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Academic foundation teams with Mike's Meats for fundraiser

BY THOMAS R. MARTINEZ
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If you like meat, the Cordell Academic Foundation has the deal for you.

For its yearly fundraiser this year, the foundation has teamed with Mike's Meats to

offer a package for one lucky winner.

The fundraiser each year helps give teachers items that don't fit in the normal school district budget.

"We use that money to fund grants that the teachers submit that might not fit into the budget or the curricula of

the school," said foundation president Misty Gossen.

"So we try to provide those things for teachers."

Those items might include iPads, microscopes, books, clay for the art department or science items like models of cells.

One school staffer even

takes students to have lunch with the senior citizens.

Of course, that was before COVID-19 protocols won't allow such activity.

"It's really neat to see the things playing out," Gossen said. "Because we just fund them and then don't get to see much of it what they're

doing in the school, so they try to keep us in the loop."

The foundation relies on the fundraiser and other donations to fulfill the grants.

Members try to pick the year's fundraiser by

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Gossen

'THE PROGRAM HAS CHANGED'



COURTESY PHOTO BY CHARLINDA OGLE

Cordell senior football players, from left, Adden Zanghi, Raydon Kuehne, Gavin Jasmer, Cameron Cochran, Dane Corbin and Bode Gallagher walk the field, hand-in-hand, as part of their post-game tradition. The seniors propelled Cordell to a play off win.

Cordell relies on seniors to win a first-round playoff game vs. Washita County rival

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Dane Corbin. Raydon Kuehne. Bode Gallagher. Adden Zanghi. Cameron Cochran. Gavin Jasmer.

"Really proud of those six boys walking away right there," Cordell head football coach Zane Trammell said Friday night, as his seniors got ready to do their annual post-game tradition of walking the field.

"Our seniors have really

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Video of the big game.
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stepped up," Trammell said, after the Blue Devils beat Washita County rival Burns Flat-Dill City 43-22 Friday night in a play-in round of the Oklahoma State Class A Football Championships.

When he compares this season to last season, when the Blue Devils finished 1-9 overall, Trammell points to the culture of his program.

"The program has changed," he said. "Those six guys have really done what it takes to lead the young group. We have six seniors, but then we are really young. We start three freshmen on both sides of the ball."

When your team is so young, Trammell said, the seniors must take control.

"They've done just that," he said. "They've done everything it takes to put us in really good situations and win some ball games."

Cordell's young team and its six seniors will be put to the test Friday night when they take on Thomas (8-1 overall) in the next round of the playoffs. The game will be at 7:30 p.m. at Ross Field at Custer Stadium in Thomas.

After the game, at least, Trammell and his team were content to revel in the victory.

COVID-19 numbers continue steady rise

BY MIKE MCCORMICK
Reporter

The Oklahoma State Department of Health reports that Washita County's number of positive COVID-19 cases has continued to climb through the past week.

The total number testing positive in the county is now 274. It was 220 a week ago, an increase of 54 over last week. Two weeks ago the number was 195 and three weeks ago it was 181.

On Aug. 21, the number of people testing positive in Washita County stood at 37.

Of the 220 positive cases, 195 have recovered, the OSDH said.

Cordell has reported 79 positive cases, the most in the county. Of those, 49 have recovered. Last week there were 54 positive cases. Of those, 47 had recovered.

The Cordell Christian Home confirmed on its Facebook page that three residents tested positive for Covid-19.

"On Sunday, Cordell Christian Home discovered that three residents were positive for COVID," a post on its page stated. "As the safety and well-being of the residents and staff members is our foremost priority, we immediately isolated the residents to ensure essential medical treatment, and notified the appropriate agencies of the discovery. We also notified each resident and/or resident representative of the findings. Additionally, we are also working closely with state officials to determine that all necessary steps are taken."

Burns Flat, which had, 40 a week ago, now has 45, the second highest number in the county. Of those, 39 have recovered, OSDH said.

Burns Flat also has one of the reported deaths in the county.

Canute has 39, up from the 32 last week and Sentinel has 23. Of

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City waives vendor fees for upcoming Christmas events

The Cordell City Council on Monday waived vendor fees for those wanting to sell wares or host a booth in the

Christmas in the Park and Christmas Bazaar events in early December.

Sarah Lau from the Cordell

Chamber of commerce and Kristen Lee from the Bazaar approached the city with the request to waive fees.

"Some of our vendors are having a hard time paying the

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Guess Where?

How well do you know Washita County? Here's a partial photo of something pretty recognizable. HINT: This photo was taken in a community in western Washita County. Guess what it is and where it was taken. Send your guess to us at editor@cordellbeacon.com or call us at 580-832-3333.

PHOTO BY THOMAS R. MARTINEZ



News from Quartz Mountain: Deer hunting season underway

BY SUE HOKANSON
Park Naturalist

Deer are very plentiful this year. It seems like nearly every day you hear of someone hitting a deer. Gun season for deer starts this coming weekend. With more hunters in the field, deer will be on the move. Please use extra caution when driving to and within Quartz Mountain State Park.

During the various hunting season some trails at Quartz Mountain are closed. Hunting is not allowed on park property but trails that are very close to private property, where hunting occurs are closed. Not all trails are closed! With the Lodge complex closed for renovations, all the trails near the Lodge are closed. In the Main Park, the New Horizon Trail, up the face of Quartz Mountain is open. Also open in the Main Park, is 2 mile one way (4 mile round trip) Heart Healthy trail. This is the paved trail that stretched from the Park Office to the RR tracks by SH44.

Please remember: do not feed the deer at Quartz Mountain- it is against Park rules. There is plenty of natural food for our deer. They do not need supplemental food.

FOUNDATION: Fund-raisers helps pay for supplies teachers need not in budget

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August, so they can promote it for several months.

People can also make straight donations to the foundation, Gossen said. "People don't realize that they can donate to our foundation on behalf of like a retired teacher. Things in that nature," she said.

The foundation is always looking for members, too. Because the foundation is small, Gosse said an infusion of new members could breathe fresh life into it.

"Just someone with new ideas, to make it fresh and fun," Gossen said.

For \$25 yearly, the foundation is open to any individual, business or corporation or any other legal entity.

"It's pretty simple," Gossen said. "You just show up. We eat a noon at Atlas Title in Cordell, and we never miss a meal. We eat, and have dessert, and discuss business and we're done by 1."

Gossen got involved in the foundation at the advice of Khristy Russ. Gossen grew up in Cordell, went to school here, and her kids do, too.

Russ "came over and said, 'Hey we're doing this thing, it's a great thing for our kids. I know how much you love Cordell, and I think you should be a part of it.' That was a while back, so I've just kind of been hanging out with them ever since, and now I'm the president," Gossen said. "I wouldn't change a thing."

The foundation has about 12 members, and averages about eight members at most meetings.

"I think the more the merrier



COURTESY PHOTO / MIKE'S MEATS

Mike's Meats is teaming up with the Cordell Academic Foundation for a fund-raiser to help raise funds for the foundation's program that helps buy items for teachers that aren't in the normal budget. Mike's will provide a meat package for one winner.

because everyone is busy, so we can't always catch everybody. We will find a place bigger if it came to that," she said.

With COVID-19 changing the landscape in many ways, the foundation shifted from its usual gift ideas like a motel room in Bricktown and tickets to a Thunder game and came up with different idea.

"We thought everyone would like a meat pack from Mike's Meats, and that's what we opted to do this year," Gossen said.

"It's a variety of meats that Mike has put together for us," she said. "He's been a huge supporter of the foundation by promoting those things on Facebook for us, making videos, kind of shouting out and getting the word out there."

Mike Reimer is proud to team up with the foundation on this fundraiser, he said.

"I like what they do," he said.



Reimer

"They have the ability to make our schools better and to offer our kids better stuff."

Schools can't provide everything

teachers need, he said.

"I'm all about making a difference. This makes a big difference," Reimer said. "My kids are using some of the stuff that the foundation provides. And they wouldn't have that without the academic foundation. It's a wonderful thing."

A \$10 donation this year gets you one ticket, or you can get 6 tickets for \$50.

The winner will be drawn on Dec. 4 at halftime of the football game, if there is one.

