby Crissman: seatbelt
Hunter Cole Davis: driver not wearing seatbelt

David Allen Dixon: seatbelt
Millinda Gail Edwards: seatbelt
Robert Ray Fletcher: seatbelt; driving under suspension
Laverna Hignite: seatbelt
Elijah Ronald Levi Jackson: speeding
Brenda M. Jennings: seatbelt
Travis Johnson: seatbelt
Jason Jones: seatbelt
Alisa R. Lane: seatbelt
Tyler Blane Lee: seatbelt
Charity Madison: seatbelt
Benjamin Arnold Mathews: seatbelt
Ethan Wesley McGee: seatbelt
Ezekiel Isaiah McIntosh: seatbelt
Bobby Neal Morton Jr.:

Johnathan Spencer Olive: driving under suspension
Harold C. Perkins: driving under suspension
Tye Michael Pippenger: seatbelt
Drew Jason Rice: driver not wearing seatbelt
Dakota Edward Ross: seatbelt
Jacob Sage: seatbelt
Clinton Adaire Seumon: driver not wearing seatbelt
Heather Nichole Skaggs: speeding
Lyndy Adele Elaine Slemp: seatbelt
Kelly Jo Stevens: speeding
Paden Vandiver: operating MV on which taxes due have not been paid
Roger Floyd Vanmeter: driver not wearing seatbelt

Emma Nicole Waller: speeding
Valerie Kay Watkins: speeding
Olivia Grace Wooten: operating MV on which taxes due state have not been paid; seatbelt

Protective Orders

Tennie Marie Cox vs. Ryan Yates Cox
Marriage licenses filed Lester Dean Chandler III and Linsey Nicole Miller
David Dewayne Pearce and Nadina Ann Hobbs

Divorces filed

Stephanie Layman vs. Ronnie Lee Layman Jr.
Kimberly A. Rogers vs. Gary Don Rogers
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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
MCINTOSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
March 15, 2021

The McIntosh County Board of Commissioners met on Monday, March 15th, 2021, in a regularly scheduled meeting, at 8:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' meeting room on the first floor. Chairman, Bill Phillips; Vice Chairman, Monty Grider; Member, Michael Burns; Deena Farrow, County Clerk; Susan Whittle, Matt Hackler, Janelle McKnight, and David Memontigny 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 11th day of March, 2021.

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Bill Phillips, at 8:00 am.
- II. Roll was called with the following responses: Phillips, present; Grider, present; and Burns, present.
- III. Sherry Burke, Health Department, was absent and no update on COVID-19 was given.
- IV. **Reports**
 - a. Emergency Manager, Susan Whittle, FEMA update given.
 - b. 911 Coordinator, Matt Hackler, 911 center update given.
- V. **Old Items**
 - A. A motion was made by Burns and seconded by Grider to approve ODOT County Action Report for Dist. 1, 2, & 3 maps with no corrections. The motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
- VI. **Action Items**
 - A. A motion was made by Burns and seconded by Grider to approve donations. The motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
 - B. A motion was made by Grider and seconded by Burns to approve R-21-28 accepting road maintenance donations, including but not limited to tin horns. The motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
 - C. A motion was made by Grider and seconded by Burns to approve Resolution R-21-29 road maintenance donation. The motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
 - D. A motion was made by Burns and seconded by Grider to approve minutes of Commissioners' meeting held on March 8, 2021. The motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
 - E. A motion was made by Burns and seconded by Grider to approve Transfer of Appropriations from Hanna Sr Cit M&O and Hanna Sr. Cit. Travel to Hanna Sr Cit ST Pers. Serv. in the amount of \$3900.00. The motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
 - F. A motion was made by Burns and seconded by Grider to approve Transfer of Appropriations from Hanna Fire M&O to Hanna Fire Cap. Outlay in the amount of \$8500.00 to purchase skid unit. The motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
 - G. A motion was made by Burns and seconded by Grider to approve Transfer of Funds Error Correction from MCPFA Jail ST M&O to MCPFA Jail ST Pers. Serv. In the amount of \$282.45. The motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
 - H. A motion was made by Grider and seconded by Burns to approve Requisition/Receiving Officers for Jail Debt Payments/Jail Authority. The motion was approved with the following votes: All aye
 - I. A motion was made by Burns and seconded by Grider to approve Certificate of Liability Insurance for McIntosh County Rural Water Dist. #6. The motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
 - J. A discussion was held with citizen, David Demontigny, addressing road conditions in Dist. 3 on Fry road. No action taken.
 - K. A motion was made by Burns and seconded by Grider to approve signing of purchase orders to be processed for payment on March 15, 2021. The motion was approved with the following votes: All aye: 2020-2021 911 Phone 301, KAY ROBBINS WALL, ATTORNEY AT LAW, 225.00, ATTORNEY FEES302, MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC, 10999.18, LICENSING / SOFTWARE303, CITY OF CHECOTAH, 400.00, STIPEND304, CAIN, AMBER DAWN, 50.00, STIPEND305, LANE, HEATHER MARIE, 100.00, STIPEND306, DOMINIC, TERESA MERI ANGELIQUE, 50.00, STIPEND307, ANDERSON, TIKEYTA LYNN, 50.00, STIPEND308, WILLIAMS, JESSICA LEA, 150.00, STIPEND; General 2604, BANK OF EUFAULA, 5.00, PROCESS ACH PAYROLL2605, COMDATA, 737.88, FUEL2606, EASTERN OK LIBRARY SYSTEM, 8989.52, SALARY2607, O REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC., 428.52, PARTS AND SUPPLIES2608, PHILLIPS, BILLY BOB, 48.89, TRAVEL2609, HOPKINS FUEL & PROPANE, 440.00, PROPANE2610, HOLIDAY INN & SUITES -

