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GLA planning Summer Expo



GROVE — The Grand Lake Association has developed a new event for lake area residents and visitors. The first Grand Lake Summer Expo will be July 9 and 10, in Grove.

The two-day event will be held at the Grove Civic Center and provide attendees a break from the summer heat while they shop and partake in some great food trucks offerings. There will be activities for some of the younger crowd as well.

Grand Lake Association Executive Director Jay Cranke said that a member of his staff has wanted to organize such a show for the past couple of years and that the timing just felt right this year.

“Everyone has been dealing with Covid for more than a year now and we know people want to get out and do things,” Cranke said. “And then in February, we get hammered with several inches of snow and unprecedented frigid temperatures which kept some people at home up to two weeks.

“We just felt the time is right for another summer

activity.”

Booth space is available for \$75 for a 10x10 space for both days. Non-profit booth fee is \$50 and food trucks will cost \$100. Admission to the event will be \$5.

Exhibitor applications are now being accepted and are available by clicking on the Grand Lake Summer Expo logo at www.GrandLakeFun.com. You can also receive an application by emailing kim@glaok.com or jessica@glaok.com or by calling the GLA office at 918-786-2289.

Cranke said the event will have fun for all ages so save the date and to search Grand Lake Summer Expo on Facebook and follow the event page for details as they develop.

Delco Republicans announce meeting

GROVE - The Delaware County Republicans will meet Monday, March 29 at 6:00PM.

The meeting will be at Trinity Baptist Church, located at 4th & Main in Grove, at 6:00PM.

Currently serving as the National RNC Committeewoman for the State of Oklahoma, Pam Pollard will be the guest speaker.

Pollard's topic will be “2020 +1.”

She will be sharing the role of the media in 21st century politics.

Pollard was elected Republican National Committeewoman in August 2020.

She served as State Chairman of the Oklahoma Republican Party from 2015-2019.

Pollard was responsible for overseeing the 2016 election of Donald Trump for President, winning the state with 65% of the vote, and the 2018 election of Kevin Stitt for Governor making history as the first time a Republican was elected following a 2-term Republican Governor.

Oklahoma also made history in 2018 electing Republicans to every statewide office following the term-limited office holders from the Republican takeover in 2010.

The doors open at 5:30 for registration. All registered Republicans are encouraged to attend.

Chuck Perry's Re/Max office is on the move

Carolyn Ashford Boothe
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GROVE — Since 1993, Chuck and Victoria Perry have put their stamp on the Grand Lake area as professional real estate agents.

And now they have sold their own office building and will be moving down the road from their office just north of Honey Creek Bridge on Highway 59 to a modernistic office in the shopping center they own across the street from the Grove Civic Center.

Chuck Perry says his Re/Max office has 13 professional Realtors® and said today's technology will be featured in their new space.

There will be large television screens to project listings and to provide clients details of the homes and offices they have listed. In addition, today's Realtors® spend a lot of time on the internet researching and gathering information. The workspace will be wired for the electronic age with more open space and client friendly space to allow paperwork to be done in comfort.

“We are a work family. We insist that our Realtors® are professional and really want to help people. All our realtors do the job right,” according to Chuck Perry.

The agency is coming off another record year of transactions. He gives his wife credit for keeping the business side of the company strong.

Chuck says for 20 years, his agency has led all Realtors® in volume. “All of our Realtors® work really hard and have nearly double the transactions of other agents. We want to make sure the job is done right and done ethically.”



The Perry Re/Max office will soon have a new home across from the Grove Civic Center. Chuck and Victoria Perry say the firm's new office will feature the latest in technology and provide space for the 13 professional brokers.



Pam Pollard



Grove Rotarians helped to cleanup along the roadway on 13th Street Saturday. It is part of the Grove Adopt-Street program. Pictured are (from left) Sherry Hilton, Mary Richardson, Mike Bass, Susan Bass, Art Kopp, Pauline Hale, Adrian Arnold, Clint Baranowski, Nikki Privitera and organizer Carol LaRue (not pictured).

Easter egg hunt to be hosted by Wyandotte Nation

WYANDOTTE — The Wyandotte Nation will host an Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 27 at the Pow-Wow grounds.

The event is for children ages 12 and under.

They will be broken up into four age groups: 0-3, 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12.

The event is free and open to the public.

It is sponsored by the Wyandotte Nation Family Services, the Cultural Division, Bearskin Healthcare & Wellness Center and CCDF.

Area state FFA Degree winners announced

Twenty-one members of four FFA chapters in Delaware County will step into the spotlight as State FFA Degree recipients during the 95th annual Oklahoma State Convention on April 26-28 in Oklahoma City.

In addition, eight other high school seniors from the Grand Lake Ottawa County area of Afton and Fairland will also receive their State FFA Degree.

The State FFA Degree is the highest honor bestowed on student members who have

demonstrated outstanding supervised agricultural experience programs and leadership skills.

All have advanced through the Discovery, Greenhand and Chapter Degrees during their FFA careers.

Each of the county's State FFA Degree recipients will receive a degree certificate, a gold charm and a neck ribbon for his or her achievement.

This year's award winners are:

Grove FFA: Tori Bauer, Kash Butler, Kord

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Linda Ellen Crawford DuBois (1939-2021)

Linda Ellen Crawford DuBois of Grove, Oklahoma died peacefully March 18, 2021 after a year-long illness, at her home in Grove and in the presence of her family.

Linda was born in Vinita, Oklahoma November 14, 1939, to Tom and Helen Crawford of Grove, Oklahoma. She grew up in Grove, enjoying a close relationship with her younger sister, Suzanne Crawford Boles. Linda was always a good scholar and active in dance, band and vocal music, graduating from Grove High School in 1957 as class Valedictorian. She attended Oklahoma State University and was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority. She married her high school sweetheart, Edward DuBois of Grove, in 1959 and as Edward's career as a college science educator opened doors, they lived in Nebraska, Washington and Oregon before returning to live in Grove in 1982. Linda completed her college education in Oregon and directed a student support tutoring program for mathematics at Clatsop Community College for many years, and also worked as a bookkeeper for another 35 years after returning to Grove, most notably for SANCO Lumber, whose owners and employees she considered a second family. Linda also assisted Edward with the management and operations of the family business in Grove, Grand Lake Charter Services.

Always a talented vocalist and dancer, Linda entertained and enriched her community through her many Grove Community Playmakers performances over twenty-five years, and her work as a soloist and a committed member of the Grove United Methodist Choir for 35 years. She was also an active member of the Epsilon Sigma Alpha Sorority in Grove, serving in several leadership roles. She was a member of "Bob's Class" – a progressive adult Sunday School class at Grove United Methodist Church. She valued the friendships she enjoyed in Grove since her childhood, but was always thrilled to travel, meet new friends, and enjoy new experiences.

Linda loved mystery stories and was an avid reader, finding it easy to lose herself in books, but also a reader of science, anthropology and history periodicals, fascinated with new discoveries. She was an avid rock hound and created beautiful jewelry from her finds. She was very committed to being an educated voter, and regularly read and watched news of the world and politics. She enjoyed square dancing, knitting and crocheting with her friends, and all family gatherings. She always wished for more time with her flowers in her yard, and her garden in Oregon was a particular point of pride. She especially liked visiting her children and grandchildren, seeing their performances and watching their careers blossom. She was eager to explore, wishing to visit every museum possible on every trip, and although fishing, camping, horses, dairy cattle or tennis may not have been favorite activities, took part with enthusiasm, patience, and a smile in all activities loved by her family and supported them financially and with her attendance and attention.

