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Checotah celebrates 149 years



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City workers take down old metal awnings revealing part of Checotah's past.

LADONNA RHODES
STAFF WRITER

The Civil War had ended and the Treaty of 1866 had negotiated an agreement to the construction of one north-south and one east-west railroad across each of the Five Civilized Tribes' nations.

The railroad started at the Kansas border and stretched across the golden prairies. By 1872 tracks made their way into Creek Indian Nation with the railroad being named "Checote's Switch" after the Creek Chief Samuel Checote.

By terms of the treaty the railroad had no right to any of the sacred Indian Territory for any civic improvement. Town lots could not be laid out to be sold for profit and the railroad was entitled to only two hundred feet of right-of-way approved by the contract giving the railroad a through route to Texas.

However, Checote's Switch would become the gateway to grazing pastures for carloads full of Texas Longhorns that were being shipped for market through

the grasslands of the Creek Nation.

Checote's Switch was the site of one telegraph operator and later became the community's first post office. However, a map-maker would make an error on the spelling of Checote' and Checotah would be born.

The founder of the town, Robert Burton, in 1888, would open the first general store in Checotah.

Checotah's prosperity however would come with the passage of the Dawes Act on March 3, 1893, which was headed up by Senator Henry L. Dawes. The Dawes Commission would place all tribal members on roll and allot each member 160 acres of land, of which 40 acres was to be homestead and couldn't be sold for 25 years.

The town of Checotah was incorporated as lots were surveyed and sold as titles to property were issued.

A city council - mayor form of government was established and the first

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Black History Month

ALMA HARPER
GARDENIA ART CLUB

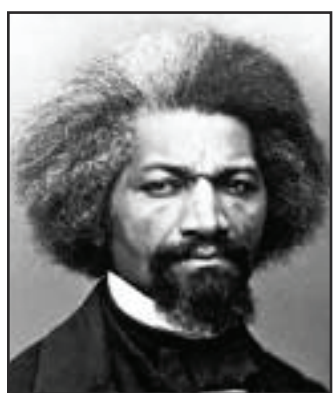
Black History Month is the annual celebration of achievements by Black Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of African Americans in U.S. History.

Black History Month is successor of Negro History Week which was initiated on Feb. 12, 1926 by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, noted historian and founder of The Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH).

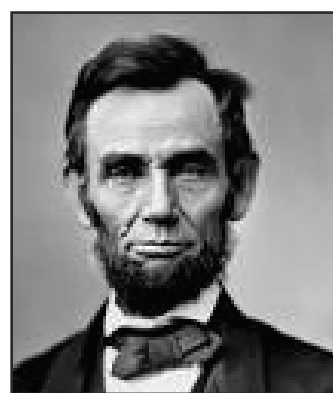
Known as The Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), this organization was dedicated to researching and promoting achievements by Black Americans and other people of African descent.

Dr. Woodson was concerned that the contribution for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH).

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Frederick Douglass



Abraham Lincoln



STAFF PHOTO | LADONNA RHODES

Mark McCullough, Pat Murr, Crystal Tiger and Kathe Smith are excited to start their newest spring project - a community garden with the help of a \$4,000 grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Library grant falls on good soil

LADONNA RHODES
STAFF WRITER

The Oklahoma Department of Libraries recently awarded twenty-six Health Literacy Grants for the 2020-21 grant cycle funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

The Jim Lucas Checotah Public Library was one of the 26 libraries and received a \$4,000 grant, which is being used to create a "Community

Garden" on site.

Located on the south side of the library the garden is set up to inspire a healthier lifestyle by providing spaces for area citizens to grow fresh fruits and vegetables. Nine fruit trees will be planted just outside the garden area to harvest their fruit, too.

"We are so excited about this opportunity for our community and

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Election filings

The Checotah City Council, City Treasurer and School Board members will have no challengers in the April 6 elections.

No one had filed to run against the incumbents by the end of the filing period at 5 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 3.

All of Eufaula's ward positions that are up for election had challengers, including:

- Jeffery Todd Warren (incumbent), At Large
 - Brandon Frank Linstead, At Large
 - Jamie Wayne Upton, Ward 3
 - Evelyn Sue Gulley, Ward 3
 - Emma Watts, Ward 4
 - Danny Gene Kirby, Ward 4
 - James Andrew Duty (incumbent mayor), Ward 4
- Eufaula School Board**
- Martha Jane Asher, in-

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Weather is brrrrr-fect for polar bears

JERRY FINK
MANAGING EDITOR

Schools in Eufaula and Checotah were closed Tuesday due to inclement weather, with temperatures dipping into the low 20s with the chance of snow and icy roads.

The temperatures aren't expected to get above freezing for at least the rest of the week and could be about 30 degrees below normal for as many as seven days, according to Gary McManus, State Climatologist with Oklahoma Mesonet.

McManus said it's possible that the temperatures may not get back to above freezing until Feb. 20.

Locally, the weather has not caused any major problems as of late Tuesday morning.

McIntosh County/Eufaula Emergency Management Director Suzie Whittle said the only major accident reported was one near the dam involving four vehicles, including a semi.

"But there were no injuries," she said. There are no local road closings or power outages.

"Folks just need to slow down," Whittle said.

U.S. 69 northbound and southbound traffic between Savannah and Kiowa was shut down early Tuesday due to ice

on the road and multiple vehicles off the roadway.