TICKETS

Tickets can be purchased from any foundation member, at Mike's Meats store and Atlas Title. For more information, go to <https://www.facebook.com/cordellacademicfoundation>

Otherwise, Gossen said the foundation will do a drawing on Facebook live or something similar.

The good news for teachers who are seeking that little bit extra to help them in the classroom is the foundation has rarely, if ever, turned down a request.

"We just make sure we have enough money and go from there," Gossen said. "We tell them we have money, and we want to help."

COVID

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of the 39 in Canute, 26

have recovered and 17 have recovered in Sentinel.

Other communities in Washita County reporting

positive cases and the number recovered include: Dill City 13 and 11; Rocky 16 and 11.

Statewide as of Monday, 156,857 have tested positive, there have been 1,538 deaths and 126,162 who have

recovered. Active cases stand at 29,157, the OSDH said.

Last week there were 138,455 testing positive, there had been 1,444 deaths and 116,882 had recovered. There were 20,129 active cases a

week ago.

This week on Monday, the OSDH reported more than 2,729 new positive cases confirmed and 10 additional deaths.

The OSDH reports 1,653,500 have tested negative.

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OAI free online workshops

The Oklahoma Fall Arts Institute at Quartz Mountain workshops have moved online this year because of COVID-19

The online Institute, OFAI at Home, is now in full swing, with workshop offerings throughout November and December. Teachers, counselors and school administrators can choose from topics such as arts integration and social emotional learning or can seek to further their skills as artists workshops.

For workshop and registration information, visit <https://oaiquartz.org/workshops>.

IN BRIEF

Christmas in the Park

The Cordell Chamber of Commerce will hold this year's Christmas in the Park on Dec 3.

The event will feature great shopping, delicious food, a parade and Santa Claus.

The event starts at 6 p.m. at Lee Park in Cordell.

For more information, contact the Cordell Chamber of Commerce.

You can check out the 'The Beverly Hillbillies' at Hobart playhouse

The Shortgrass Playhouse in Hobart will present 'The Beverly Hillbillies' on Dec. 5-6 and Dec. 12-13.

The Saturday shows will start at 7 p.m.; Sunday shows will start at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors. The Shortgrass Playhouse is at 103 E. 3rd Street in Hobart.



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Regional winners

The Corn Bible Academy won the Regional Academic Team Competition Nov. 14. Pictured left to right: Jaiden Dobbs of Cordell, Isaiah Thiessen of Cordell, Kennedy Listak of Clinton, Harrison Penner of Weatherford, Phillip Javorsky of Weatherford and Brendan Miller of Thomas.

With holidays upon us, pay attention to these cooking suggestions

Baked goods are very temperature/time dependent and do not adjust well to either higher or lower temperatures than those recommended in the recipe. They may also call for placement in a particular part of the oven and moving them to the top or bottom can cause excessive browning and/or burning. Super sensitive pastries should be baked alone.

In general, when baked goods aren't involved, the oven temperature can be set at an average of those suggested for each recipe. So, if one calls for 400 degrees and the other for 350, the oven could be set at 375. Ovens are often inaccurate by 25 degrees so the roasting/baking times provided are general estimates and might need to be adjusted. The cook will have to keep an eye on each item in the oven to make sure they are finished.

As for browning, you can either sear the meat first on the stovetop or in a high oven (probably best for poultry) or do a "reverse sear" where you turn the oven up right before serving and blast it with high heat for 5-10 minutes (works well for beef, pork, lamb, etc.). Also, the reverse sear can give you time to get your other food into serving dishes, make gravy, etc. before serving.

If you're roasting at a higher temperature to accommodate other foods, the outer layer of meat may get done too quickly. Covering part or all of the roasting meat with foil may help. If this is insufficient, cover completely and remove from the oven for a few minutes for the meat to rest and "even out" a bit in temperature, then return. Don't let it sit out too long.

Roasted Vegetables/Small Pieces of Roasted Food

These are also fairly flexible, but if cooked too long they can dry out and shrivel, and if cooked at too low of a temperature, it can take a long time for dense veg-

etables to soften (e.g., potatoes, carrots, etc.).

They also often release a lot of moisture into the oven, which can affect other dishes, particularly those where browning is desired. This latter point applies to most roasted items cut into small pieces. It is often helpful to temporarily remove any items that release a lot of steam during the browning phase of other foods. (Cover with foil and return to oven to warm before serving.)

Covered Dishes/Casseroles

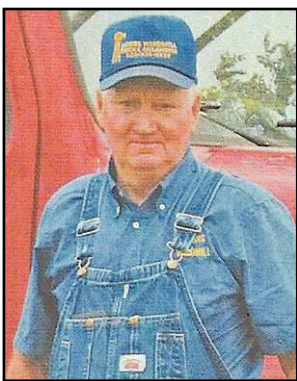
The above dishes are often primarily baked uncovered in the oven. Dishes baked inside of pots or in other covered vessels are usually less sensitive to temperature changes, unless the temperature is really high which can cause some foods to stick and burn to the cooking vessel. Again, most foods will eventually cook at lower temperatures, though the total time can be hard to predict until you experiment.

Using a cover over some of your dishes will also prevent excess moisture in the oven. Excess moisture is usually undesirable in most circumstances, since it can interfere with browning. However, it can be used to your advantage in limited circumstances, such as during the first 10-15 minutes of baking for bread and similar baked goods, when oven spring is required before the crust dries out and sets. Consider making adjustments as necessary to dishes that request a phase baked covered and another uncovered. Often continuing the covered bake for a longer time will only result in more tenderness in the dish, and it may be an effective way to allow the oven to be used at a lower temperature with a longer bake. Just like the "reverse sear" for meat, a dish that needs to be uncovered for a final portion of the bake can often be finished with a final high-heat blast or a few minutes under the broiler.

OBITUARIES

Lynn Dean Dobbs July 5, 1946 — Nov. 10, 2020

Lynn Dean Dobbs, 74, of Rocky, Oklahoma passed away on Nov. 10, 2020 at the Corn Heritage Village in Corn, Oklahoma. He was born on July 5, 1946 to Louis and Creta (Diffendaffer) Dobbs in Rocky, OK. Lynn grew up and attended school in Rocky, graduating from Rocky High School in 1965. He met and married Mona Slaughterback on January 10, 1966, to this union were born three children: Bryan, Jason and Cressie.



They made their home in Rocky and were happily married for 53 years. Lynn was on the Rocky Fire Department for 20 years. David and Lynn started Dobbs Windmill Service in 1986. He was a member of the Church of the Firstborn. Lynn loved his family very much and

will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Survivors include: Children: Bryan Dobbs & wife Barbara of Oklahoma City, OK; Jason Dobbs & wife LeAnna of Rocky, OK; Cressie Dobbs - Bankert & husband Jerome of Altus, OK; Brothers: David Dobbs & wife Damaris of Cordell, OK; Weldon Dobbs & wife Diane of Cordell, OK; sister: Colleen Harker & husband Mike of Erick, OK; Grandchildren: Justin Dobbs of Oklahoma City, OK; Christopher Dobbs of Wyoming; Clayton Dobbs of Sallisaw, OK;

Landon Flinn & husband Caleb of Tuttle, OK; Bressia Busby of Carnegie, OK; Treasure Harper & husband Jeremiah of Edmond, OK; Monarosa Dobbs of Rocky, OK; Great-Grandchildren: Aspynn, Emmah and Maddyx Flinn

Preceded in death by his Parents: Louis and Creta Dobbs and Wife: Mona Dobbs

Funeral: 2:00 p.m., Friday, November 13, 2020 Ray & Martha's Funeral Home Chapel, Cordell, Oklahoma; Interment: Lone Star Cemetery, Rocky, Oklahoma

Gene Jorgensen Dec. 12, 1948 — Nov. 15, 2020

Gene Jorgensen, 72, died Nov. 15, 2020, peacefully at his home in Cordell, Oklahoma. Gene was born on December 12, 1948, in Clintonville, Wisconsin. Gene's family moved to McAlester, Oklahoma, and then later to Midwest City where Gene graduated from Midwest City High School. Gene joined the Navy and was stationed at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. He later worked for many years as a machinist at Tinker Air Force Base.