Linda was preceded in death by her husband Edward in 1991 and is survived by her sister, Suzanne Crawford Boles, sons Bruce DuBois and Rick DuBois, daughter Ellen DuBois Meadows, much loved daughters-in-law LuAnn Beauchamp DuBois and Gayle Fisher DuBois and son-in-law John Meadows, four grandchildren, Tyler DuBois, Tessa DuBois, Riley DuBois, Allison Meadows McLaughlin and grand-son-in-law John McLaughlin, and one great-grandchild on-the-way who will know of his beloved great-grandmother from stories of her talents, affection, humor, generosity and love expressed every day to her family and friends. She is also survived and celebrated by many close cousins and other relatives.

The family wishes to thank all those who made her journey with serious illness easier this year with their friendship and help of every imaginable kind, and Grove Integris Home Health Care and Hospice services.

A visitation is scheduled for Thursday March 25 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Worley-Luginbuel Funeral home at 711 S. Main, Grove Ok 74344. Friends and family are invited to a graveside service on Friday, March 26 at 10:30 AM at Grove's Olympus Cemetery, and to a memorial service Friday, March 26 at 2:00 PM at the Grove United Methodist Church at 1005 Leisure Rd., Grove, OK 74344. Note that COVID-safe seating will be in place. The service will be live-streamed by the Grove United Methodist Church at <https://fumcgrove.online.church>. Signing up in advance will provide a better viewing experience.

Remembrances in flowers may be arranged at The Rusty Willow, 918-533-2892, Grove Oklahoma. Gifts in lieu of flowers may be made to the ALS Foundation at www.als.org to contribute to support for local sufferers of ALS, or the ALS Association to support research to battle ALS at <http://www.als.org>. Donations may also be made to Grove Community Playmakers by mailing to Grove Playmakers, PO Box 450236, Grove, OK 74345, and to the Grove United Methodist Church Music Memorial by sending directly to the church at 1005 Leisure Rd., Grove, OK 74344. Services under the direction of Worley-Luginbuel Funeral Home, Grove, Oklahoma.



Linda DuBois

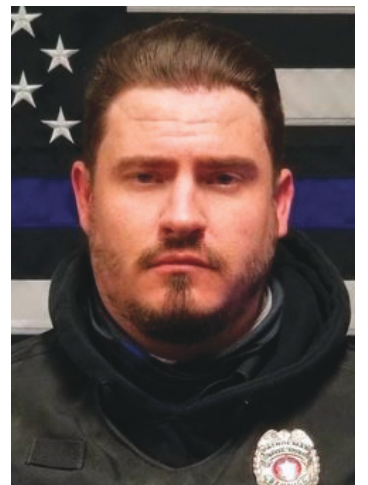
Matthew Ryan North (1986-2021)

Matthew Ryan North, 34, Grove resident, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, March 20, 2021. Matt was born in Grove on November 30, 1986 to Tom and Patricia (Sharp) North. He graduated from Grove High School in 2005 and attended NEO college studying in Criminal Justice. He worked for Delaware County as a K-9 narcotics officer. He was a member of the 13th District Task Force as well as being trained in Counter Terrorism and Surveillance. Most recently, he served the Bernice Police Department. Matt taught firearms and concealed and carry courses. He was also a Master Mason and an ordained minister. Matt loved the Lord and his family. He enjoyed hunting, traveling, cookouts,

scuba diving, shooting, and riding motorcycles.

Survivors include his mother, Pat North, fiancé Jaymie Randall, son Joseph North, daughter Kimber North, brother in law Randy Beal, niece and nephew Tehlar and Wrangler Beal. He is preceded in death by his father Tom North and sister Abby Beal.

Visitation will be 5-7 p.m., Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at the Worley Luginbuel Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 1 p.m., Thursday, March 25, 2021 at Grace Harbor Church. Interment will follow at Olympus North Cemetery.



Matthew Ryan North

Death Notice

Brandon Cordell Nichols, 25, of Colcord, died March 21, 2021. Visitation will be Friday, March 26, 2021 6 pm – 8 pm at Lawson's Funeral Home Chapel in Jay. Services will be Saturday, March 27, 2021, 2 pm at the Church of Christ, Colcord. Burial Dry Creek Cemetery, Kenwood.

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Menu



<p>Monday, March 29 Pork fritter sandwich, baked beans, stewed tomatoes, cookie</p> <p>Tuesday, March 30 Taco salad (meat, cheese, lettuce, carrots, sliced bread, fruit crisp)</p> <p>Wednesday, March 31 Tuna noodle casserole, mixed vegetables, peaches, cake</p> <p>Thursday, April 1 Meatloaf, mashed potatoes/gravy, carrots, sliced bread, fruit crisp</p> <p>Friday, April 2 Closed for Good Friday Call before 12 p.m.</p>	<p>one day prior for a reservation at the selected nutrition site. DOCServices Inc. Main Office - 918-542-6671</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nine Tribes: 918-542-3713 • Commerce: 918-675-5207 • Grove Senior Ctr.: 918-786-6310 • Vinita: 918-961-0273 <p>Suggested donation for seniors 60+ is \$3 and guest rate for individuals under 60 is \$5.</p> <p>All paid Meals on Wheels is \$4.50 per meal, regardless of age.</p>
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Invitation extended to NRA

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State Rep. Steve Bashore

The Legislature had a light week last week as we took some time after our third-reading deadline to send House bills to the Senate and receive measures from the chamber. In total, the House advanced 416 bills and joint resolutions and received 456 from the opposite side of the rotunda.

Now, committee work will restart as the House considers Senate bills and they examine ours. We have until April 22 to pass measures from the opposite chamber on the floor. Both chambers often file duplicate measures, so quite a number of bills will be cut from what eventually gets sent to the governor to be signed into law.

One resolution adopted in the House this week was a measure I authored that invites the National Rifle Association (NRA) to consider relocating to Oklahoma.

The gun rights' advocate recently announced it is moving its incorporation status from New York to Texas. The group's headquarters is actually in Fairfax, Virginia, but

it has operated as a New York-based nonprofit since its founding in 1871. I figured with the decision to move its incorporation status, maybe they'd be willing to move their whole base.

Oklahoma would welcome the 80,000 people that attend the NRA's annual conferences and the employees of the organization that serves approximately 5.5 million members.

Oklahomans love their Second Amendment freedoms, and our Legislature fights hard each year to protect these rights. Several years ago, the Legislature approved Constitutional Carry, which gives law-abiding citizens the right to keep and bear arms without paying additional government permit fees. We've also adopted open carry statutes and secured many other freedoms for gun owners. This year alone, we have ten measures still moving through the legislative process that would shore up our rights concerning firearms.

Also this week, it was my extreme pleasure to welcome Ottawa County Sheriff David Dean, of Miami, as the

Veteran of the Week in the House.

Sgt. Dean joined the Marines in 1988, serving first at the Marine Corps Base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. He later served in three combat tours including Desert Shield, Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom, during which he conducted 105 missions in the city of Fallujah, navigating his platoon throughout the city identifying and clearing Improvised Explosive Devices (IED's).

Dean served his country with honor and distinction, and it was great to get to recognize him and thank him for his continued extraordinary service and devotion to our country and the people of our great state and our House District.

Remember, if I can ever help you with anything, please do not hesitate

Butler, Lindsay Caudill, Lauren Chaney, Hannah Dozier and Ryan Lane.

Jay FFA: Emily Andrews, Rhett Arnold, Caleb Holcombe and Jorey Hollenback.