Due to the weather, the Commissioner of Public Safety at about 5 a.m. Tuesday announced a temporary reduction in non-essential services in Pittsburg, Wagoner, Seminole, Okfuskee and Hughes County.

Reduction in services were approved throughout much of the state, especially in the north and west.

McManus said the state may be in store for some of the coldest weather it has had since Feb. 10, 2011, when temperatures bottomed out at -31 degrees in Nowata, the lowest temperature ever

recorded in the state.

He said the weather could rebound some on Wednesday before another surge of colder air hits the state later in the week.

"There's not a lot of moisture to work with over the next seven days, but this could also change," McManus said. "And it doesn't take a lot with freezing weather to cause big problems."

"The best idea is to hunker down and stay abreast of the latest conditions and forecasts, until this whole winter craze passes over."

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City councilman Tony Fields (center) will represent Ward 2 for Checotah residents. Also pictured are City Attorney John Tyler Hammons (far left) and Mayor Daniel Tarkington (far right). STAFF PHOTO | LADONNA RHODES

Information sought in homicide

The investigation into the murder of Gregory Singleterry, whose body was found Feb. 2 at his Sherwood Forest Addition residence in Eufaula, is continuing.

As of Monday, there were no new developments. The District Attorney's Violent Crime Task Force is asking the public to come forward with any information they may have about the slaying.

Singleterry's body was found at his home by Eufaula Police officers who responded to a call.

D.A. Agent Kevin Branscum said that due to the circumstances surrounding the death the Violent Crime Task Force was asked to lead the investigation. Branscum said anyone with information about the death should contact him at 918-894-7787.

National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum mourns passing of former RHS President Sharon Shoulders

Sharon Shoulders, a longtime supporter of the Rodeo Historical Society (RHS) and National Cowboy Museum, and wife of 16-time Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) World Champion Jim Shoulders, passed away from complications of COVID-19 at her home in Henryetta on Saturday, Jan. 30, surrounded by loved ones.



Sharon Shoulders

"The West has lost a true ambassador with the passing of Sharon Shoulders," said Museum Presi-

dent & CEO Natalie Shirley. "She was the epitome of a hard-working Western woman who cared tremendously for her

family, friends, community and lifestyle. I'm sure Sharon and Jim are happy to be reunited again."

"Whether she was running the family ranch or serving as RHS president, Sharon was always hard at work upholding the Western way of life," said RHS President John McBeth. "Though she will be sorely missed, Sharon has left each of us a wonderful example of a life well lived."

A former RHS president and board member and the 2005 recipient of

the Tad Lucas Memorial Award, Shoulders was born in Bell, California, in 1929. In 1941 her family moved to Oklahoma; Sharon and Jim met at school in Tulsa and married in 1947, the year both graduated high school.

For their honeymoon, the Shoulders traveled to a rodeo at Madison Square Garden in New York City, where Sharon was asked to ride a horse in a rodeo parade, for which she had to borrow the proper rodeo clothes. In 1951 the Shoulders

bought a ranch in Henryetta, where they would eventually raise four children.

While the children were young, Jim spent much time on the road rodeoing, tasking Sharon with running the ranch.

She learned to saddle and ride a horse to check cattle. Striving for a breed of cattle that would produce leaner beef, Sharon became one of the first Salorn cattle (French Salers and Texas Longhorn) owners in Oklahoma, later becoming president of

the Salorn Cattle Association.

When Jim began producing rodeos and holding rodeo schools, Sharon learned how to time events and serve as a rodeo secretary.

She was instrumental in establishing the Ladies Fashion Show and Luncheon during the National Finals Rodeo (NFR) in Oklahoma City, with proceeds donated to the Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund. This luncheon is still being held at the NFR today.

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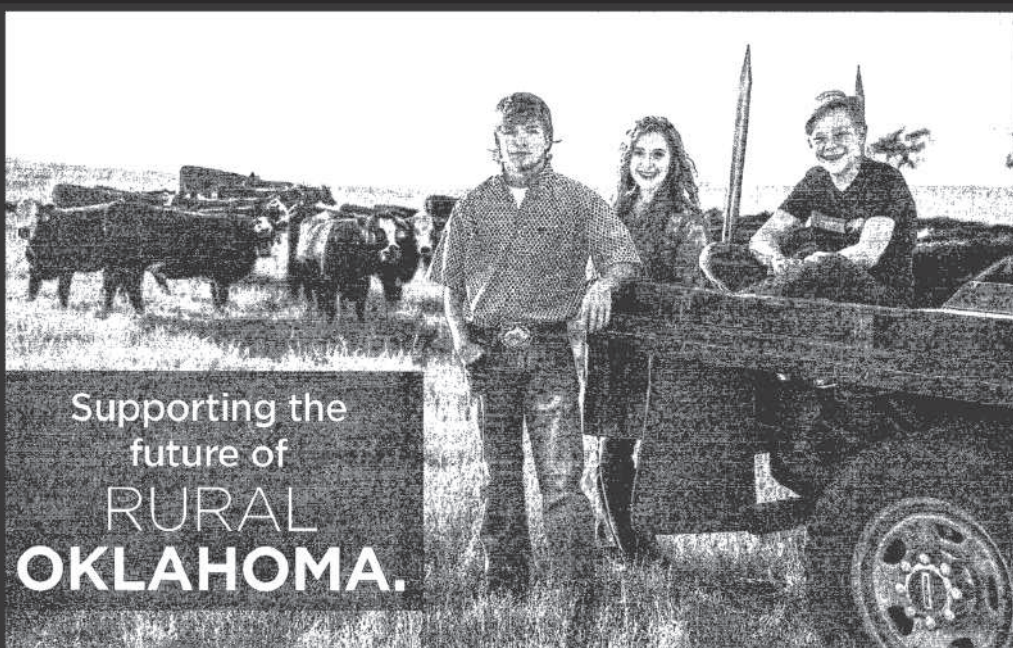
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Summer Arts Institute seeks talented high school students