Gene married Aleta Chenyworth on June 9, 1988. He always called Aleta "the love of his life" and was a loving stepfather to Aleta's five children. Gene loved family dearly. He also enjoyed guns and old cars, and he looked forward to attending Jim Evett's

Sunday school class each week at the Bible M.B. Church. Gene was a generous man and a friend to all. After his retirement, he decided to take a job as a Walmart greeter in Weatherford, OK, so that he could talk to and encourage people.

Gene is survived by his wife, Aleta Chenyworth Jorgensen, of Cordell, and his beloved stepchildren: Alayna Leppke and husband, Larry, of Corn, OK; Christina Newton of Minneapolis, MN; Mike Newton and wife Shannon of Tulsa, OK; Kyla Ford and husband Jay of Enid, OK; and Evan Gaedert

of Austin, TX; his beloved grandchildren Nic Leppke, Juliana Olson, and Morgan Leppke; his sister Kathy Stephenaskie and husband Mike of Albuquerque, NM, and his favorite niece and nephew, Shelly Wolz and Michael Stephenaskie.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents, Travis and Marcy Jorgensen, and his brother, Gerald Jorgensen.

Funeral services for Gene will be held at the Bible M.B. Church in Cordell on Friday, November 20, at 2:00 p.m. with arrangements at Ray and Martha's Funeral Home.



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Bible Study: 5:00 p.m. Sunday
Evening Worship: 5:00 p.m. Sunday
AWANA: 6:30 p.m. Wed.
Prayer & Bible Study: 6:30 p.m. Wed.
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Worship: 10:45 a.m. Sunday
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Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m. Sunday
Discipleship Training: 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship: 6:00 p.m. Sunday
Midweek Prayer: 6:30 p.m. Wed.

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Bible Study: 9:45 a.m. Sunday
Morning Worship: 10:40 a.m. Sunday
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Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sunday

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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Welcome: 10:45 a.m. Sunday
Worship Service: 11:00 a.m. Sunday
Evening Service: 6:00 p.m. Sunday
Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m. Wed.

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Youth Group: 10:00 a.m. Sunday
Prayer Group: 10:00 a.m. Sunday
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Sunday Service: 11:00 a.m.

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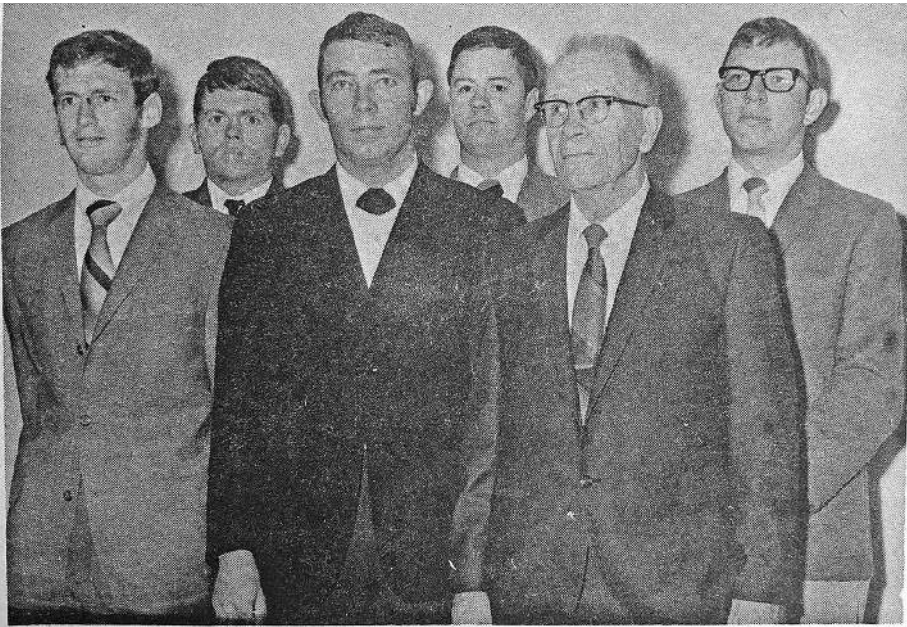
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Nov. 19, 1970



Cordell student on OSU dairy judging team

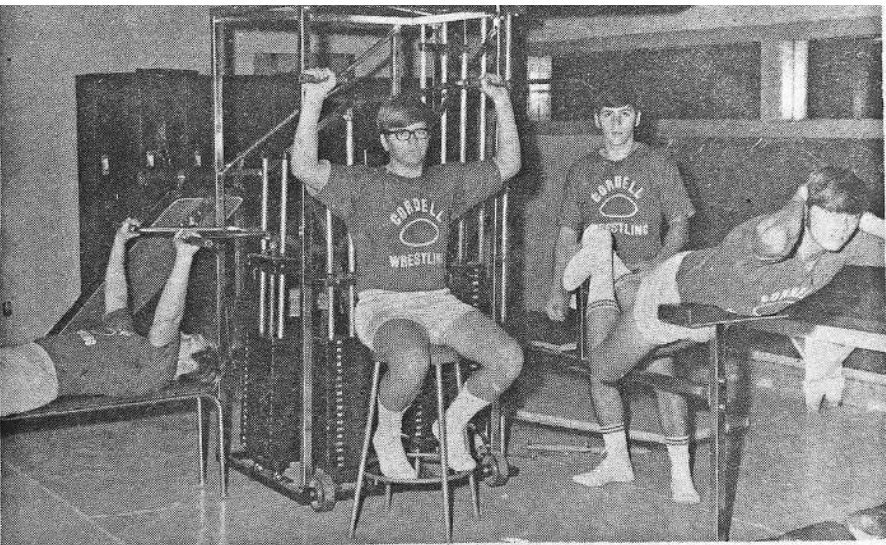
Danny Wedel, Oklahoma State University senior from Cordell, is at extreme right in the rear row, in this picture of the OSU dairy products judging team which placed sixth among 25 teams in the contest held recently in Houston, Texas. Pictured are: front row, Ray Adams, Blanchard; Charles Lemmons, Fairview, and Dr. Harold Olson, team coach. Rear row, Mike Kirkpatrick, Fox, Mack Carter, Coweta, and Danny Wedel.



Albert Cranford, center, is presented the Young Farmer of the Year Award while wife, Emma Jean looks on. Pictured with the Cranfords is Herb Tustison, vocational agriculture instructor and advisor for the Sentinel Young Farmers.

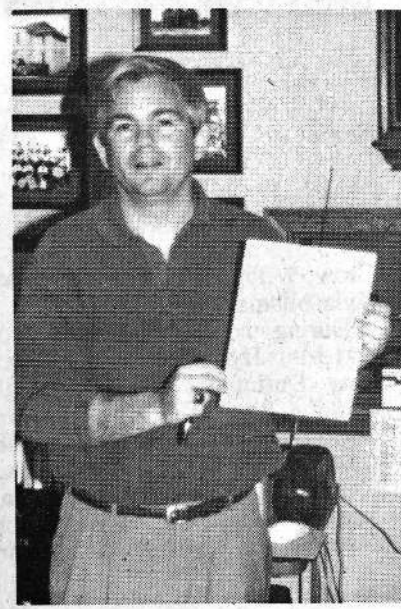


Ten of the 11 women pilots who visited Cordell Nov. 10 in the Fly-Lady derby from Fairview are pictured above. They are: front row, left to right, Loretta Green and Connie Scharb, both of Carmen, Lee Brown of Pryor and Nema Masonhall of Minco; back row, left to right, Lucille Cheatham of Enid, Marge Hudson and Ann Catlin, both of Oklahoma City, Carol Waddell of Woodward, Billie Kinnard of Fairview, and Mary Cornelsen, Oklahoma Flying Farmer queen, also of Fairview. One derby pilot, Marge Nielsen of Van Buren, Ark., was not pictured.