Colcord FFA: Olivia Hopper, Andrew Jenks, Desiree Matthews (AE), Jade Potter, Ethan Shawver, and Franklin Thompson.

Kansas FFA: Wyatt Andrews, Emily Jech,

Caleb Reding and Kyndall Tye.

Afton FFA: Tyler Ferris, Bailey Forgrey, Austin Perry, Faith Spriggs, Laney Lou Warrington and Quetta Woodall.

Fairland FFA: Chacey Davis and Carley Harper.

In other FFA Convention news, Jay Chapter President Rhett Arnold is a state finalist for the Forest Management and Product Proficiency.

to reach out to me. I can be reached at steve.bashore@okhouse.gov or (405) 557-7399.

Steve Bashore serves District 7 in the Oklahoma House of Representatives, which includes Ottawa County and part of Delaware County in Northeast Oklahoma.

Columns

Grand Lake Fishing Report

Clint Baranowski

"Many of us would probably be better fishermen if we did not spend so much time watching and waiting for the world to become perfect" Norman Maclean

We've received some additional rain, which maintained a good lake level of 745 feet.

Unfortunately, it also caused some difficult fishing decisions. The wind helps, but not necessarily if you're in a boat, and the water turned muddy.

Clearer water is the key, and it can be found particularly down lake and shallower than one might think.

Water temperature is in the lower 50's.

This past weekend Major League Fishing had the Bass Fishing League (BFL) out of Wolf Creek.

"The BFL is the only circuit where anglers can fish close to home with opportunities to compete in nine no entry fee championships — for a shot at winning as much as \$235,000."

For the 177 boats that entered the fishing was tough. On the boater

side Harmon Davis won with 21 pounds, 15 ounces, including a 5 pound, 14 ounce kicker.

Jason Wedel won on the co-angler side with a 12 pound, 9 ounce bag and a check for \$2,744.

There were lots of 2-pound fish weighed.

The black bass want to spawn, and as the water warms they will move shallow. They also want to eat so a variety of lures may work.

Crappie fishing is improving on minnows and jig but the fish are small. No big ones yet. If GRDA is running water through the rivers the white bass are hot.

I hear of some decent catfish being caught down on Fort Gibson and the locals are still getting them mid river.

I ran into Jason Littlefield with GRDA at the weigh in and asked about the new public boat ramp in Ketchum and at the GRDA hanger in Horse Creek.

He said both are ready to be "pushed" into the lake, which will be a real boost to boat access on South Grand.

Until next time, keep your bait in the water,

Echoes from the past An incident in history

Writing or reporting history usually focuses on dates, events that occurred, and major participants who were involved in those events, but human-interest stories can add another dimension. These incidents "flesh out" history, leading the reader to more closely relate to those from the past who bravely settled our region. This fourth dimension is what commentator and Tulsan Paul Harvey referred to as "the rest of the story." One example is a brief confrontation in 1807, what didn't happen between trader Joe Bogy, and Indian Chief, Pushmataha.

Bogy's background was that of a "self-made man." Born in Beaufort, Canada in 1749, at the age of seventeen he's found to be living at Arkansas Post, serving as courier for the French, carrying communications between "the Post," and St. Louis. Later, a fur trader, Bogy is now married with a family of four, living in Kaskaskia, Illinois, on the Mississippi River about 65 miles south of St. Louis. In 1787 the family moved to Arkansas Post, established a trading post, and for the next 20 years Bogy either traded for furs or trapped them on the Arkansas River from its mouth at the Mississippi to Three Forks.

At the age of 58, he decided to open a trading post at Three Forks and, loading \$9,000 worth of

trading items into pirogues, he and companions ascended the river 600 miles to the Verdigris River at Three Forks. Incidentally, as he journeyed upriver, Bogy encountered Lieutenant James Wilkinson, who had been exploring the river, coming downstream from the Great Bend area in Kansas. On Jan. 7, 1807, arriving at his destination below the falls on the Verdigris River, he began to unload his cargo prior to build a trading post. While unloading, he was confronted by a Choctaw war party led by Chief Pushmataha. The Choctaw were deer hunting, but also aware that the region had recently become the new home of a large contingent of Osage tribesmen, who recently moved into the area at the request of Frenchman Jean Chouteau to supply furs for his trading post. Pushmataha, after seeing Bogy's trading goods, mistakenly assumed he was friendly to their enemy and took the merchandise, but allowed Bogy and his companions to leave. Within weeks, Bogy returned, built his trading post and became the first to establish a business at Three Forks.

This was the event that occurred and history will verify that Bogy and his companions were allowed to leave, but the unanswered question is why? It would certainly have been easy for the Choctaw chief to order

them killed, but he didn't. The simplest explanation would be that Joe Bogy was a very lucky man and indeed, luck may have been a factor, but further review reveals that the Indian chief who confronted him was more than just any Indian warrior.

Not much is known of Pushmataha's early life. Thought to have been born in Mississippi in 1764, his parents may have been killed in a raid by an enemy tribe. He became a warrior at the age of 13 and by the early 1800s his reputation as a warrior was widespread, fighting against the Creeks, mortal enemies of the Choctaw. One cause of their conflict was the depletion of the deer population that caused the Choctaw and others to extend their hunting grounds into Arkansas and Oklahoma. Meanwhile, Pushmataha's reputation had also grown as a leader, for example in 1805 he negotiated terms of a treaty and met Thomas Jefferson two years before his confrontation with Joe Bogy.

As years passed, Pushmataha's influence with the government grew and he warned other tribes that he would fight against those who fought the United States. With the outbreak of the war of 1812 against the British, he led the Choctaw in an alliance with the young country. Raising a company of 500 warriors, he was commissioned

Brigadier General in the United States Army. In February, 1814 he joined General Andrew Jackson in defeating Creek tribesmen in Florida and later participated in the Battle of New Orleans.

Following the war, Pushmataha was elected paramount chief of the Choctaw Nation and negotiated most of the treaties involving the Nation until 1824 when, while in Washington, he suddenly became ill and died. His loyalty to the young country did not go without recognition and he was buried with full military honors as a Brigadier General in Washington's Congressional Cemetery.

Pushmataha's death only partially concludes the story of the confrontation with Bogy. Immediately upon returning from his narrow escape, in the summer of 1807, Bogy the businessman, filed a complaint of the theft to the United States government for \$9000, his right under the trading license he had obtained. Twenty-eight years later in 1835, four years after he died, his claim was paid. Personal encounters like Bogy and Pushmataha's enable us to relate to them... and reaffirm the history of a government at work.

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69th annual Aggie Days to be April 6, 8-9

MIAMI — The Agriculture Department at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College is hosting the 69th annual “Aggie Days,” this year on April 6, 8-9.

In order to protect participants, teachers, and spectators, face coverings are mandatory for all events. Additionally, no meals will be served during the contests.

One notable change to this year’s agenda is the livestock judging contest, which is traditionally held on Saturday, has been scheduled for Thursday, April 8.

Aggie Days is a yearly interscholastic agriculture contest that hosts hundreds of student participants. Students from all over the four-state area will travel to NEO to compete in a variety of events, from speech to livestock judging. Aggie Days is open to any student who is a member of 4-H or FFA.

Schools will also have the chance to win two Viking Scholarships by earning team points toward the divisional sweepstakes.

Teams in both single teacher and multiple teacher divisions will earn points for their performance in individual and group events, with the high sweepstakes team earning a Viking Scholarship.

Buckles will also be awarded to the high individuals in the senior divisions of the horse judging and livestock judging contests.