Every winter, nearly one thousand high school students from all corners of the state crowd into auditoriums and line school hallways, dragging oversized instrument cases, rehearsing lines from Shakespeare monologues, clutching unwieldy artist portfolios, scribbling free flow thoughts into journals, warming up their knees and feet with small prances, humming do-re-mis and nervously clasping tiny thumb drives that represent a year's worth of photography or video work.

This year's audition process will look a little different for those vying for one of the 270 scholarships offered to attend the annual Oklahoma Summer Arts Institute at Quartz Mountain (OSAI), a two-week residency program widely known as Oklahoma's premier arts experience for high school students.

Auditions for the 2021 Institute are currently underway and are being conducted entirely online due to the continued rise in coronavirus cases.

The program will still be held in person, but one month later than normal, July 10-25.

To be considered, students



must complete a brief online application and submit audition materials demonstrating their artistic ability.

The submission requirements vary from discipline to discipline. Performing artists and filmmakers will submit a video file. Writers and visual artists will submit a digital portfolio of their work.

The application portal is currently open at apply.oaiquartz.org, and all auditions must be submitted by early March.

As the state's Official School of the Arts, OSAI provides an experience far beyond that of an ordinary arts camp. Renowned teaching artists from across the country travel to Quartz Mountain, where they

provide advanced, college-level training and mentorship to the young artists in one of eight artistic disciplines: acting, chorus, creative writing, dance, drawing & painting, film & video, orchestra or photography.

Its multidisciplinary structure sets the Institute apart, allowing students both intensive study in their chosen discipline

and new exposure to unfamiliar art forms.

The OSAI environment is highly collaborative; students often create work with young artists in other disciplines and find inspiration in the Quartz Mountain landscape and surrounding communities.

The creative writing students hone their poetry in the Quartz Mountain lodge or on the hiking trails. Photography students might be found documenting an avant-garde dance performance on the mountainside or creating portraits of local residents. Drawing & painting students take part in plein air classes by Lake Altus-Lugert. The acting students make their screen debut in student films, and the music students often perform in local town squares and community centers.

Although the cost of an intensive arts residency program of this magnitude is steep, every student accepted to the Institute receives a full scholarship to attend. The State Department of Education, Oklahoma Arts Council and numerous private foundations underwrite the program costs to ensure that the experience is in reach

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BLACK HISTORY

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tions of Black Americans were overlooked or misrepresented and began lobbying for Negro History Week as early as 1915. When Negro History Week was first celebrated in 1926, the second week in February was chosen to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln (Feb. 12) and Frederick Douglass (Feb. 14). Both men greatly influenced the Black American population.

Douglass was an escaped slave who became an abolitionist and civil rights leader

and President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, which abolished slavery in America's confederate states.

In the 1960s, thanks in part to the Civil Rights Movement and a growing awareness of Black identity, Negro History Week has evolved into Black History Month.

President Gerald R. Ford officially recognized Black History Month in 1976.

Each year the ASALH selects a new theme for Black History Month. The 2021 theme is "The Black Family: Representation, Identity and Diversity".

It focuses on relationships, the ties that

bind people together by blood, by race, by social affinity and by religious conviction.

The history of the black family is an integral part of our nation's heritage. Black family traditions, arts, sports and music and many other things make up the American culture.

This month celebrates African American families in all their historic diversity. The study of the African American family explores the past and present experiences, rich traditions and contributions made to the history of our country.

FILINGS

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- cumbent, Office 1
- Terry Nelson Burns, Office 1
- Graham-Dustin School Board
- Jimmy Shaddix, Office 1
- Jeremy Pippim, Office 1
- Henryetta School Board
- David Molet, Office 1
- Richard Myers, Office 1

SHOULDERS

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Along with her friend Donna McSpadden, Shoulders was also critical in the founding of H.A.N.D.S. (Help A Needy Diva Survive), a group that offers support and financial assistance to those in the rodeo world who lose a family member, have a serious injury or health issue or encounter other serious problems.

For nearly 20 years, Shoulders was at the forefront of this important organi-

zation.

The Shoulders were committed to the development of the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City (known today as the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum), where many of Jim's trophies, saddles and other memorabilia are housed. In fact, the couple attended the ground-breaking of the Museum itself when, on a cold, blustery day in the early 1950s, Jim turned over the first shovel of dirt on Persimmon Hill.

A longtime Sunday School teacher

and active member of the First United Methodist Church in Henryetta, Shoulders is survived by her brother, James Heindselman; her daughters, Jana and husband Robert Soza, and Marcie and husband Joel Roth; and son Marvin Paul and his wife Lori Shoulders; grandchildren Dana, Justin and wife Kim, James, Rob, Patty, Ellie, Buzz, Grace, Derek, Ashton, Langley and Logan. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jim, and daughter Jamie.