- UNIVERSITY WEST, 159.60, HOTEL & AMENITIES 2611, PHILLIPS, LESLIE COY, 257.52, TRAVEL2612, FINK, MELISSA, 196.78, TRAVEL2613, COOKSON HILLS PUBLISHERS INC, 128.16, PUBLISH MINUTES2614, COOKSON HILLS PUBLISHERS INC, 128.16, PUBLISH MINUTES2615, MEIERS GENERAL STORE, 120.30, FUEL2616, ZIEGLER, JARRED WAYNE, 1500.00, building improvements2617, OKLATEL, 45.69, UTILITIES2618, AT&T, 83.02, UTILITIES2619, AT&T, 62.15, UTILITIES2620, VYVE BROADBAND A, LLC, 238.46, UTILITIES2621, STIGLER STONE, 8119.80, Road Material2622, BUMPERS CONSTRUCTION AND TRUCKING CO. INC, 1501.13, Road Material; Health 253, STANDLEY SYSTEMS, 248.96, COPIER LEASE254, STANDLEY SYSTEMS, 220.82, COPIER LEASE255, EMPIRE PAPER COMPANY, 211.11, JANITORIAL SUPPLIES256, A-OK PRINTING LLC, 105.00, SIGN257, AT&T MOBILITY, 170.13, UTILITIES258, AT&T MOBILITY, 42.40, UTILITIES259, VYVE BROADBAND A, LLC, 50.05, UTILITIES260, VYVE BROADBAND A, LLC, 80.15, UTILITIES; Highway 1817, YELLOWHOUSE MACHINERY CO., 62.09, PARTS1818, HOPKINS FUEL & PROPANE, 5787.15, FUEL1819, ROLLING PRAIRIE-FILTER CARE OF MO, 61.65, FILTER CLEANING1820, BANK OF AMERICA, 16.56, OFFICE SUPPLIES1821, WELCH STATE BANK, 1013.88, Equipment Payment1822, B&J OIL CO., INC., 7360.00, FUEL1823, EAST CENTRAL ELECTRIC, ECE, 51.03, UTILITIES1824, U.S. CELLULAR, 82.53, UTILITIES1825, EAST CENTRAL ELECTRIC, ECE, 216.18, UTILITIES1826, CINTAS, 130.02, UNIFORM CLEANING1827, SOUTER LIMESTONE & MINERALS, LLC, 6617.80, Road Material1828, MCQUAY CONSTRUCTION, 130.00, SAND1829, MR. PRINTER, 59.00, BUSINESS CARDS1830, B&J OIL CO., INC., 3672.00, DIESEL1831, Artic Glazier U.S.A., Inc., 75.25, ICE1832, U.S. CELLULAR, 82.53, UTILITIES1833, EAST CENTRAL ELECTRIC, ECE, 12.00, UTILITIES1834, CINTAS, 83.49, UNIFORM CLEANING1835, STIGLER STONE, 302.72, Road Material1836, SOUTER LIMESTONE & MINERALS, LLC, 4042.68, Road Material1837, RINKER AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS, 175.41, PARTS AND SUPPLIES1838, STEWART WHOLESALE CO. INC., 1586.85, PARTS1839, MR. PRINTER, 24.00, DECALS; Jail-ST 744, HOOVER DRUG, 660.16, MEDICATIONS745, PERFORMANCE FOODSERVICE, 10349.63, FOOD FOR JAIL746, HOPKINS FUEL & PROPANE, 358.18, FUEL747, OFFICE DEPOT *, 160.45, OFFICE SUPPLIES748, WALKER COMPANIES, 89.50, RENEWAL FEE749, STEWART, DONNA, 1590.00, MEDICAL750, AT&T MOBILITY, 17.13, UTILITIES751, SHINES TRUCK AND CYCLES, 12.50, TIRE REPAIR752, SHINES TRUCK AND CYCLES, 87.50, MOUNT & BALANCE TIRES; SH Commissary 102, BENCHMARK GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS, LLC, 6825.71, JAIL SUPPLIES103, BENCHMARK GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS, LLC, 4715.30; ; SH Svc Fee 337, COMDATA, 759.54, FUEL338, COMDATA, 714.96, FUEL339, TOP VALUE, 632.19, FOOD FOR JAIL340, OKLAHOMA TAX COMMISSION, 30.00, TITLE/TAG341, OKLAHOMA TAX COMMISSION, 30.00, TAXES342, OKLAHOMA DEPT. OF PUBLIC SAFETY, 350.00, OLETS USER FEE
- L. A motion was made by Grider and seconded by Burns to approve Expense Report(s) for FY 2020/2021 dated March 15, 2021. The motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
- VII. A motion was made by Burns and seconded by Grider to strike hires and terminations. The motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
- VIII. A motion was made by Burns and seconded by Grider to Strike Executive Session. The motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
(To discuss communication matter 25 O.S. §307(B)(1) Executive Sessions: Discussing the Employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining or resignation of any individual salaried public officer or employee.)
- IX. No action needed
- X. No action needed
- XI. BOCC Comments or Concerns: Discussion held in reference to rock quarry on Dam Road.
- XII. A motion was made by Burns and seconded by Grider to adjourn Meeting. The motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.