“The Ag Department is looking forward to hosting the 69th annual Interscholastic Aggie Days contests this year,” said Dr. Mary Booth, NEO Agriculture Department chair. “We are excited to have our students on campus and to be able to bring Ag teachers, 4-H leaders, and the youth in agriculture onto campus as well.”

Registration and the 2021 Aggie Days letter can be found at: <https://www.judgingcard.com/Registration/Info.aspx?ID=12220>



Students compete in the floriculture contest during Northeastern A&M’s Aggie Days. The photo taken pre-COVID.

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 For more information, please contact Brittany Parker at 918-540-6368 or email brittany.coffee@okstate.edu.

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Sudoku uses pure logic and requires no math to solve. It is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once.

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Today’s Cryptoquip Clue: N equals P

Tuesday’s Cryptoquip: YOU DON’T COMPREHEND HOW TO WORK THIS COLLAPSIBLE FOLDING CHAIR? LET ME BREAK IT DOWN FOR YOU.

C R O S S W O R D

Across

- 1) Tinted
- 5) Junkyard junk
- 10) Coffee, informally
- 14) Say it isn’t faux
- 15) Aussie “bear”
- 16) One who raised Cain
- 17) “Out” to an editor
- 18) Any Dogpatch character
- 19) Manage somehow
- 20) Careless pedestrian
- 22) Canton neighbor
- 23) Female parents, for short
- 24) They donate a tenth
- 26) Illegal entry by a government agent
- 30) Featured half of a 45
- 31) Black-and-white cookies
- 32) Bed-and-breakfast
- 33) It might be rigged
- 37) Wife of Jacob
- 38) Sign of late summer
- 40) “The Ghost and Mrs. “
- 41) Repair sock holes
- 42) Suffix with “hero” or “rout”
- 43) “Slowly” in music
- 44) Trustingly innocent
- 46) Bow
- 47) Nineveh was its capital
- 50) Purchase add-on
- 51) Do a winter chore
- 52) Longshoreman
- 58) Lab heater of old
- 59) Instrument for an etude
- 60) Hectic episodes
- 61) It can be good, bad or rotten
- 62) Lethargic sleep
- 63) Easy win
- 64) Harmless sword
- 65) Hard to combine,

chemically

- 66) Long basket, in basketball slang

Down

- 1) Pilgrimage to Mecca (var.)
- 2) Colored part of the eye
- 3) Lampreylike
- 4) Barrymore of “E.T.”
- 5) ‘70s Earth orbiter
- 6) Proverbial broth spoilers
- 7) Autumn tool
- 8) Emulating Paul Revere
- 9) Trusted chum
- 10) Pavement pounder
- 11) Love deeply
- 12) Word with “lock” or “barrier”
- 13) Sunday approvals
- 21) Andy’s radio partner of old

22) Breakfasted, e.g.

- 25) Fig. on a driver’s license
- 26) Attention-getting type
- 27) Atlas stat
- 28) Neutral or reverse
- 29) Cornbread on the griddle
- 30) “Yes_Bob!”
- 34) Cousin bearer
- 35) Uses a pew
- 36) “Iliad” city
- 38) Two-by-four in 56-Down
- 39) Military incursion
- 43) High-class
- 45) “All bets_ off”
- 46) Go on a gamboling spree
- 47) Big name in pop music
- 48) Prepare
- 49) Continuously from
- 50) High male singer
- 53) Eight-track, e.g.
- 54) Arrow cousin
- 55) Household spray target
- 56) “Julius Caesar” setting
- 57) Catch a glimpse of
- 59) It’s shaped like a trident

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Owls' Barker signs with DIII Iowa school

FAIRLAND — Andrew Barker, a senior at Fairland High School, signed a letter of intent Tuesday morning with Cornell University, an NCAA Division III school located in Mount Vernon, Iowa.

The Rams, who had the 2020 season cancelled because of COVID-19, went 4-5 in 2019, including a 1-3 record in the Midwest Conference.

"It's a dream come true," Barker said. "I've been dreaming this since I was about six years old. I really started taking it serious when I got into middle school. I switched positions and tried to put in as much work as I could."

The 6-foot-3, 230-pound Barker is a tight end and defensive end but had to play quarterback for the Owls this past season.

"Any time you have a kid that gets to go on to the next level, no matter what the level, it's always a good thing and good



Fairland senior Andrew Barker (seated, center) signed a football letter of intent with Cornell University, an NCAA Division III school located in Mount Vernon, Iowa. He's joined by (clockwise, from left) Lloyd Cox, Justin Goins, Chris Cawyer, Bruce Munden, Austin Buchanan, Aaron Bland, Chad Ross, Jerry Johnson and Lavina Cox.

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notoriety for the school," said Fairland head coach Bruce Munden. "The competition at all levels is changing just because the way social media and the Internet allows this information to get out to other coaches."

Schools that compete on the NCAA Division III

level choose to not offer athletic scholarships to their student-athletes.

"It's a very beautiful school in a pretty rural town much like Fairland, but a little bigger," he said.

Dan Pifer heads up a whole new coaching staff at CU.

Spencer Williams, who played football at Iowa, is the Rams' tight end coach.

"Their offense is very similar to what we ran here at Fairland, so I already understand it pretty well just at first glance," Barker said.

"They are making

improvements to the campus. The campus is beautiful with a national landmark."

Earlier this month, the school kicked off a \$19 million campaign for the expansion and renovation of its Small Sports Center.

"They are trying to make it a D1 feel instead

of DIII," Barker said. "When I went to visit, I felt at home."

The staff at Cornell learned about Barker through the FieldLevel recruiting website.

They watched tape of Barker though there and Williams emailed him to let him know they were interested.

"We talked a bit, texted a bit and then was offered," Barker said. "I took it right off the bat. From what he had already told me, I felt it was going to be a great fit. When I got there, he proved me right."

He plans to major in education with an eye at becoming a coach.

Barker is targeted as a tight end by the Ram staff.

"Unfortunately, we had to play him out of position this year — we needed him to play quarterback for us. He was our best option. In a perfect world, if I'd had a quarterback, he would have been that safety-net tight end that you always need in an offense."



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Two members of the Afton FFA traveled to Oklahoma City to exhibit their cattle at the Oklahoma Youth Expo. FFA member and Afton FFA Vice-President Faith Spriggs exhibited two heifers with one of those being Grand Champion Bred and Owned and the other being Reserve Champion Bred and Owned. Collin Keith, not pictured, exhibited a Cross Bred Steer.

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Patricia Suniga, Petitioner
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Jeffrey Suniga, Respondent

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State of Oklahoma To: Jeffrey Suniga

TAKE NOTICE that you have been sued for a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage in the District Court, Delaware County, State of Oklahoma, Case No. FD 2020-181, styled Patricia Suniga, Petitioner v. Jeffrey Suniga, Respondent. The action alleges that the petitioner is entitled to a Dissolution of Marriage.

You are notified that you must answer the Motion filed by the petitioner on or before April 23, 2021, or the allegations contained in the Petition for Dissolution of Marriage will be taken as true and judgment will be entered against you and in favor of petitioner as prayed for in her Petition.

Given under my hand and seal this 8th day of March, 2021.