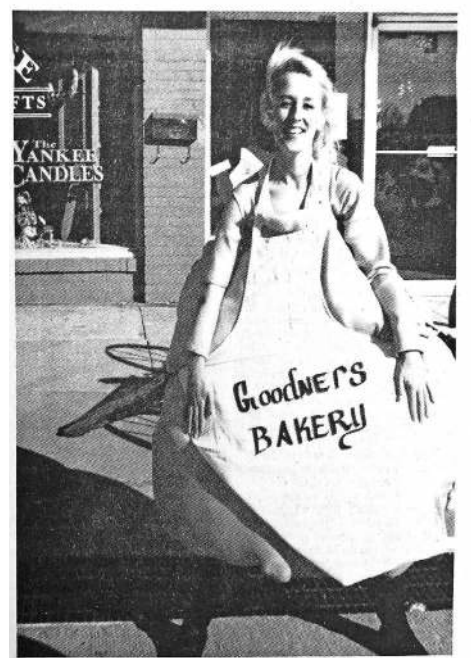


Pictured above are four members of the Cordell high school wrestling team demonstrating the new Universal weight machine that was received last week for use in physical training and conditioning of athletes. Left to right they are Floyd King, 167 pounds; Mike Waldrop, 178; Steve Grigg, 136; Mike Kerley, 157. The machine, which is in two parts, has 15 stations in which 15 athletes can train at one time, moving from one station to another. The machine is also expected to reduce the number of injuries by strengthening vital points such as knees and ankles. First wrestling match for the Cordell team will be with Okarche at the Cordell gym Friday night, Dec. 4. Cordell wrestling coach is Dan Bringham.

Nov. 15, 1995



Cordell Mayor Phil Kiewers signs a proclamation declaring November 18th "Glenn English Day" in Cordell.

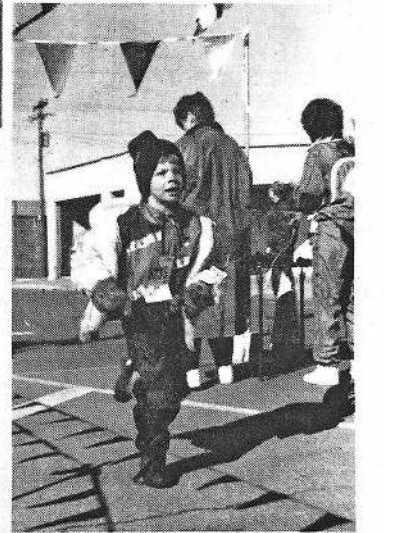


Goodner's Goodies
Lori Goodner, owner of the newly opened Goodner's Bakery, was spotted tempting drivers on the corner of Main Street and Glenn English Street.



Dome Classic '95

On Saturday 153 runners and walkers participated in the second annual Dome Classic. Organizers were hoping to break last year's mark of 123 participants. The numbers could have been even higher if not for a storm that covered the state with a blanket of snow on Friday night. Although the temperatures were still low Saturday morning, runners poured into the downtown square area. Among the runners on hand was George Marchetti of Tulsa, who is the state's "Runner of the Year". He took first place in the 5K with a time of 17:56. A number of local kids also took part in the Dome Classic, including Seth Froneberger (right).



E.D.I.T.H. Aids Bessie Fire Department With Program

The Bessie Fire Department volunteers hosted a community safety program recently in recognition of Fire Prevention Month. Fire Chief Terry Igo explained safety procedures to the group and had the children draw a picture of their home and the possible exits in case of a fire. E.D.I.T.H. (exit drill in the home) was portrayed by Scott Merwin who demonstrated the various ways of escape and the hazards to watch for. Following the program the group was treated to refreshments and a ride on the fire truck. Each person was also given a smoke detector for their home. Children attending included Kenzie Intemann, Riley Intemann, Chez Barker, Branton Maddox, Warren Maddox, Leslie Igo, Jennifer Simpson, John Worthington, Sarah Worthington, Grant McAtee, Kelly Foster, Lance Foster, Rachel Dudgeon and Josh Dudgeon. The program was filmed by Trevor Igo.

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Scenes from the Blue Devils' playoff win



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LEFT: Several Cordell defenders chase down a Burns Flat-Dill City player.
MIDDLE: Cordell's Dane Corbin scores one of his touchdowns during the Blue Devils' 43-22 playoff win over BFDC.
BOTTOM LEFT: Senior Bode Gallagher takes a minute after catching a two-point conversion.
BOTTOM RIGHT: Cordell junior Blaine Larsen waits for his blocker to clear a lane to run through during Friday night's playoff win.



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The Blue Devil Beat

By Flora Walters



The Cordell Beacon's Blue Devil Beat is proud to bring you weekly updates on many school activities, such as upcoming games, fundraisers, club meetings, and much more. This special section will keep you updated on all of the important things happening in and around our school. We will feature interviews from teachers, coaches, and students, giving you an inside look on what is going on at Cordell Public Schools.

Dominant second half propels Blue Devils

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A couple of key moments nearly turned the tide in the second quarter during Cordell's 43-22 win over Washita County rival Burns Flat-Dill City in the Class A play-in playoff round Friday night.

First, all the momentum Cordell built with a quick 14-0 first quarter lead, then a 17-7 second quarter lead, had disappeared. Sloppy play, penalties and a turnover enabled BFDC to take a 22-17 lead and, clearly, the momentum.

Second, senior quarterback Raydon Kuehne left the game because of an injury with about 1:45 left in the half as the Blue Devils were trying to re-capture the momentum and get points on the board right before halftime. The injury came at the end of a 15-yard scamper for a first down. Kuehne immediately grabbed his leg and was helped off the field.

Somehow, though, Cordell overcame both the injury and the momentum shift and drove for a late score on freshman backup quarterback Kray Roger's 9-yard pass to Bode Gallagher, who somehow leapt high in the air to grab the pass and still managed to get his foot down in the endzone for the go-ahead-TD with less than 15 seconds left in the half.

"Sometimes you just make a play, right place at the right time," the senior Gallagher said.



COURTESY PHOTOS BY CHARLINDA OGLE
ABOVE: Cordell QB Raydon Kuehne rolls out looking for an open receiver. LEFT: JD Maddox tackles Eagles runner Bryce Grimaldo.

"It was an excellent ball from my quarterback, who had to step in definitely unprepared, but he was ready for the opportunity. I just made the play, made the catch."

Time kind of slowed down during that catch, Gallagher said.

"It's crazy how much time slows down during those kinds of moments. It kind of gives you a chance

to take it all in," he said.

The touchdown let Cordell take a 23-22 lead into the locker room.

That was a game-changing, game-saving close to the first half, coach Zane Trammell said.

"We managed to get into halftime with a score there late. And definitely at halftime, we were trying to evaluate a few things and figure out what we could

do with (Kuehne), what we could do without him," Trammell said. "He's a tough kid, he taped it up. He's going to ready to rock 'n' roll next Friday."

As for Kuehne, he didn't think his injury would hold him back.

"I'll be fine. I'll be good by next week," he said. "Sometimes you just have to be a 'dawg' and tough it out. That's all there is to it."

The injury did, however, make him more one dimensional in the second half. The dual-threat QB was noticeably gimpy and was left to mostly hand off or throw the ball.

But, that was enough, as Cordell dominated the second half, scoring an additional three

touchdowns and holding BFDC to 0 points.

"We came out the second half ready to play. We kept the foot on their throat the whole time and didn't let up," said Adden Zanghi, who finished with a receiving touchdown and two rushing TDs.

The last of Zanghi's rushing touchdowns, a 64-yarder, put the game out of reach.

"I knew if I bounced outside and just gassed them down, we'd be going on to next week. I just knew I needed to score," Zanghi said.

His coach called Zanghi the best player on the field on most nights.

"Adden Zanghi is going to be debatably the best player on the field no what

game you're playing," Trammell said. "I always talk about these guys being 'dawgs,' and that's exactly what he is, offensively and defensively."

Senior Dane Corbin added two rushing touchdowns, and Kuehne added a touchdown pass and field goal.

The Blue Devils improved to 3-4 on the season. Their four losses were by a combined 10 points.

Trammell said his team will need to rely on its senior leadership as it plays its next playoff game against Thomas (8-1 overall) at 7:30 p.m. Friday night.

"We're going to have to play an almost perfect game. We came nowhere close to that tonight," Trammell said. "Thomas is a good team. They're good every year, and that really speaks to the culture of their program. That being said, our boys are going to fight, they're going to compete no matter who they're playing."