A celebration of life is being postponed at this time due to restrictions

caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Burial was at the New Sonora Cemetery with immediate family only.

When it is safe to gather, a public memorial will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Henryetta.

Contributions can be made in Shoulders' behalf to the First United Methodist Church, 1212 Lake Road, Henryetta, OK 74437, or the Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund, 101 ProRodeo Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80919.

SOIL

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we cannot wait to see what everyone grows," Library Branch Manager Kathe Smith said. "Our local landscape artist, Mark McCullough, has been hard at work putting up fencing using recycled telephone poles and a gate that came from Dr. Garrett's house, a local rosarian."

Currently there are 16 raised garden beds that are available starting this spring. Locals will get the chance to have their name drawn for one of the spots and will need to submit their name and phone number into the library for the drawing that will be held soon.

"Mandy Blocker from the McIntosh County OSU

Extension Office, who has been with us every step of the way, stopped in last week to offer some suggestions for the garden and will be providing some awesome resources and classes for our gardeners. However, every gardener will be responsible for their own seed and keeping their garden spot cleaned up. The city will be providing a water faucet for the gardeners and we have even been offered free fertilizer from local ranchers."

An arbor will be added above the gate, marigolds to keep out the bugs and an old plow will sit on the north end of the garden for decoration. Pots for tomato plants will also be added to each area.

"We can't wait to get started with planting our seeds as we keep growing with our community. Of course none of this would have been possible without all our partners; the Institute of Museum and Library services, Oklahoma Dept. Libraries, Eastern OK Library System, Friends of the Library, McIntosh County Extension, Oklahoma State Dept. of Health, Dr. Philip and Madalyn Davis and Dr. Maurice and Gretchen Payne."

For information on how to reserve a space for this spring contact the library at 918-473-6715.

CHECOTAH NEWS

PNB to close President's Day

Peoples National Bank will be closed Monday, Feb. 15 in the national observance of President's Day. All its facilities will be open during regular business hours on Tuesday, Feb. 16.

Checotah Local Youth Livestock Show coming soon

Help support your local livestock show and the youth of Checotah. Please consider being a buyer and contributing to the future of agriculture in our local area.

Checotah Local Show is Saturday, Feb. 13 at the Checotah Ag Barn starting at 9 a.m.

Buyer's Dinner Monday, Feb. 15 at 6 p.m. with the Premium Sale to follow.

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Voters should apply now for absentee ballots

Voters in McIntosh County who live in the Warner School District should apply now if they wish to have absentee ballots mailed to them for the March 2 Special Election.

Although the County Election Board can accept applications for absentee ballots until 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 23, voters who want to vote by absentee ballot should apply now to allow time for mailing.

Due to contingencies such as weather conditions and unforeseen events, Post Office officials recommend election materials be mailed at least one week prior to the due date.

At least two mailings are required: once for the County Election Board to mail the ballot to the voter, and then for the voter to mail the ballot back to the

County Election Board.

All ballots must be in the hands of County Election Board officials by 7 p.m. on Election Day to be counted.

Only persons registered to vote at an address within the boundaries of the Warner School District may vote in the school district's election on March 2.

Absentee ballot application forms are available at the County Election Board office located at the McIntosh County Courthouse, 110 N 1st, Eufaula.

An online version of the form can be filled out and submitted electronically using the Online Voter Portal at: www.elections.ok.gov. A print form can also be downloaded at that address.

Janelle McKnight, Secretary of the County Election Board, said any registered voter may vote by absentee ballot

in any election in which he/she is eligible to vote.

Unlike some states, it is not necessary to give a reason for voting absentee.

"While anyone can vote absentee without giving a reason, the law still provides several advantages to absentee voters in some categories," McKnight said. By stating one of the following reasons on their applications, absentee voters can activate special conditions that make it easier for them to use absentee ballots.

The reasons are:

- Voters who are physically incapacitated and voters who care for physically incapacitated persons who cannot be left unattended may vote absentee. They may apply by mail, by fax, by email, on-line or via an agent who is at least 16

years of age and who is not employed by or related within the third degree of consanguinity or affinity to any person whose name appears on the ballot.

- Voters who are confined to nursing homes in the county may vote absentee. An Absentee Voting Board actually goes to the nursing home a few days before the election, sets up a small polling place and allows these persons to vote under circumstances similar to those at a regular precinct polling place. They may apply by mail, by fax, by email, on-line or via an agent who is at least 16 years of age and who is not employed by or related within the third degree of consanguinity or affinity to any person whose name appears on the ballot.
- Military personnel and residents of

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CHECOTAH

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mayor, H.G. Turner won the election held Oct. 25, 1898.

Cotton became the money-making crop of the grassy prairie and Checotah had five gins running at one time.

The Katy Depot became the shipping point of all this industry and agricultural products.

By 1917 World War I would be felt not just on the front lines but also on the home front as Checotah boys as well as others went to battle.

After the war, Checotah saw an industrial decline and then the stock market crashed in 1929. The Great Depression had made the economy even worse by the 1930s. Times were definitely hard to say the least.

It seemed President Franklin D. Roosevelt would turn the economy around, but unfortunately war would find America again with the bombing of Pearl Harbor in Dec. 7, 1941.