Caroline Weaver, Court Clerk Delaware County, Oklahoma
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Attorney for Petitioner

the estates of said decedents, that the decedents' heirs have not been determined and that this Court has jurisdiction of said matter. The Petitioner seeks determination of the death and heirship of Eliza Virginia (Tanner) Chrismon a/k/a Virginia Chrismon, FB Cherokee, NE, and Edward Eugene Chrismon, 3/4 Cherokee, NE, deceased. This matter is set for hearing before the Honorable David Crutchfield, Judge of the District Court, in the District Court of Delaware County, Jay, Oklahoma on the 11th day of May, 2021, at 1:30 o'clock p.m. and all unknown successors, claimants, executors, heirs, devisees, and legatees of said decedents are directed to answer at said time and submit to this Court any evidence that is competent to establish heirship of said decedents, or said Petition for Determination of Death and Heirship will be taken as true and judgment rendered accordingly and the restricted estates of the decedents distributed to their heirs as set forth in said Petition. WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court this 5th day of March, 2021.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DELAWARE COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

In the Matter of the Estate of CHARLES ALAN CUPP, Deceased.

COMBINED NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE OF HEARING PB-2021-20

TO: All persons interested in the Estate of CHARLES ALAN CUPP, Deceased.

YOU are hereby notified that on the 11th day of March 2021, the Petitioner, Sonya Dick, filed in the District Court of Delaware County, Oklahoma, a Petition for Summary Administration and Appointment of Personal Representative. The Petitioner has alleged that CHARLES ALAN CUPP age 55, was a resident of and owned property in Delaware County, Oklahoma, and owned property in Delaware County, Oklahoma and passed this Earth October 18, 2009.

Petitioner has conducted an exhaustive search and found no last will and testament for the Decedent.

The Petitioner has asked that this Court should dispense with the regular estate proceedings prescribed by law and order notice to creditors and issue an order for hearing upon the Petition for Summary Administration, the final accounting, petition for determination of heirs, and distribution.

The names, ages and last-known addresses of the heirs, legatees and devisees of the Decedents, so far as known to the Petitioner, are as follows:

Ashley Cupp, deceased
c/o Sonya Dick
68560 E 385 Rd.
Jay, OK 74346

The approximate total value of the estate of the Decedent is \$15,000.00

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Notice is hereby given that the claim of any creditor will be barred unless the claim is presented to the personal representative no more than thirty (30) days following the granting of the order admitting the petition and combined notice. All creditors having claims against ASHLEY CUPP, deceased are required to present same, with a description of all security interest and other collateral, if any, held by each creditor with respect to such claim to the Petitioner's Attorney, Lee Griffin, PO Box 367, Jay, Oklahoma 74346, on or before the 12th day of April, 2021 or the same will be forever barred.

/s/David Crutchfield
Judge of the District Court

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DELAWARE COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

In the Matter of the Estate of ASHLEY CUPP, Deceased.

COMBINED NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE OF HEARING PB-2021-21

TO: All persons interested in the Estate of ASHLEY CUPP, Deceased.

YOU are hereby notified that on the 11th day of March 2021, the Petitioner, Sonya Dick, filed in the District Court of Delaware County, Oklahoma, a Petition for Summary Administration and Appointment of Personal Representative. The Petitioner has alleged that ASHLEY CUPP age 38 was a resident of and owned property in Delaware County, Oklahoma, and owned property in Wagoner County, Oklahoma and passed this Earth May 12, 2020.

Petitioner has conducted an exhaustive search and found no last will and testament for the Decedent.

The Petitioner has asked that this Court should dispense with the regular estate proceedings prescribed by law and order notice to creditors and issue an order for hearing upon the Petition for Summary Administration, the final accounting, petition for determination of heirs, and distribution.

The names, ages and last-known addresses of the heirs, legatees and devisees of the Decedents, so far as known to the Petitioner, are as follows:

Ashley Cupp, deceased
c/o Sonya Dick
68560 E 385 Rd.
Jay, OK 74346

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/s/David Crutchfield
Judge of the District Court

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DELAWARE COUNTY, STATE OF OKLAHOMA

In the Matter of the Estate of CLINTON LEE WOMACK, deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS PB-2020-161 (58 O.S. § 331, 331.1, 331.2)

To the Creditors of Clinton Lee Womack, Deceased:

All creditors having claims against Clinton Lee Womack, Deceased, are required to present the same with a description of all security interests and other collateral (if any) held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to Ryan Womack, Personal Representative, at the law offices of Cody Allen Thomas, P.L.L.C., addressed to Cody Allen Thomas attorney for the Personal Representative, on or before the following presentment date: May 12, 2021, or the same will be forever barred.

DATED this 3rd day of March 2021.

/s/Cody Allen Thomas,
OBA# 30752
Cody Allen Thomas, PLLC
22874 State Hwy 20
Jay, OK, 74346
Telephone (918)353-2249
Email: ctthomas@ok-legal.net
Attorney for
Personal Representative

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/s/David Crutchfield
Judge of the District Court

/s/Lee Griffin, OBA #17022 PO Box 367 Jay, OK 74346 918-253-5800 Attorneys for Personal Representative

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF GROVE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 2:30 p.m.

Room 7 – Community Center 104 West Third –Grove, OK 74344

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS will hold a public hearing to consider application submitted by Crystal Sutton requesting a variance to use the alley way abutting her property as an access driveway to her property located East of Hazel Street between 9th and 10th Street aka 907 S. Hazel Street.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION
The East 49.9 feet of Lot 10 and the South 18 feet of the East 49.9 feet of Lot 11 all in Block 14 in Rogers Addition to the Town of Grove, Delaware County, Oklahoma, aka as 907 Hazel Street, Grove, Oklahoma.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DELAWARE COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

In the Matter of the Estate of: David Wayne Lopez, Deceased. PB-2021-18

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All person having claims against David Wayne Lopez, deceased, are required to present the same with a description of all security interests and other collateral, if any, held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to the named Personal Representative at:

David Wayne Lopez
c/o John W. Thomas
P.O. Box 487
Jay, OK 74346-0487

on or before the following presentment date: May 28, 2021 or the same shall be forever barred. S/ John W. Thomas

John W. Thomas, OBA #22445
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P.O. Box 487
Jay, Oklahoma 74346-0487
Telephone (918) 253-4220
Fax (918) 253-8110

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Oklahoma coverage

Oklahoma City

An Oklahoma Senate panel voted Monday to endorse the conformation of Dr. Lance Frye as commissioner of the Oklahoma State Department of Health, the Associated Press reported.

The Senate Health and Human Services Committee's vote on Gov. Kevin Stitt's nominee sends the pick to the full senate for a vote. A member of the Oklahoma National Guard, Frye previously served as residency program director and professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Oklahoma State University's Center for Health Sciences, according to AP.

"His extensive medical and military experience is a reflection of his longstanding commitment to serving others in times of crisis and uncertainty," Stitt said in a statement. "He was the right man for the job at the height of the pandemic, and I'm confident his leadership will continue to benefit the health and lives of Oklahomans."

Stitt's last pick to lead the health department, Gary Cox, was forced to resign after the same senate committee refused to take up his nomination last year, AP reported.

Oklahoma City

Gov. Kevin Stitt announced Monday the selection of Oklahoma City lawyer and philanthropist Tricia Everest as his new public safety secretary, the Associated Press reported.

Everest currently chairs the Oklahoma County Jail Trust which oversees jail operations. She

previously worked as an assistant attorney general from 2004-10. As public safety secretary, Everest will oversee 55 state agencies, including the Department of Public Safety, Department of Corrections and Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, according to AP.

Everest will replace Chip Keating. The ex-Oklahoma Highway Patrol trooper and son of former Oklahoma Gov. Frank Keating resigned from the post in December, AP reported.

Oklahoma City

Oklahoma Attorney General Mike Hunter announced Monday he is hiring a former U.S. attorney to look into allegation against the state's Pardon and Parole Board, the Associated Press reported.