GAME NOTES: BFDC finishes the season with a 5-5 record. Sebastian Huffmaster had a 31-yard touchdown reception for the Eagles' first touchdown. Kody Wheeler had a nice 35-yard TD run where he broke a few tackles. Bryce Grimaldi had an 8-yard TD run that put BFDC up 22-17 with 2:51 left in the second half and give the Eagle fans hope.

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CANADIAN	MCNEFF 22-27-10-5 2XH	27-10N-05W	ROAN RESOURCES LLC	SW	19350	613	1258
CANADIAN	DANNEHL 1405 2-34MH	34-14N-05W	RED BLUFF RESOURCES OPER	SW	12305	283	408
GRADY	VICTORY SLIDE 16-9-9-5 1XH	09-09N-05W	ROAN RESOURCES LLC	NE	20395	482	876
LOGAN	EMMERICH 3-6H	06-17N-04W	STEPHENS PRODUCTION CO	NW	11538	138	47
MAJOR	STARK 2010 2-19MH	19-20N-10W	BCE MACH LLC	SW	12877	0	0
PITTSBURG	DONNA 2-12/1H	01-07N-18E	TRINITY OPERATING USG LLC	NE	16030	0	2712

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County	Well Name	Section Township Range	Operator	Location	Depth
BEAVER	WEABER 1-13	13-01N-21ECM	ENCINO OPERATING LLC	C SW SW NE	8231
BEAVER	WHISENANT 2-22	22-05N-21ECM	ENCINO OPERATING LLC	C SW	7200
BEAVER	AMEN 3-31	31-06N-21ECM	ENCINO OPERATING LLC	C NE	6900
CANADIAN	DRIES 2H-33-4	04-10N-07W	CITIZEN ENERGY III LLC	SE SE SW SE	18854
CANADIAN	DRIES 4H-33-4	04-10N-07W	CITIZEN ENERGY III LLC	SW SE SE SE	19148
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CANADIAN	WHIRLAWAY 4H-33-4	04-10N-07W	CITIZEN ENERGY III LLC	S2 S2 S2 S2	19155
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CANADIAN	DRIES 1H-33-28	28-11N-07W	CITIZEN ENERGY III LLC	NE NE NW NE	18900
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CADDO	19-09N-10W	PEACHRIDGE ENERGY OPERAT*	CARTER	15-02S-03W	CAMINO NATURAL RESOURCES
CANADIAN	07-11N-06W	CITIZEN ENERGY III LLC	CARTER	16-02S-03W	CAMINO NATURAL RESOURCES
CANADIAN	07-11N-06W	CITIZEN ENERGY III LLC	CARTER	21-02S-03W	CAMINO NATURAL RESOURCES
CANADIAN	07-12N-08W	TPR MID CONTINENT LLC	CARTER	22-02S-03W	CAMINO NATURAL RESOURCES
CANADIAN	18-11N-06W	CITIZEN ENERGY III LLC	GARVIN	31-01N-01W	CONTINENTAL RESOURCES INC
CANADIAN	18-11N-06W	CITIZEN ENERGY III LLC	GARVIN	32-01N-01W	CONTINENTAL RESOURCES INC
CANADIAN	30-12N-06W	TPR MID CONTINENT LLC	OKLAHOMA	09-11N-03W	UNIT PETROLEUM COMPANY
CANADIAN	31-12N-06W	TPR MID CONTINENT LLC	SEMINOLE	02-07N-05E	REACH OIL & GAS COMPANY

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County	Section Township Range	Operator
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CARTER	09-02S-03W	CAMINO NATURAL RESOURCES
CARTER	16-02S-03W	CAMINO NATURAL RESOURCES
CARTER	21-02S-03W	CAMINO NATURAL RESOURCES
GRADY	04-05N-06W	CAMINO NATURAL RESOURCES
GRADY	09-05N-06W	CAMINO NATURAL RESOURCES
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MCCLAIN	20-08N-04W	OVINTIV MID CONTINENT INC
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County	Section Township Range	Operator
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CANADIAN	07-11N-06W	CITIZEN ENERGY III LLC
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CANADIAN	18-11N-06W	CITIZEN ENERGY III LLC
CANADIAN	30-12N-06W	TPR MID CONTINENT LLC
CANADIAN	31-12N-06W	TPR MID CONTINENT LLC
MCCLAIN	11-05N-04W	CRAIG ELDER OIL & GAS LLC
MCCLAIN	31-05N-03W	RED ROCKS OIL & GAS OPER

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CADDO	19-09N-10W	PEACHRIDGE ENERGY OPERAT*
CARTER	09-02S-03W	CAMINO NATURAL RESOURCES
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CARTER	16-02S-03W	CAMINO NATURAL RESOURCES
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KENNEMER, KOBY LYNN KNOWINGLY REC OR CONCEALING STOLEN PROPERTY

ADAMS, MANDY LEE KNOWINGLY REC OR CONCEALING STOLEN PROPERTY

PRICE, WILLIAM SHONNE ASSAULT AND BATTERY ON A POLICE OFFICER
RESISTING AN OFFICER
MALICIOUS INJURY TO PROPERTY
KNOWINGLY REC OR CONCEALING STOLEN PROPERTY

BROWN, ROBERT WILLIAM JR. DOM. ASSAULT & BATTERY W/DANGEROUS WEAPON
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Sudoku answers; Puzzle on page A10

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Crossword answers; Puzzle on page A10

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Because nice matters: One gesture can make difference

Friends, I have noticed we are collectively struggling. Political division, unemployment, uncertainty, and living in a pandemic are all taking a toll. Tempers are short, nerves are stretched thin, sleep is troubled. We may be relying more on vices to get by, or becoming withdrawn. Loneliness and grief have plagued us this year.

When I worked in residential treatment, I worked with people who were really struggling. They were facing legal trouble, were ostracized from friends and family, were physically and emotionally unwell, and many appeared to be defeated by the mental illnesses and substance use disorders they were battling. They were lost and hurting.

My supervisor at that time had a sign hung over her office door that read "Because Nice Matters" and I asked myself why that sign,

in that place? At the time, I thought maybe it meant if you were nice, good things might happen as a reward. I laugh to think I was so concrete in my thinking.

As the years have rolled by, I realize that "nice" just might save a life. I remember one painful day, when I was at a stoplight. It was a bad day. I was battling a pretty severe episode of depression and I wanted to give up. My brain was ruminating on all that was bad and awful in this world. I was crying. My body ached, and I was feeling very hopeless and helpless. I glanced at the car next to me and saw a woman looking at me. She smiled the most beautiful



SARAH MEARS-IVY
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smile, right at me and just for me. I felt as if she truly saw me.

In that brief moment, I realized something as simple and free as a smile could momentarily break the spell the depression had cast upon me, and allow me to get my footing and continue my journey. I doubt the woman knows what a huge gift she gave me that day, but here I am, eight or more years later, writing about her beautiful smile.

We are struggling. Emotions are worn. Money is tight. We are tired of fighting this battle against one another and the COVID 19 pandemic. But we are strong, generous, and good people. Because nice matters, and that is who we are, Cordell. We are nice and can

help one another get through this.

If you or someone you know is considering suicide, please call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255. Help is there for those who need it.

If your mental health is suffering, reach out for help. There are local agencies that can help and provide quality services on a sliding scale. Find help here https://www.ok.gov/odm-hsas/Additional_Information/Communications/Find_Services_Near_You/

There are also helpful online resources listed by the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services at https://www.ok.gov/odmhsas/COVID-19_Resources_for_Adults.html

Sarah Mears-Ivy brings 12 years of experience in the field of human sciences and advocacy.



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Canute Student Wall of Fame

Seongjae Kim was born in October 2002 in Seoul City, Korea. His parents are Daekyu Kim and Yunjeoung Yang. He has one brother, Seong June, and one sister, Jiwon. Seongjae is active in baseball and basketball. He enjoys playing sports with his friends and studying economy, music and art. After the exchange student program in Canute, he will go back to South Korea. He then plans to come back to America and stay with his cousin in Seattle to further his schooling.

COUNCIL

Continued from page A1

\$25 booth rent just because of everything going on and people being out of work," Kristen Lee told the council. "So that's why I came to see if y'all would be willing to waive the vendor fees because for some of them, they just wouldn't be able to do it." Before the motion was

approved, councilwoman Zetta Penner though the city should help.