During World War II Checotah's agricultural resources were a vital asset to the war's effort. Many women were drawn from their homes into the workforce. When WWII was finally over by 1945 Americans would know that they could rise above the conflict and communities could come together and survive.

Since that time the United States has fought five more major wars - Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf War, Iraq and Afghanistan, but not many can be classified successful. The price of freedom being such a high cost for so many lives.

However, Checotah which had seen its ups and downs still rose to its next transformation and transitioned to flourish once again. The building of the Eufaula Dam was such a project that was authorized by the River and Harbor Act Authority in 1946 to help control flood waters and generate hydroelectric power.

The planning would begin in 1948 but the project would not be completed until 1964 as railroads, cemeteries, water and sewage systems were relocated just like the dislocated farmers in the bottom land.



Checotah's New City Hall.

STAFF PHOTO | LADONNA RHODES

Though the historic landmark Standing Rock would forever be submerged under the Canadian River with the closing of dam gates, a new era of recreation would be born with 600 miles of shoreline in the largest-capacity lake in the state of Oklahoma.

The highlight for many locals would be the dedication of the dam in 1964 by President Lyndon B. Johnson. A huge gathering would take place at the Dam Site South to witness the historic event and Checotah's own Dr. Charles E. Mitchell who served as President of the Lake Eufaula Dam Association would be there.

Lady Bird Landing Campground would offer beautiful views of the lake with 52 RV campsites, a boat ramp, playground, restrooms, showers and more, helping to boost the area's economy again.

Many locals still prefer to live in the vast developed shorelines that have become a part of the surrounding communities today.

Over the years the rugged prairie has had its advantages too and has rounded up several champion-

ship cowboys from Checotah. Those cowboys have competed and won world championships to find their place in the world, giving Checotah another title, Steer Wrestling Capital of the World.

Checotah also became known as the crossroads of America due to its location with US69 north-south route running from the Great Lakes to New Mexico and intersecting at I40 running east-west from sea to shining sea.

These significant highways used to transport military equipment across the United States caused Checotah to gain national attention on Sunday, Aug. 4, 1985 when a pre-dawn explosion rocked the area causing \$4 million in damages to homes, businesses and the schools.

The accident involved two elderly ladies who collided with a McAlester DemolitionTransport truck carrying eight 2,000 pound TNT bombs that detonated when the car caught fire.

The entire town was evacuated, as people took shelter in churches, schools and private homes outside the four-mile radius.

The National Guard was called. Marshall Law was declared and a congressional investigation began. When people returned the town looked like a war zone with shattered windows and damage from the blast. Though miraculously no one was killed in the ordeal, it would take months to remove debris, repair buildings and homes, and restore Checotah back to its former self.

Yet again the historic little town would stand tall and proud as a "Gem on the Prairie" and the gateway to beautiful Lake Eufaula built for generations to enjoy.

Though small town girls who sang "I Ain't in Checotah Anymore" would rise to fame, they would also play a huge part in helping the City of Checotah with the C.A.T.S. Foundation (Checotah Animal, Town, School) and a Splash Pad at the Checotah Sports Complex, which also boast of baseball fields, a walking trail, a disc golf course, a pavilion with playground equipment and more.

Checotah has seen more progress over the last few years with new buildings which house art galleries, salons, daycares, the new high school and other businesses. Old buildings have been renovated to become restaurants, the Chamber of Commerce and the new City Hall.

From the new vinyl fencing surrounding the city to the new signage marking the historical path of Jefferson Highway through downtown Checotah, the balance of preserving the town's heritage while looking forward to the future is evident in all that is seen.

Though Checotah may have started with humble beginnings, it can boast of the beautiful town it is today as it celebrates its 149th birthday this month.

STUDENT of the WEEK

February 11-17, 2021

Adam Kéltón Oxtoby

- Age: 18 • Class: 2021
- Family: Stephanie & John Oxtoby
- Extracurricular Activities: Basketball, 4-H
- Interests: Working on my truck and hanging with family

FAVORITES

- Food: Sushi
- Subject in School: Science
- Holiday: Halloween
- Band or Singer: Tyler Childers
- Actor: Kevin Hart
- Movie: Night School
- TV Show: Yellowstone
- High School Moment: When Ratt and Shayla almost burnt down Chaney's room.

FUN FACTS

- If I could be anybody for a day, I'd be: Me, Myself, and I
- Someone I'd like to meet: My Great Grandma
- One thing I can't live without: My Family
- Something most people don't know about me: My appearance says otherwise, but I'd rather be in the country outside working than anything.



Who inspires you and why?

My mom and dad inspire me the most. They've taught me to stay humble through tough times and to always be there for family and help anyone who needs it. They're both really successful with college degrees and I'd like to be there one day.

What are your plans after graduation and why?

I plan to attend Connors State College and major in Agricultural Business then move on to a four-year college. I've always had a hunch for agriculture and making an impact in the industry. I'd like to see that it is successful and I hope to do that one day for the business.

What advice would you give to future Wildcats?

Man... time flies for sure! Always enjoy every moment of your life because you never know when it's your last. If something negative happens, do your best to make it positive.

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

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OBITUARIES



J.L. Matthews

November 18, 1939 - January 26, 2021

J. L. Matthews, Oktaha resident, passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2021 at his home in Oktaha at the age of 81. He was born on Saturday, Nov. 18, 1939 to Jay and Lucy Grose Matthews in Checotah, Oklahoma.