Hunter said in a press release former Eastern District of Oklahoma U.S. Attorney Brian Kuester will lead the probe. Because Hunter's office represents the state in clemency hearings before the board, he determined an outside counsel should look into the claims, according to AP.

Earlier this month, Oklahoma County District Attorney David Prater sued the Pardon and Parole Board, alleging the panel is not following state law on notifying prosecutors about commutations it is considering. Prater also alleges two of the board's five members — Kelly Doyle and Adam Luck — have conflict of interest because of their work with released inmates, AP reported.

Gov. Kevin Stitt also has ordered an Oklahoma

State Bureau of Investigation inquiry into whether the board followed state law and its own rules when it recommended Lawrence Anderson for release. Anderson, who was released from prison in January as part of a mass commutation effort, is accused of committing a triple slaying in Chickasha just weeks after his release, according to AP.

Edmond

The University of Central Oklahoma has suspended its cheer team for the rest of the school year amid reports of hazing on the squad, the Associated Press reported.

In addition to the suspension, the team won't be allowed to participate in any national competition for 2 years. University President Patti Neuhold-Ravikumar said she could not go into detail about the hazing because of student privacy laws, but hazing has no place at the university and won't be tolerated, according to AP.

Individual team members who participated in the hazing may face removal from the squad and suspension from the university. Those cleared would undergo a membership review and many be allowed to try out for next year's team, AP reported.

The cheer squad said on its website it has won 10 national championships in the last 11 years, according to AP.

National coverage

Spring Valley, New York

A fire swept through a suburban New York assisted living home and caused a partial collapse early Tuesday, killing one resident and sending two firefighters and multiple residents to hospitals with a third firefighter missing, the Associated Press reported.

Flames gutted the Evergreen Court Home for Adults in the Rockland County community of Spring Valley, New York. It has

an estimated 100-125 residents, but authorities were working to determine the exact number. One resident died after being to a hospital, according to AP.

Rescuers searched through rubble for a firefighter who issued a mayday call while rescuing a resident from the third floor. Other firefighters rushed to try to help their colleague, but the flames were too intense. Two other firefighters were taken to hospitals. Once was release while the other

was expected to stay overnight for treatment for smoking inhalation, AP reported.

Officials believe about 20 residents were taken to hospitals. Other residents were taken by bus to another facility. About 125 firefighters from many agencies worked together to get the fire under control. Investigators worked to determine the cause of the fire, according to AP.

Washington, D.C.

Results from a U.S. trial of AstraZeneca's COVID-19 vaccine may have included "outdated information" and it could mean the company provided an incomplete view of efficacy data, the Associated Press reported.

AstraZeneca said in a statement the data it released Monday included cases up to February 17, as the study rules specified, and it was continuing to analyze cases which have occurred since then. The company said a preliminary analysis of data which has continued to roll in was consistent with which it had already reported. It promised an update within 48 hours, according to AP.

AstraZeneca reported Monday its COVID-19 vaccine provided strong protection among adults of all ages in a long-anticipated U.S. study, a finding which some experts hoped would help rebuild the public confidence in the shot around the world and move it a step closer to clearance in the U.S., AP reported.

In the study of more than 30,000 people, the company reported the vaccine was found to be 79-percent effective at preventing symptomatic cases of COVID-19, including older adults. There were no severe illnesses or hospitalizations among vaccinated volunteers, compared with five such cases in participants who

received dummy shots, according to AP.

San Diego

A father has been arrested on suspicion of child endangerment after he carried his 2-year-old daughter into the elephant habitat at the San Diego Zoo to take a photograph with the animals, the Associated Press reported.

The man bypassed multiple barriers and "purposely and illegally trespassed" into a habitat for Asian and African elephants Friday afternoon. A witness video provided to local media shows a man dropping the child as they flee the enclosure due to a trumpeting elephant charging at them. The man picked up the toddler and was able to get her out safely, according to AP.

Police said the 25-year-old man wanted to take a phot with the African bull elephant. San Diego County jail records who the man was being held on \$100,000 bail for investigation of child endangerment. He was set to be arraigned March 30, AP reported.

Witness Lori Ortale said she heard a woman yelling at the man to stop before he jumped the fence and move into the elephant enclosure. "We told him to get out, and he turned around just in time to see the elephant charging," Ortale said. "He runs, throws the baby through the gate and its seconds from hitting him.

He jumps through the gate, falls on the ground and then it roared."

Doylestown, Pennsylvania

A top aide to a district attorney in suburban Philadelphia has been demoted because he was caught moonlighting for DoorDash during work hours, the Associated Press reported.

Bucks County District Attorney Matt Weintraub announced the punishment Thursday against prosecutor Gregg Shore, who was demoted from the office's first assistant district attorney to being a deputy district attorney, according to AP.

Weintraub said Shore had been working for DoorDash, delivering food during work hours, from October to February. Shore's salary as first assistant was \$125,000. Shore said he was motivated by personal circumstances during the COVID-19 pandemic to work the delivery job, AP reported.

Weintraub cited the importance of redemption and second chances as reasons to keep Shore on the office payroll. Shore also has worked for the state attorney general's office, as a Lehigh County prosecutor and was a deputy secretary in the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry during the administration of Gov. Tom Corbett, according to AP.

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Columns

Senate Review

Sen. Blake 'Cowboy' Stephens

After a few jam-packed weeks hearing Senate bills on the floor, we all were able to breathe and catch up this week while House bills were being assigned to our committees. The next few weeks will be filled with hearing House bills in our Senate committees, and then on the floor, as measures continue to move through the legislature.

I'll be the Senate author of four House bills, including measures dealing with tenancy and extending the tax checkoff for the Oklahoma Wildlife Diversity Program. I'll keep you updated as these measures work through the Senate.

Many of you may have been reaching for that extra cup of coffee this past week while trying to adjust after springing the clock forward for daylight savings time (DST). You may remember I spoke about a measure I filed this legislative session that would permanently lock-in Oklahoma to DST if the federal government allowed states to do so. Unfortunately, this bill did not receive a committee hearing, but it is eligible to be heard next legislative

session. I'm also looking into the possibility of hosting an interim study to further study this topic this fall. There has been a national push to allow states to "lock the clock" and stay in DST, and it's been renewed after this past week's forward leap. Both of Oklahoma's U.S. Senators James Lankford and Jim Inhofe are supporting this proposal by Sen. Marco Rubio. I'm hopeful that in the future we could all enjoy an extra hour of sunlight year-round.

I also had the opportunity to join many of our area 4-H and FFA members at the annual Oklahoma Youth Expo (OYE) here in Oklahoma City at the state fairgrounds. OYE is held every year during spring break and is equivalent to the state tournament for our 4-H and FFA members with livestock projects. Many of you know that I was a former ag teacher and am incredibly passionate about these organizations, so it was a great opportunity to see some of my young constituents in action, as well as catch up with industry leaders across the state.

Not only is OYE the world's largest junior livestock show, but it also offers educational opportunities for participating students. There's an ag mechanics contest, skills contest hosted by American Farmers and Ranchers, as well as a robust scholarship program for high school students. The show truly does have something for everyone.

One of the highlights for me at OYE was participating in the Legislative Showmanship Competition. I was paired with Nathan Rowan from the Hulbert FFA Chapter, and he taught me how to show his goat, Schaeffer. Legislative showmanship is an excellent way for Senate and House members to learn more about agriculture and see the passion our youth have for the future of the industry. It was an absolute pleasure to participate.