"I think it's only right that right now if people can make a dollar, make a dollar. I mean, it's tough," she said.

The council also talked briefly about the possibility of a mask mandate.

"Since COVID is getting worse, this is just me talking, I'd like people to wear their mask,

wash their hands, do their (social) distancing. We just gotta be safe," councilwoman Vicky Dunlap said.

The City of Clinton is voting on a mask mandate this week, and the governor has said it will be up to the municipality to do something, mayor Jerry Beech said.

"If you want something done, I put something on the agenda the last time, it failed miserably, so it will take two of you council

members to put something on the agenda," he said. "Or if you want to have a special meeting, three of you can call for one."

Because it wasn't an agenda item, council members couldn't act formally on any mandate at the meeting.

"What you'll need to do is see if other council members want to, then you can contact JC and we can set up a special meeting," Beech said.

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ACROSS

1. "Back to the Future" antagonist
5. Government Printing Office
8. Frugal driver's acronym
11. 1952 Olympics site
12. Afghanistan's neighbor
13. Letter-shaped girder
15. Wing-shaped
16. Narcotics agent, for short
17. Call it quits
18. *One way to improve health
20. She played a TV genie
21. Cunning
22. Golfer's goal
23. "Kiss the Cook" garment, pl.
26. Keyboard instrument
30. Prefix for before
31. Greek god's libation
34. Door-stopping wedge
35. Full of meaning
37. Fleur-de-___
38. Do penance
39. Type of parrot
40. *Ask for procaine when at this office
42. *Unavoidable risk factor for many diseases
43. Rock grinding
45. *Take a spoonful of sugar to avoid this taste
47. Genetic info carrier
48. Aqua-lung
50. Criticism
52. *Annual ___
55. Fill with spirits
56. First rate
57. Purl partner
59. Vandalized a car
60. Coconut fiber
61. Bulgarian money

CROSSWORD											
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 63. More of the same
 64. Water carrier
- DOWN**
1. Feathery scarf
 2. ___ of Man
 3. Linseed
 4. Do without
 5. Last Supper cup
 6. Break down or analyze
 7. Fairy-tale beginning
 8. Internet share-able
 9. Stepping stone to gain
 10. Greenwich time
 12. *Use a scalpel
 13. Like the Vitruvian Man
 14. *Stay in bed
 19. *Take antihistamines to avoid this kind of nose
 22. A pop
 23. *Eat one a day?
 24. Rap sheet listing
 25. So out it's in
 26. *Worn until a bone heals
 27. Piglet
 28. Lightly color
 29. Different spelling of emir
 32. Horsefly
 33. "Wizard of Oz" man
 36. *Increase fluid intake
 38. Elsewhere, in a courtroom
 40. * ___ test
 41. Maltreater
 44. Tattooed
 46. Gridiron position
 48. Record a movie
 49. Diogenes, e.g.
 50. ___ market
 51. Big name in chips
 52. Show worry
 53. All over again
 54. In real-time
 55. *It checks your heart health
 58. Road crew supply
- Crossword answers: See page 11**

On The Menu

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Sudoku answers: See this page

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PUBLIC NOTICE

(Published in The Cordell Beacon on November 18, 2020)

Now on the 9th day of November 2020, the County Commissioners in and for Washita County met in regular session with Chairman Goeringer calling the meeting to order. Chairman Goeringer asked Kristen Dowell, County Clerk, for roll call. Roll call was answered by Gossen, present; Goeringer, present; Tompkins, present. Guests present were: Lynda Vermillion and Seth Slaughterback. The Board reviewed the minutes of the previous regular meeting. Motion made by Tompkins seconded by Gossen to approve the minutes as presented. Gossen, yes; Goeringer, yes; Tompkins, yes. Motion made by Gossen seconded by Tompkins to approve the monthly cash fund reports reflecting the end of the month depository balances for the Treasurer. Gossen, yes; Goeringer, yes; Tompkins, yes. Motion made by Gossen seconded by Tompkins to approve the allocation of alcoholic beverage tax and motor vehicle tax collections for the month of October to be distributed as follows:

City/Town	Alcohol Beverage Tax	Motor Vehicle Collections
Cordell	\$6,453.18	\$1,599.94
Burns Flat	\$4,553.75	\$1,117.07
Sentinel	\$1,994.62	\$ 496.73
Dill City	\$1,244.15	\$ 312.48
Canute	\$1,197.66	\$ 303.24
Corn	\$1,113.53	\$ 276.67
Bessie	\$ 400.69	\$ 101.07
Rocky	\$ 358.63	\$ 89.53
Foss	\$ 334.28	\$ 84.33
Colony	\$ 301.07	\$ 75.67

Gossen, yes; Goeringer, yes; Tompkins, yes.

Motion made by Gossen seconded by Tompkins to sign the Cash Fund Estimate of Needs and Request for Appropriations received by the County in October for the following funds: Highway - \$434,640.44, CBRI - \$26,831.21, 911 Phone Fees - \$5,816.00, Drug Court - \$11,084.99, Sheriff Commissary - \$2,691.46, Sheriff Service Fee - \$14,406.42, County Clerk Lien Fee - \$647.00, County Clerk Records Management and Preservation Fee - \$2,720.00, Assessor Revolving Fee - \$156.00, Treasurer Mortgage Certification Fee - \$280.00, Resale Property - \$1,591.08, Law Library - \$458.76, Court Clerk Payroll - \$3,838.09, and Court Clerk Preservation Fund - \$351.27. Gossen, yes; Goeringer, yes; Tompkins, yes.

Motion made by Gossen seconded by Tompkins to sign the Detention Transportation Claim in the amount of \$273.83 for reimbursement to the Washita County Justice Center for the month of September. Gossen, yes; Goeringer, yes; Tompkins, yes. Motion made by Goeringer seconded by Gossen to allow MASA Medical Transport Solutions to offer membership services for emergency ground and air transportation to Washita County employees. Gossen, yes; Goeringer, yes; Tompkins, yes.

Motion made by Tompkins seconded by Gossen to sign Resolution No. 2020-88 outlining the financial responsibilities from the STP and CIRB programs for a bridge project in District 1 located 7.0 miles west and 1.6 miles south of Burns Flat. Gossen, yes; Goeringer, yes; Tompkins, yes.

The Board opened Bid No. 2020-06 for the rebid for bridge construction in District 1 located 2.0 miles west and 2.4 miles south of Cowden. Bids were received from the following: Dietz Welding and Bridge Construction - \$246,325.00 plus \$150.00 per splice, \$60.00 per foot of materials greater than 40; and \$13,800.00 to tear out the old bridge; High Point Partners - \$221,699.84 plus \$200.00 per splice, \$35.00 per foot of materials greater than 40; and \$30,000.00 to tear out the old bridge; and Railroad Yard - \$179,170.00 plus \$250.00 per splice, \$25.00 per foot of materials greater than 40; and \$5,000.00 to tear out the old bridge. Motion made by Gossen seconded by Tompkins to table awarding the bid for further review. Gossen, yes; Goeringer, yes; Tompkins, yes.

Motion made by Gossen seconded by Tompkins to sign Resolution No. 2020-89 regarding the closure of CR2340 Rd, South of Hwy 152 in Section 5, Township 9 North, Range 15 West. A hearing will be held by the Board on December 14, 2020 to provide any interested party a chance to voice their opinion on the proposed closure. Gossen, yes; Goeringer, yes; Tompkins, yes.