J. L. attended Victor School and graduated from Checotah High School in 1958. On Sept. 5, 1959, he married the love of his life, Sharon Doyle in Eufaula, Oklahoma.

He went on to further his education, receiving his bachelor's degree from Oklahoma State University in 1962. J. L. went to work for the Army Corps of Engineers, retiring after 33 years.

He loved to ranch and take care of his cattle.

J. L. was a member of the Church of Christ.

He loved spending time going to all his grandkids, nieces, and nephew's ballgames.

He will be greatly missed by his family and all who loved and knew him.

J. L. was preceded in death by his parents, Jay and Lucy Matthews, and his

brother, John Matthews.

He is lovingly survived by his wife, Sharon Matthews of the home in Oktaha; his daughters Kari Matthews Vaughn and her husband Mike of Tulsa, Lori Matthews and her husband Mark Greer of Checotah, and Luci Matthews Jamison and her husband Bob of Houston, Texas; his son, Mike Matthews and his wife Annette of Berthoud, Colo.; eight grandchildren, and nine great-great-grandchildren.

J. L. is also survived by his brothers, Roy Matthews, and his wife Donna of Oktaha, and Jack Matthews of Checotah, his sister-in-law, Pauline Matthews of Tulsa as well as piles of nieces, nephews and a lot of friends.

You may share online condolences with J. L.'s family at www.garrettfamilyfuneralhome.com.

The family of J. L. Matthews entrusted his care, services and cremation to John & Kim Garrett and the dedicated staff of Garrett Family Funeral Home & Cremation Service 311 SW 2nd Checotah, Okla. 74426 (918) 473-2244.

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COURTESY PHOTO

Brandy Johnson displays telephone and other adaptive equipment available through Oklahoma School for the Deaf's Equipment Distribution Program at employment fairs, senior centers and community events.

OK School for the Deaf offers adaptive equipment

Program offered to Oklahomans with hearing or speech communication needs

Telephone and assistive equipment is available for eligible Oklahomans who are deaf, hard of hearing, deaf-blind and those with speech communication needs through the Oklahoma School for the Deaf's Equipment Distribution Program.

This adaptive equipment is free or at little cost for those who meet the guidelines of the program. The equipment program is located on OSD's main campus in Sulphur.

The school is a division of the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services.

"OSD's Equipment Distribution Program offers telephone devices, such as amplified phones, captioned phones which au-

tomatically display conversation as text, and text telephones (TTYs) with keyboards that enable users to type messages that are transmitted over regular phone lines," Brandy Johnson, DRS equipment distribution program coordinator, said.

Home alerting devices that are available through the program include flashing or vibrating signalers. The assistive equipment will alert the consumer by vibration and/or flashing lights when the phone rings, an alarm clock buzzes, a smoke alarm sounds, a doorbell rings, a baby cries and/or when severe weather warnings are issued.

"It is an honor to be the home of the Equipment

Distribution Program and one more way that the Oklahoma School for the Deaf fulfills its statutory role as a statewide resource on deafness," OSD Superintendent Chris Dvorak said. "Brandy works hard each and every day to serve Oklahomans with all levels of hearing across all ages to improve access, equity and quality of life."

For more information about OSD's Equipment Distribution Program or other services for Oklahomans who are deaf or hard of hearing, please visit https://www.osd.k12.ok.us/255639_2 or contact Johnson by phone at 580-622-4913, videophone for the deaf at 405-294-3977 or bjohnson@osd.k12.ok.us.

DEATH NOTICES

CHECOTAH - Roland E. Waldo passed away Jan. 20, 2021. Memorial will be Feb. 19, 2021 at 1 p.m. at Fort Gibson National Cemetery.

EUFULA - Thelma (MiMi) Knight Shields, 78, passed away on Friday, Jan. 29, 2021 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Family visitation was on Tuesday, Feb. 16 from 5 - 7 p.m.

Services will be held in the Chapel at Hunn, Black, & Merritt on Wednesday, Feb. 17 at 2 p.m. with Mike Scifres officiating. Interment was at the Greenwood Cemetery in Eufaula.

MUSKOGEE - Rev. W. Dean Moore, 82, minister and author of more than 20 books, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 30, 2021. A memorial service was held Feb. 3 at Muskogee First Assembly of God Church. Intermittent was at San Bois Cemetery in Kinta.

WARNER - Toby Ray Parent, 48, passed away Saturday, Jan. 30, 2021. A memorial service was held Feb. 5 at the Warner Assembly of God. Burial at Warner Memorial Cemetery.

CHECOTAH - Morgan Tindle Vandiver, infant daughter of Misty Vandiver and David Morehead passed away Jan. 30, 2021. A graveside service was held Feb. 8 at Citizens Cemetery, Ft. Gibson.

COWETA - Kathryn Evelyn Davis, 66, homemaker, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 30, 2021 in Tulsa. Cremation. No service planned.

OKTAHA - Gerald Edward Graham, 73, tack shop owner, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 31, 2021 in Tahlequah. No viewing. Memorial service 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 5, 2021 at Granite Station Cowboy Church, Checotah.

WARNER - Mary Belle Hansen, 88, passed away Sunday, Jan. 30, 2021. Private service at a later date.

CHECOTAH - Joe Butenschoen, 98,

Adjudicator for Veteran's Administration, passed away on Monday, Feb. 1, 2021 in Tulsa. Rosary 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, 2021 at Garrett's Serenity Chapel, Checotah. Service 12:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, 2021. St. Paul Catholic Church, Eufaula. Burial Greenwood Cemetery, Eufaula.