Thank you for allowing me to be your voice at our state Capitol. If there's anything I can help you with, please reach out to my office by emailing Blake. Stephens@oksenate.gov or calling 405-521-5574.

Thinking Out Loud: A grieving heart during Easter

John T. Catrett
Contributor

Easter is the season of renewed life. For those of us who grieve, however, our feelings are in sharp contrast to the reality of what's going on around us. New growth, bright colors, family gatherings, children's laughter, and beautiful songs of "Alleluia" seem to ignore the emptiness. We need not just "get through" this season with stubborn strength or cold celebration. Rather, we can decisively take our grief into the season and realize newfound peace, joy and comfort. "How?" Well, here are a few ideas for you to consider.

Observe the Easter season in a way that supports/nurtures you. During the last few days before Easter, many faith communities schedule extra services to celebrate the final days and hours of Jesus' life. Ask yourself the following: "What do these days and these services offer me in support of my grief?" There are times when blending into a sea of unfamiliar faces in an unfamiliar faith family allows our focus to center more on the message of the season and relationship with God rather than duties to family and friends. As a result it may help fill you up. Then again, you may feel that meeting with your own biological and faith family will provide you peace, joy, and comfort. Either way, we remember how the Lord of Love was brutalized, suffered, died – then OVERCAME DEATH! Refreshing these facts may help you enter a rest in Him that gives pause to your heartfelt grief.

Another idea for your consideration is to contribute in some way to the cycle

of life. The mystery of new life at Easter is a celebration of God's creative power and majesty. Our hearts get excited as the bitter winter months give way to the longer hours of sunlight and warmer months of spring. Life is renewed. Rather than locking on to our loss in death, let's refocus our attention on the promise of life that's all around us. With your loved one in mind plant a tree, create a flower garden/vegetable patch in his/her memory. Think about the goodness, beauty, and nourishment that will result from your contribution to the cycle of life. Death is a transformation, followed by new life!

The third idea is to perpetuate your loved one's legacy. A legacy is that which lives on and continues to influence lives. One writer said, "Whatever it was that made your loved one dear to you, you can make alive to others." Whatever attribute you choose, ask God for opportunity to give that to others in remembrance of him/her. Just as new life begins to appear across a barren landscape in the early weeks of spring, so, too, the legacy of your loved one can bring new life, hope, and promise to the landscape of other lives as you pay the legacy forward.

Now, as we enter into this season, we can authentically celebrate by reframing death into a living legacy that reveals that we love no less in death than we do in life.

John T. Catrett, III serves as a chaplain with ONHL Hospice. ONHL Hospice currently provides services to the majority of Northeastern Oklahoma but is available to accept patients statewide. Learn more at <http://onhlhospice.com>.

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Cherokee Chief says Nation's COVID funding helps support northeast Oklahoma

GROVE — Cherokee Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr. spoke to the Grove Rotary Club and reminded members that the Cherokee Nation received nearly \$400 million from the CARES Act most of which flowed into the Oklahoma economy.

The Cherokee Nation is the country's largest tribal government with more than 380,000 tribal citizens. Chief Hoskin is from Vinita and prior to being elected Principal Chief, he served as the Cherokee Nation Secretary of State. He is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma College of Law and is a member of both the Oklahoma and Cherokee Nation Bar Associations.

Chief Hoskin pointed out that Oklahoma got more COVID CARES Act funding than most other states because of the Native American tribes' presence in the state.

He noted that the Cherokees CARES funds allowed the nation, one of the largest employers in the state, to keep people on the payroll even though many of the casinos and other businesses were shut down.

In addition, he said that the nation invested some of that money in manufacturing to make both masks and PPEs. He believes those items should be not be sourced from overseas and that the manufacturing plants in both Stillwell and Hulbert expect to be a major supplier for the country.

He noted that during the pandemic when many school children were learning online, the tribe recognized the gaps in Internet funding. They made all tribe members eligible for free hotspots for a year to make access possible for many who did not have Internet.

The Chief noted the tribe is committed to

expanding broadband across Northeast Oklahoma including looking at the expansion of fiber optics to underserved areas.

The tribe is also making free WIFI connections possible in the parking lots of the Grove Casino, at the Sam Hider Clinic in Jay, also in Kansas, Kenwood and West Siloam Springs. These connections are free to anyone who needs them.

In addition, the Nation invested in infrastructure. Part of the CARES Act funding went to construct \$1 million worth of water lines throughout the area.

"The dollars flow out to the community. It is a win, win situation for both the community and the nation. We have so much in common and so many mutual interests. I think COVID has made that clear."

Chief Hoskin also talked about health care issues. The Nation invested about \$300 million in health care facilities establishing hospitals and clinics within 30 miles of Cherokee citizens. In Jay the Sam Hinder Hospital investment was \$10 million. The Nation is providing both tribal members and nontribal members with the opportunity to get COVID vaccinations at the Jay hospital.

In addition, the Cherokee Nation has aligned itself with Oklahoma State University to train medical doctors at a school in Tahlequah. The first class has 50 students has about 20 Native American students. "We know that doctors typically practice within 100 miles of where they go to school. We need to solve our doctor shortage in rural Oklahoma."

The Chief said the Cherokee Nation will invest between \$9 and \$12 million for mental health and wellness in the near future pointing out that COVID has created some problems in that area. "We will



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Cherokee Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin said the Nation has invested in manufacturing both masks and PPEs. The Nation is also now providing free COVID shots to both tribal and non-tribal members at its clinics and hospitals.

use some of that money to address drug treatment programs which is something that is taking a toll on all of us. In addition we are focusing on healthier lifestyles and wellness."

"The key to our success is to have good partnerships including civic organizations and cities."

Cherokee Nation hosting public drive-through COVID-19 vaccine distribution

CATOOSA — Cherokee Nation is hosting a public drive-through COVID-19 vaccine event at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Tulsa from noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, March 27. Cherokee Nation Health Services will administer 1,000 vaccines on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The event is open to any member of the public 18 years of age or older. Cherokee Nation Health Services will offer vaccinations without an appointment or any pre-registration requirements.

"We are committed to making it easy for the public to access the COVID-19 vaccine," said Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr. "Our health staff has done a tremendous job of improving the registration process and reducing paperwork requirements, and this event will help us reach our goal of broadening vaccine distribution to those in and outside the reservation."

Any member of the public who is of age, regardless of where they live, is eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine through Cherokee Nation Health Services. This includes the option of scheduling a COVID-19 vaccine appointment at any of the tribe's nine outpatient health centers located throughout the tribe's 14-county reservation area in Northeast Oklahoma.

Those looking to receive the COVID-19 vaccine a tribal health center can call 1-539-234-4099 from

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday to schedule an appointment. No registration paperwork is required before calling, and in many instances, same-day appointments may be available.

"I could not be more proud of our team," said Cherokee Nation Health Services Executive Director Dr. R. Stephen Jones. "They have worked hard to make the process of getting vaccinated inside our health centers an easy one, and our drive-through event on Saturday will add another benefit for those getting vaccinated through our health system."

Since receiving its first distribution of vaccines in mid-December, the Cherokee Nation has administered approximately 40,000 doses of vaccines.

Vaccines are available in all Cherokee Nation Health Services locations in Tahlequah, Ochelata, Sallisaw, Jay, Muskogee, Vinita, Nowata and Salina. The tribe is also offering scheduled appointments at the new Cherokee Nation office located at 402 W. Locust Street in Stilwell while the Wilma P. Mankiller Health Center is undergoing expansion. Vaccinations continue to be administered by appointment only and walk-ins are not available at this time.

Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Tulsa is located at 777 W. Cherokee St. in Catoosa.

Bipartisan resolution honors Native Women during month of National Women's History Month

WASHINGTON — Yesterday, the U.S. Senate passed a resolution led by Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), Vice Chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, and Brian Schatz (D-HI), Chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, honoring the achievements of Native women throughout American history and present day.

"Each year during March, the Senate celebrates National Women's History Month. It is especially important to recognize the many achievements that Alaska Native, American Indian, and Native Hawaiian women have contributed to the United States and its history. These are just some of the women who have made their communities and this nation a better place and for that, we honor them, whether

through their military or public service, their advancements in the fields of business, education, arts, law, and sciences, or their efforts in protecting traditional ways of life," said Vice Chairman Murkowski. "It should be noted that this year we have added two strong, resilient Alaska Native women. The resolution recognizes Ahtna Athabaskan Katie John of Mentasta Lake, who was the lead plaintiff in lawsuits that strengthened Native subsistence fishing rights in Alaska and helped in creating the first alphabet for the Ahtna language. Another addition is Mary Jane Fate of the Koyukon Athabaskan village of Rampart. She was the first woman to chair the Alaska Federation of Natives, a founding member of the North American Indian Women's Association,

an advocate for the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and the first Alaska Native to serve on the Alaska Judicial Council. We remember and celebrate the ways they and the other women in the resolution have paved the way for future generations."

"As we celebrate Women's History month, it's critical that we acknowledge the impacts Native women in particular have had on our shared American history — including Mary Kawena Pukui, a noted scholar and Native Hawaiian linguist, and Kaahumanu, a champion of Native Hawaiian women in leadership, and so many others," said Chairman Schatz. "I'm proud to partner with Senator Murkowski to honor Native American women and their legacies in this resolution."

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Sports

NEO football returns

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MIAMI — “Are You Ready for Some Football?”

Stealing from the iconic words of Hank Williams Jr.’s theme song for “Monday Night Football,” its finally time for Northeastern A&M to tee it up in a 2020 season that was pushed back to the spring thanks to COVID-19.

The Golden Norse host Trinity Valley Community College at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 27.

This will be the first of an eight-game slate for NEO, seven in the Southwest Junior College Football Conference and a non-conference clash here on May 1 with Iowa Western — which was picked second in the NJCAA’s preseason poll behind defending national champ Hutchinson (Kansas) Community College.

Ironically, that’s around the time when the Norse would be getting ready for its spring scrimmage.

“There’s a lot of uncertainty with some of that stuff, but there’s a few things that are certain as you work hard, your tail off, do good things and make good decisions,” head coach Zach Crissup said. “Things usually work out for you.”

Under guidelines set up by the NJCAA, football teams were allowed 60 practice days between Aug. 15 and Nov. 15 and three scrimmages.

The Norsemen had just one, facing Independence (Kansas) Community College here on Nov. 12.

Everyone picked it back up on March 1 to start preseason workouts.

“The guys are starting to settle in with the season being in the spring,” Crissup said. “You worry a little more about your depth all the time because the numbers you have on your roster is always going to be smaller in the spring than it is in the fall.

“That’s the only thing that worries us. That and our kids haven’t played football games weekly in a year and a half. You worry about those things, but besides

that, the kids play football and that’s what they do. They pick it up just fine.”

Crissup took over as head coach when Zach Allen departed to become recruiting and defensive run game coordinator at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah for J.J. Eckert — formerly head coach at SWJFCF rival Kilgore College.

Crissup is in his second stint on the NEO coaching staff.

He first came on board in 2010 as linebacker and strength and conditioning coach, working with Dale Patterson, Sherard Poteete and Ryan Held.

After stops at Fairmont State (2015-2016) as defensive coordinator and Missouri Southern (2017) as secondary coach, Crissup returned to NEO under Allen as defensive coordinator in 2018.

The Golden Norse went 4-5 in 2019 — just missing out on a spot in the conference playoffs.

NEO, Tyler Junior College, Navarro College, Cisco College and New Mexico Military Institute all finished in a tie for third with 3-4 records in league play after NEO ripped Cisco, 48-30; Trinity Valley nipped Navarro, 45-44; Kilgore outslugged Tyler 34-28 in double overtime and NMMI beat Blinn 44-42 with a touchdown with 19.2 seconds left in the final games of the regular season.

But due to criteria, the Norsemen and Tyler were the odd-hands out.

“We’re getting better every day,” Crissup said. “It will be nice to get out on the field and see where we’re at.”

There have been numerous holes to plug, especially at quarterback with the graduation of Tanner Griffin and Jack Diamond.

Crissup hadn’t named a successor as of Tuesday night, but “we feel pretty good about three of them right now and we’ve got a really good young one as well.”

He said Billy Maple and C.J. Ward have taken the most snaps with the No. 1 offense.

There’s also a pair of freshmen in the mix: Alec Minor and Mason Drake.

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Sports

Grove breezes to district sweep over Miami

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The Grove Ridgerunners baseball team swept a two-game district series against Miami.

The Ridgerunners won the Monday game at home 13-2 and won the Tuesday game at Miami 17-5. The Ridgerunners are now 7-5 overall this season and 2-2 in district play.

The Ridgerunners will get back into action when they travel to Salina for a game on Thursday. They will then travel to Excelsior Springs, Missouri, on Friday and Saturday to play three games.

Ridgerunner senior

Cooper Smith started the game Monday on the mound for the Ridgerunners. Smith got credit for the win throwing all 5.0 innings in the complete game. Smith gave up two runs, one earned, on four hits, no walks and two strikeouts. He threw 70.2 percent of his 57 pitches for strikes.

Tuesday saw sophomore Caden Gain start for the Ridgerunners on the mound. Gain got credit for the win, threw 5.0 innings in the complete game, and gave up no earned runs. Gain allowed just five hits, walked two, and struck out seven.

The Ridgerunners



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Grove's Corbin Beal is greeted at home plate by teammates after hitting home run.

jumped out in front early on Monday. Isaac Lopez had a big hit when he torched a double to right center field. The Ridgerunners finished the inning up 5-0.

Cody Richards delivered the knockout blow in the second inning. Lopez had walked, Wyatt Wall was hit by a pitch and Corbin Beal had an infield swinging bunt single to third base to load the bases.

That's when Miami changed pitchers and Richards hit the first pitch from the new arm over the left field fence for a grand slam. The Ridgerunners weren't done in the inning and Layne Rutherford drove in two more when he doubled to right. The Ridgerunners were up 11-1 after the second inning.

The second game seemed to be a lot like the first.

Grove scored seven runs in both the second and fourth innings. After manufacturing a run with a baserunner, stolen base, ground ball behind the runner and ground ball to second base putting the Ridgerunners up 1-0, Corbin Beal hit a deep solo home run to lead off the second inning. Richards followed with a deep double to center and Alex Oliver singled the other way to right field.

Sophomore Dayton Keller continued to make the most of his opportunity adding three more hits to his season total. This was Keller's third varsity start and he already has six hits and four runs scored. Keller is hitting an insane

.857/.909/1.000. Those numbers are almost unheard of, even for a player on a hot streak.

After Keller's five hits, Richards had the next most in the series with three. Richards walked twice and added seven runs batted in.

Beal, Lopez, and Oliver all had two hits in the series. Beal also walked four times and scored four runs.

Ayden Hunsperger, Duncan Highley, Hayden Chandler, Rutherford and Wyatt Wall all had a single for the Ridgerunners.

The Ridgerunners seem to be hitting their stride winning six of their last eight games.




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