Motion made by Tompkins seconded by Gossen to approve the following claims:

2020-2021: Amb Svc Dist-ST 3, Penguin Management Inc, 363.26, Service; Drug Court 49, Attenti US Inc, 657.20, Monitoring Services50, Reconnect Inc., 479.65, Drug Testing; EMPG 11, AT&T Mobility, 152.20, Internet Service; General 357, Comanche County Juvenile Detention Center, 1080.00, Juvenile Detention Service358, Innovative Technology, LTD, 112.00, Maintenance359, First Baptist Church, 100.00, Rent for Polling Place360, First Baptist Church, 100.00, Rent for Polling Place361, Salem Baptist Church, 100.00, Rent for Polling Place362, First Baptist Church, 100.00, Rent for Polling Place363, Cowden Community Center, 100.00, Rent for Polling Place364, Tuff Fire & Safety Inc., 187.65, Annual Inspection; Highway 446, Washita Co. Rural Water, 25.00, Water Service447, CK Energy, 316.60, Utilities448, Professional Compliance Services LLC, 220.00, Drug Screen449, Town of Dill City, 77.00, Utilities450, Farmers Coop Bessie, 6288.65, Supplies451, Western Aggregates, 9765.01, Rock452, Circle S Paving Co. Inc., 45274.35, Asphalt; ML Fee 10, Dowell, Kristen Michele, 254.29, Travell11, Holman, Misty Charlene, 49.62, FOOD; Rural Fire-ST 9, Penguin Management Inc, 1634.74, Service; SH Commissary 23, Tiger Commissary Services, 4302.82, Inmate Commissary24, Office Depot, 465.41, Supplies25, Grainger Industrial Supply, 302.28, Supplies; SH Svc Fee 82, C.O.P.S. Products LLC, 148.53, Supplies83, Evetts Drug, 599.80, Medical Services84, Professional Compliance Services LLC, 440.00, Drug Screen85, US Fleet Tracking, 359.40, Travel86, Cordell Family Clinic, 532.00, Medical Services87, Clinic Pharmacy, 55.73, Medication88, Dept. of Public Safety, 350.00, OLETS; SR Cit-ST 32, Public Service Company Of Oklahoma, 223.95, Utilities33, Town Of Rocky, 79.00, Utilities34, AT&T, 81.93, Phone Service35, Washita Co. Rural Water, 50.00, Utilities36, CK Energy, 109.38, Utilities Gossen, yes; Goeringer, yes; Tompkins, yes.

Motion made by Tompkins seconded by Gossen to adjourn. Gossen, yes; Goeringer, yes; Tompkins, yes.

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NOTE: For a complete description of the bid packages scope, refer to summary of work in the project manual and Alternates. Said bids will be received at the Western Technology Center by Joe D. Hall General Contractors. Immediately following the time stated above the bids will be publicly read aloud at Western Technology Center. Bids received more than ninety-six (96) hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, before the time set for opening bids, as well as bids received after the time set for opening bids, will not be considered and will be returned unopened.
Contract Documents prepared by:
Boynston-Williams & Associates
900 36th Ave. N.W. Suite 100
Norman, OK 73072
They will be on file at AGC/Dodge OKC, Southwest Construction News OKC, Bid News OKC, and Bid News Tulsa. Bidders may obtain complete sets of drawings and specifications by applying to the office of:

Joe D. Hall LLC
105 Clyde
P.O. Box 100
Elk City, OK 73648
580-225-3770 Phone 580-225-3420 Fax

The Construction Manager at Risk Joe D. Hall LLC, shall reserve the option to bid any package advertised in the solicitation for bid. A deposit of \$100.00 per set will be required. The refund of the deposit will be made as stated in Instruction of Bidders. A cashiers check, certified check, or surety bond in the amount of (5%) of the bid shall accompany the submitted proposal of each bidder. The owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

AMERICAN ADVISORS GROUP;
Plaintiff,
VS.
PATRICIA K. DORAN, A/K/A
PATTY K. DORAN; et al.
Defendants

CJ-2020-4

NOTICE OF ALIAS SALE OF LAND UNDER EXECUTION

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of December, 2020, at 10:00 o'clock, A. M., First Floor Rotunda, of the Washita County Courthouse in Cordell, Oklahoma, the undersigned Sheriff will offer for alias sale and sell for cash to the highest and best bidder, subject to real estate ad valorem taxes, superior special assessments and all interests of record, if any, except the Mortgage and interests foreclosed herein on the following described real property, to-wit:
NEW EAST 50 feet of Lots 2 and 3, Block 32, ORIGINAL TOWN OF NEW CORDELL, Washita County, Oklahoma, commonly known as 112 East 3rd Street, Cordell, OK 73632 (the "Property")

Alias sale will be made pursuant to a Special Execution and Order of Alias Sale issued out of the office of the Court Clerk in and for Washita County, Oklahoma, and pursuant to said judgment reserving the right of Plaintiff to recall said execution by oral announcement and/or order of the Court, prior to the alias sale, said judgment entered in the District Court in and for said County, State of Oklahoma, in Case No. CJ-2020-4, entitled American Advisors Group, Plaintiff, vs. Patricia K. Doran a/k/a Patty K. Doran, et al., Defendants, to satisfy:

FIRST: The costs of said action accrued and accruing;
SECOND: The judgment and first lien of the Plaintiff, American Advisors Group, in the sum of \$33,115.99 with interest thereon at the rate of 5.458% per annum, as adjusted, if applicable, from December 27, 2019, until paid; advances for taxes, insurance and preservation expenses, accrued and accruing; abstracting expenses, accrued and accruing; bankruptcy fees and costs, if any; and an attorney's fee, plus costs, with interest thereon at the same rate, until paid.
Persons or other entities having interest in the property, including those whose actual addresses are unknown and persons or other entities who have or may have unknown successors and such unknown successors are hereby notified are: Patricia K. Doran a/k/a Patty K. Doran; Spouse of Patricia K. Doran a/k/a Patty K. Doran, if married; Occupants of the Premises; United States of America, ex rel. Department of Housing and Urban Development; LaVerna B. Doran.

The property has been duly appraised in the sum of \$30,000.00.

WITNESS MY HAND THIS 4th day of NOVEMBER, 2020

s://Roger Reeve
by Kenny Loftiss, Deputy

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ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF

PUBLIC NOTICE

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RESOLUTION 2020-89

RESOLUTION REGARDING PROPOSING THE CLOSURE OF CR 2340, SOUTH OF HWY 152 IN DISTRICT 1

WHEREAS, the Washita County Board of Commissioners have been granted authority over the county highway system of Washita County pursuant to O.S. §69-101(g) and;

WHEREAS, the Washita County Board of Commissioners are responsible to plan, develop, operate, maintain, and protect the county highway facilities of Washita County, for present as well as for future use and;

WHEREAS, on CR2340 South of Highway 152 between Section 5, Township 9 North, Range 15 West and Section 6, Township 9 North, Range 15 West, the lack of use by the public no longer warrants maintenance of the road and;

WHEREAS, a public hearing will be held on December 14, 2020 by the Board of County Commissioners at a regular meeting beginning at 9 a.m. in the Conference Room located on the 2nd floor of the Washita County Courthouse and;

WHEREAS, any citizen and landowner in that section may present their opinion of this matter before the Board during the hearing and;

THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners does hereby propose to take action to close CR2340 South of Highway 152 between Section 5, Township 9 North, Range 15 West and Section 6, Township 9 North, Range 15 West located in District 1 if this action is warranted following the hearing on December 14, 2020.

Approved this 9th day of November 2020.

Board of County Commissioners
Washita County, Oklahoma
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PUBLIC NOTICE

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF
WASHITA COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

PB-2020-10

IN THE MATTER OF
THE PROBATE OF THE
LAST WILL, TESTAMENT,
AND ESTATE OF
BARBARA SUE FITE,
deceased

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Final Account and Petition for Determination of Heirship, distribution of Estate and Final Discharge of Fiduciary, heretofore filed by JOY SUZETTE FITE PORTER, Personal Representative in Case No. PB-2020-10 in the Matter of the Probate of Estate of BARBARA SUE FITE, deceased, in the District Court of Washita County, Oklahoma, will be before and examined, determined and settled by the Associate District Judge of said Court, on the 16th day of December, 2020, at 8:45 o'clock a.m., in the District Court Courtroom in the County Courthouse at Cordell, Oklahoma; that said account and estate are for final settlement and distribution.
Dated this 16th day of November, 2020.

s:// Christopher S. Kelly
Judge of the District Court

William E. Gentry
PERRY, GENTRY, PERRY
& MARSH
BOX 839
HOBART, OK 73651
Attorneys for
Personal Representative.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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SERVICE BY NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

CJ-2020-30

STATE OF OKLAHOMA:
TO: CHARLOTTE J. NEWBERRY, and/or their unknown successors, heirs and assigns.