EUFULA - Marcia Rae Russell, 69, passed away on Monday, Feb. 1, 2021 at the St. Francis Hospital in Muskogee, Oklahoma. Cremation arrangements were made with Hunn Black & Merritt Funeral Home & Crematory. Online condolences may be made at www.hbmfuneralhome.com.

CHECOTAH - Carolyn Ann (Jones) Hale, 86, passed away Monday, Feb. 1, 2021. A memorial service was held Feb. 10 at Greenlawn Cemetery, Checotah. Condolences can be made at www.checotahfuneralservice.com.

CHECOTAH - Betty Lou Jones, 86, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2021. A graveside service was held Feb. 8 at Greenlawn Cemetery, Checotah.

CHECOTAH - Ellen Greenleaf Colbert, 79, custodian, cafeteria worker and caretaker, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2021. Graveside services were conducted Feb. 10 in Oktaha Cemetery.

CHECOTAH - Mary Lou Mattison, 75, Checotah resident, passed away on Thursday, Feb. 4, 2021 in Tulsa. Service was Monday, Feb. 8 at Greenlawn Cemetery Pavilion, Checotah.

EUFULA - Sue Ann Bumgarner, 85, passed away on Friday, Feb. 5, 2021 at the McAlester Regional Health Center. A funeral service was held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2021 at the Kelley Memorial Chapel with Ernest Best and Gary Hawkins officiating.

Burial followed at Morrison Cemetery under the direction of Hunn Black & Merritt Funeral Home & Crematory. Online condolences may be made at www.hbmfuneralhome.com

Grants available from Oklahoma Humanities

Oklahoma Humanities (OH) has announced new grant funding is available for cultural programming.

OH is accepting applications by March 1 from nonprofits wishing to apply for a Major Grant award of up to \$10,000 or a Challenge Grant award of up to \$20,000.

Major and Challenge Grant applications are reviewed by the OH Board of Trustees in late April, and applicants are notified of funding decisions by May 1.

Eligible projects must support OH's mission to strengthen communities by helping Oklahomans learn about the human experience, understand new perspectives, and participate knowledgeably in civic life.

OH grants can fund a variety of humanities-based projects including ex-

hibits, lectures, panel discussions, websites, film festivals, and more.

"Local communities across the state can receive funding for projects with diverse, thought-provoking ideas about the human story," said Executive Director Caroline Lowery. "OH is proud to award over a quarter million dollars in grants each year to sustain our cultural institutions, catalyze capacity building, and provide cultural opportunities statewide."

Visit okhumanities.org/grants for more information about Oklahoma Humanities grants including a brief video introduction to the grant process and detailed application guidelines.

Questions about the grant application process can be directed to OH Senior Program Officer Kelly Burns at Kelly@OkHumanities.org.

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OPINION

Senseless tragedies

LaDonna's
LAST WORD

by LaDonna Rhodes



Senseless tragedies are happening all around us today. Lives are being snuffed out by evil individuals who seem to have no sense of remorse and no conscience. Just in this past week alone seven children and two adults have lost their lives and one adult is still recovering.

The first family was from Sand Springs. The deranged man fatally stabbed his four-year-old daughter River, his two-year-old daughter Piper and his girlfriend Anastacia "Stacey" before killing himself.

I'm not surprised that he had a history of domestic assault, not with Stacey, but in his other

past relationships. However, none of those cases resulted in any convictions. Am I surprised? Not really.

According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence 72% of all murder-suicides involve an intimate partner; 94% of the victims of these murder-suicides are female.

I guess the police won't have to worry about pressing any charges anymore. Officers called it "a tragedy for the community," but I call it an "injustice to every battered partner."

The mother of the man discovered the bodies Saturday when she came over to babysit so the cou-

ple could go out for Stacey's birthday. Wow, even more heartbreaking.

Plus Stacey had two other teenage children from another relationship who now have to navigate life without a mother.

The second family was from Muskogee. This mass murder was only two miles from my home and .3 miles from my friend's home.

This father shot and killed three of his own children, one-year-old Jalaiya, three-year-old Jaidus, and six-year-old Neveah. He also killed his girlfriend's two other children, five-year-old Harmony and nine-year-old Quedynce along with his brother Javarion.

He tried to kill his girlfriend Brittany but she survived. Though she survived physically, I can't help but wonder how she will survive mentally. I can't even imagine bury-

ing one of my children let alone all five. Absolutely heartbreaking and senseless. This mother's heart will ache as she does her best to navigate life without her children now.

These are the psychopaths that are wreaking havoc and causing such destruction in our communities. These psychopaths are generally cold-hearted and calculating as they carefully plan out each move and use aggression to get everything they want to destroy everyone and everything in their path.

Both of these men, who I will not give fame to their names only their victims, had different skin colors, different backgrounds, different dynamics but tragic outcomes due to mental health illnesses going unchecked and domestic violence being swept under the rug too many times.

So what can we do to make a difference?

We can stand up for victims.

We can fight back and create better policies and procedures to follow up on domestic violence cases and vote for those individuals that represent our towns.

We can make sure our voices are heard loud and clear and that all these young lives were not lost in vain.