Signed this 22 day of March 2021.

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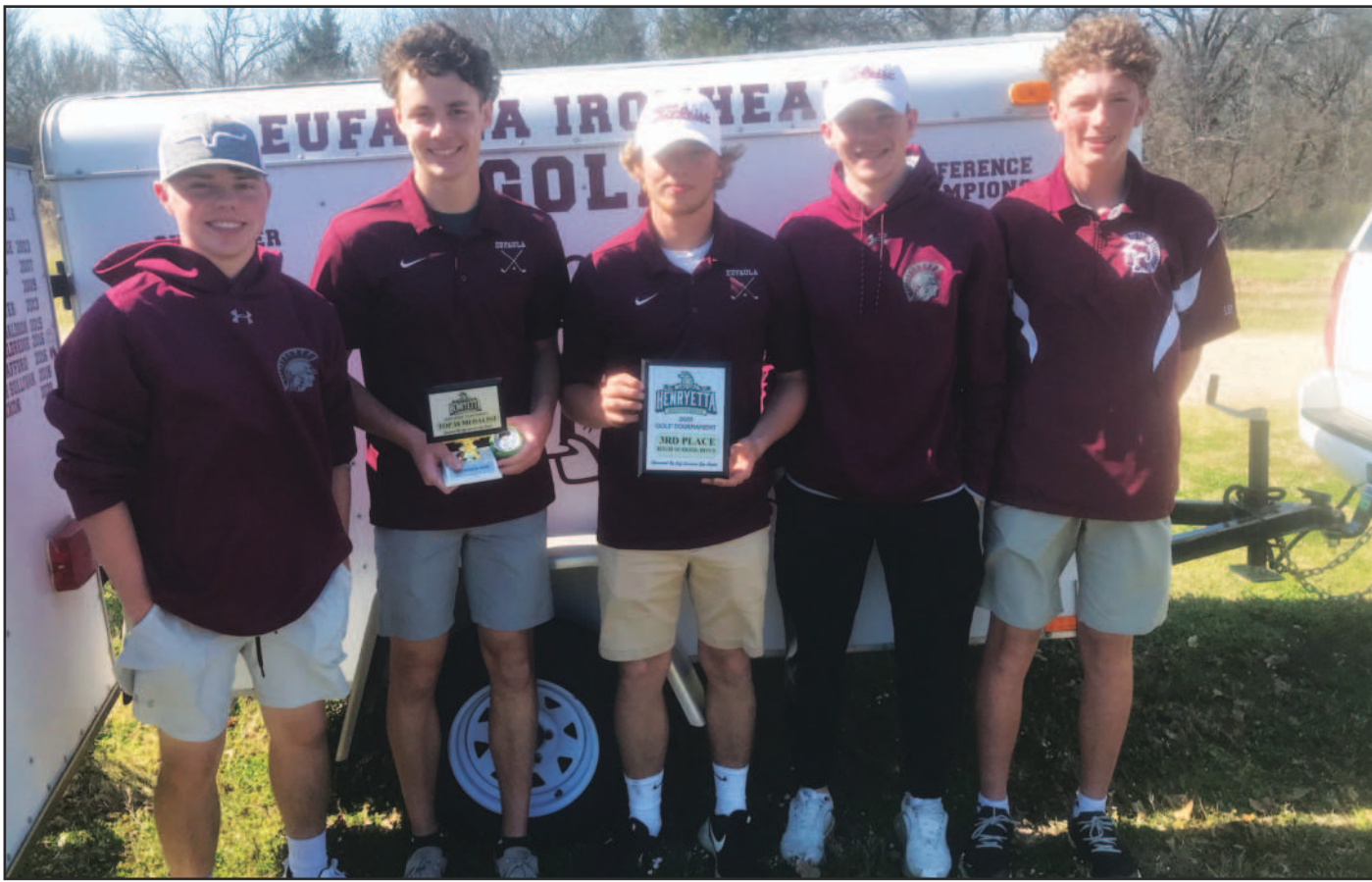
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Results from Seminole Golf Tournament

Eufaula Lady Ironheads

1. Ryleigh Martin-50, placed eighth overall.
 2. Chelsea Marshall-55.
 3. Gracie-Jane Lasiter-54.
 4. Savannah Goodman-61.
 5. Rhyatt Dunn-61.
- Total 220 placed sixth overall as a team.

Eufaula Ironheads

1. Alex Parish-86, tied for 10th-lost in playoff.
 2. Briar Sweitzer-97.
 3. Justis James-103.
 4. Riley Morgan-111.
 5. Slade Williams-122.
- Total 397 placed seventh out of 15 teams.



Late rally for Wildcats comes up short

RODNEY HALTOM
SPORTS EDITOR

A late rally by the Checotah Wildcats (6-6) fell up short Friday as the Spiro Bulldogs (10-1) held on to a 8-4 win at Checotah. Wildcat senior pitcher Hayden Price struggled from the mound in the early innings hitting four players on wild curve ball throws, but settled down and was effective. The Bulldogs scored three runs in the third, one each in the fourth and fifth innings and added three runs in the sixth to seal the victory.

The Wildcats' only runs came in the fourth inning when Brock Butler, Daylen Warrior and Blaine Smith knocked in runs to make it a 5 to 4 game. Price allowed seven hits and eight runs over six innings, striking out four.

Beggs scores four runs late for Victory

The Beggs Golden Demons started and finished strong as they scored three runs in the

first inning and added four more in the sixth to defeat Checotah 8-4 in the second game of the Beggs tournament. Zack Mullen and Kayson Flud each had RBIs in the fifth inning. Mullen was the man on the mound for the Wildcats. He went four innings, allowing three runs on five hits and striking out seven. Colten Burnett came out of the bullpen and threw two innings.

Checotah had 11 hits as Brock Butler, Daylen Warrior and Mullen each had multiple hits as Butler led the Wildcats going 3-for-3 at the plate.

Wildcats blank Gore

The Checotah Wildcats was hitting on all cylinders as they shut out Gore 8-0. Pitchers Hayden Price and Jake Vernon combined for the win. Price pitched three innings and went 3-for-3 with four RBIs. Vernon went 1-for-3 with a pair of RBIs. Brock Butler went 2-for-2 and scored three runs.



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