You are hereby notified that an action has been filed in the District Court of Washita County, State of Oklahoma, in the above Case No. CJ-200-30, styled "Tinker Federal Credit Union, a Federally Chartered Credit Union, Plaintiff v. DUELL J. NEWBERRY and CHARLOTTE J. NEWBERRY, Defendant." The action alleges that Defendant are indebted to Tinker Federal Credit Union, A Federally Chartered Credit Union, in the amount of \$16, 237.82, with interest thereon on the above stated principal balance and interest rate, until paid, together with reasonable attorney's fees and costs as provided in the note. You and/or your unknown successors are hereby notified that you have been sued in this action and must answer the Petition filed by the Plaintiff on or before December 15, 20-20 or the facts and/or allegations contained in said Petition will be taken as true and judgment will be entered in favor of Tinker Federal Credit Union as requested therein.

Given under my hand this 22nd day of October, 2020.

s:// Lynda Vermillion
Court Clerk

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AND ASSOCIATES, P.C.
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PLAINTIFF

PUBLIC NOTICE

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The Board of Education of Western Technology Center hereby provides legal notice that statutorily qualified individuals interested in running as a candidate for the number one (1) seat on the Western Technology Center School District Board of Education may file to run as a candidate for this seat at the County Election Board between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday, December 7, 2020, through Wednesday, December 9, 2020.

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City looks at age limit for unaccompanied children at the pool

BY THOMAS R. MARTINEZ
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Cheryl Wedel thinks the Cordell city swimming pool is a hidden treasure.

"The pool is very important for our community," Wedel said. "It's something we have that's special. The pool has a big soft spot in my heart."

The days of dropping kids off at the city pool unattended might change next summer.

New Cordell Development and Redevelopment Authority board members discussed at their monthly meeting last month just how old a child should be when left alone at the city pool.

The issue is one of liability, board member Wedel said during the meeting.

"Basically, I'd like to see us set into place rules that would eliminate some of the liability the city has been shouldering by not having that parents or adults bring children of a certain age to the pool and stay there with them," Wedel said. "They just bring kids of any age and drop them off, and we become the baby-sitter. We take on that liability."

Apparently, according to board members, there isn't an age limit for a child to be left unattended at the pool.

"There's nothing posted at the pool. Or anywhere," Wedel said in a recent interview.

"There's nothing that shows that. If it is a rule, if it isn't a rule, we need to figure it out and get a rule in place."

Wedel doesn't want people to take advantage of the pool, she said.

"It happens every year, where people have a benefit



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Cheryl Wedel, city councilwoman

that they don't appreciate enough to take care of," Wedel said in the meeting. "We need to have a rule in place that says let's take care of this properly. We put in quite a bit of money every year to the pool to keep it open."

In fact, Wedel said, the city suffers a financial loss every year on the pool.

"We happily budget it in because we want that service for the kids," she said.

The year of COVID changed a lot of things for many people, and the city is no different.

"This was an odd year, so it gave us an opportunity to get filters fixed and get patching done. It would be nice to be ready to take on next year



File Photo

The City of Cordell is exploring the idea of implementing an age limit for when kids can be left alone at the city pool.

with the pool ready to go, and have some rules in place," Wedel said in the meeting.

Wedel is thrilled with how well maintained the pool is, she said. It takes a lot of work and money, but it's worth it, she added.

Wedel suggested that the age limit should be 12,

meaning kids under 12 would need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian while they are at the pool.

"We have teenagers that are lifeguards, and that puts them in charge of a lot of little kids," Wedel said.

"It's better to have adults in charge of their own kids, and

then lifeguards can do the jobs that they're supposed to do, which is monitoring if there is an emergency situation where they need to go in and get a child out of the pool."

Mayor Jerry Beech asked Wedel to head a committee and come up with something concrete to bring back before the board, and ultimately the city council. Earlene Smith and Buddy Holman will be on the committee with Wedel.

Wedel would also work on a new fee schedule for next year, as well, she said.

Wedel always will value the pool.

"It's a wonderful place to go. Our children can grow up with wonderful memories of places they went to."

Community member's grassroots effort aims to help pay utility bills

THOMAS R. MARTINEZ
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Carl Ramsey's grassroots effort doesn't have a fancy or catchy name like Operation Christmas Hope.

In fact, the grassroots effort doesn't really have a name at all. That doesn't mean it isn't effective, though.

Two years ago, Ramsey, through his business, decided to do something to help a resident in need.

"I'm pretty blessed. The lord blesses me every day," Ramsey said. "I know there are a lot of people in town that have a hard time and everything."

The idea was pretty simple. He would do a drawing and select a winner, and then pay \$200 toward that person's utility bill.

"I put it out there on the Citizens of Cordell (Facebook) page, and then other businesses joined with it. We had a real good turnout the first year," he said. "We paid like three or four people's utility bills."

Last year, the effort grew in size.

"Shirley Dudgeon stepped in with her donation," he said. "We raised like \$1,200, and she came in and donated \$3,000 and paid everyone's electric bill who was in the drawing. It was really awesome."

That helped about a dozen

people with their utility bills.

This year, though, the pandemic has thrown everything in a dryer and tumbled it all around.

"We're having a little bit harder time this year getting people to donate," he said.

How it works

The grassroots effort relies on two principles.

The first, people need to be nominated to receive help on their utility bills.

Ramsey said they want to help people who genuinely need the help.

"We don't want someone to throw in somebody's name that is able to afford their utility bills and buy their Christmas stuff, such as myself," he said. "I'll use myself as an example. I can afford to pay my bills and buy Christmas for my kids, and so on, so forth, but a lot of families aren't that lucky."

The typical person the program helps are single parents, or someone on disability or retirement.

"With the pandemic that's come about, I know there's families who are absolutely



Ramsey



Riggs

struggling. With people losing their jobs, there are just families who need help."

The second part of the equation is

the donations part.

Amy Riggs of Riggs Nutrition has helped Ramsey since the beginning.

They will accept donations from any business or individual.

"If anyone wants to pay \$200 toward the bill, then they can. We are accepting donations if people want to pay a bill. They can contact myself, Carl Ramsey, or the owners of Shorty's."

They ask that checks are made payable to the city of New Cordell, Riggs said. The donation will go to one of the names that is drawn and applied to their utility bill.

Donors "can remain anonymous, or we will give you credit," she said. "If anyone can pay a bill, it definitely is appreciated. Every little bit helps."

The \$200 applied to a person's bill may not cover the entire amount they owe.

"If their bill is only \$10, then

HOW TO HELP

If you want to nominate someone in need for their bill to be paid, that nomination box is at Riggs Nutrition. Please include the first and last name, the address if you know it, but not required, and a good phone number so the team can contact the person and let them know that their bill has been paid.

If you want donate, contact Carl Ramsey, Amy Riggs or Shorty's.

The drawing of names will take place on Dec. 4.

they will have a credit. If their bill is more than \$200, they're going to owe the difference," Riggs said.

The program makes a difference, Riggs said.

She points to two examples to stress her point.

"We had one guy one year who said that he could not afford to go to the doctor because he had to pay his utility bill," she said. "Because his bill was paid, he was able to go to the doctor and he got some life-saving medicine. And that made me feel really good."

Another lady said she was able to give her kids a good Christmas because her utility bill was paid.

"This is really near and dear to my heart," she said. "To be able to be a part of it."

"I really appreciate Carl keeping this going. Even if it's only one guy paying one bill, it matters. It makes a difference in one person's life. I think there needs to be more loving, more giving."

For his part, Ramsey likes seeing the effort pay off.

"What's really cool about this program, is that we have a young man in who has been in a wheelchair his whole life. He's one of the people we intend to help, that we like to help," Ramsey said. "He put some of his own money in last year to help somebody else. We just like to see the good in people."

Ramsey moved to Cordell in 2009. He owns Reliable Lawn and Tree service and C&M Overhead Door.

He didn't start this effort to gain notoriety, he said.

"All we want to do is help people out. It's not a 'Hey, look at me' thing. It's a kindness in your heart thing."

Ramsey said he and the others will help as many people as they can.

"I would like to be able to help everyone, but we have to have donations come in or people who are willing to come in and say, 'Hey, put me down, I want to help.'



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