We must learn to stand up and speak up when we see domestic violence happening in our neighborhoods, in our churches (yes I said it) and in our own homes.

We cannot be silent any longer. Children are dying. Partners are dying. This has got to stop because our world as we know it is dying from all these senseless tragedies.

Advocacy efforts take center stage



For the Children

By Joe Dorman, CEO

Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy

With the work beginning at the State Capitol in the Oklahoma Legislature this past week, the Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy (OICA) also has hit the ground running.

OICA is tracking roughly 400 bills filed by lawmakers which could have a significant impact on children and families in our state. Generally, we avoid measures related education, instead tracking legislation focused on the health and well-being of Oklahoma's youth. This occasionally overlaps with school policies, such as suspensions,

counseling, and nutrition programs.

Between now and the last Friday in May, by which the Legislature must complete its work, we will monitor, make suggestions for modifications, and alert the public about critical issues. We have found contact from Oklahomans often helps make bad bills good and good bills even better.

Follow this column, our website, and social media, to keep up to date about the myriad issues being considered. Each Thursday, we send electronic newsletters to subscribers. We have

regular "action alerts" on time-critical legislative activity. Both are free for subscribers at oica.org. By staying informed and acting, Oklahomans make a difference as we work to improve the quality of life for our state's youngest residents.

Part of our advocacy includes projects encouraging young Oklahoma to get involved in advocacy. Last year, we held several competitions allowing young advocates the opportunity to showcase their talent and help make a difference in the state.

We were pleased to partner with the Oklahoma State Medical Association (OSMA) for our calendar art competition. Young artists were called to submit work for inclusion in our

2021 daily desktop calendar. The submissions were impressive and the judges from our board and OSMA doctors had a difficult time choosing a winner.

The theme was "Oklahoma Children's Healthy Future", and the winner was Susan Elmore, a 12-year-old artist from Oklahoma City. Her art graces the front of the desk calendar for people to see every day. Susan also won \$100 and a calendar from OICA. Many thanks to all those who entered. You can see their works on the daily pages of the calendar posted to OICA's Facebook and Twitter each morning at 8 a.m. If you would like a calendar of your own, you can email cfaulkner@oica.org for details.

The next initiative was

our Census Community Challenge. OICA created this competition to help improve the Census count in towns across the state by holding a rivalry contest. We reached out to municipal and school leaders, encouraging them to get members of their local area involved boost U.S. Census response. Each person counted in a Census response brings back to our state about \$1,700 per year in our tax dollars we send to Washington, D.C.

Wann, Oklahoma, located in Nowata County, won the effort, increasing their Census self-response rate from 3.4% on May 17 to 50.8% on Oct 28, when the Census ended. Their 47.4-point improvement was greater than any other community in Oklahoma. They

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Legislature convenes

The first session of the 58th Legislature Convened Monday, Feb. 1.

We first heard from Gov. Kevin Stitt who delivered his annual State of the State address. Gov. Stitt detailed the state's many efforts to address COVID-19 while keeping businesses open, workers employed and the state running – all in an effort to keep our economy strong even while working to keep our citizens safe.

The governor detailed his priorities for the coming year, and touched upon several areas where he and legislative leaders have found common ground. Those include keeping burdens low on our taxpayers; supporting our energy industry and protecting it from radical policies; fighting for our farmers and ranchers and the Oklahoma way of life; enacting business



Avery Frix

friendly policies; protecting the rights of unborn children and standing up for the personal and religious freedoms of Oklahomans.

We will be tackling many of those issues through legislation this year. Committee work has already started, and over the next month we will be hearing House bills on the floor.

At the same time, we have been working on our state budget. The state Board of Equalization in

December estimated the Legislature would have \$8.4 billion in revenue to build the state budget for Fiscal Year 2022. Some of that will go to pay back non-appropriated funding sources we directed into the budget last year. In addition, we continue to see low oil and gas prices and the economic effects of the pandemic, so we may end up with less than that for the final budget. We will get certified revenue figures Feb. 16, and we'll have a clear picture at that point of how much we are working with.

House Appropriations & Budget subcommittees met in January to hear budget requests and performance reviews from each of the agencies under their purview. The overall Appropriations and Budget Committee also held hearings at the end of the month with the

six agencies that receive the most in-state appropriations. These are the state Department of Education, the Regents for Higher Education, and the Department of Human Services, the Oklahoma Health Care Authority, the Department of Transportation and the Office of Management and Enterprise Services. These hearings gave lawmakers an opportunity to ask questions and hear a deeper dive into needs for the coming fiscal year. By the end of session, I'm confident we will have a strong budget that supports all of our core services.

Avery Frix serves District 13 of the Oklahoma House of Representatives. He can be reached by phone at (405) 557-7302 or via email at avery.frix@okhouse.gov.

President Biden's assault on American energy



MULLIN IT OVER

by U.S. Representative Markwayne Mullin

It was no secret President Biden planned to destroy the oil and gas industry if elected president and in the first week of his administration, he took action to do just that. American energy production plays a vital role in our country's job creation and economic growth, especially in Oklahoma. His assault on the oil and gas industry will threaten our national security, raise prices for American families, and kill jobs.

Within hours of being sworn in, President Biden issued an executive order cancelling a key permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline. The economic impact of this is significant. It will directly cost 2,000 American jobs, with many already laid-off, and severely impact thousands more. Over 100 miles of the pipeline have already been constructed and billions of dollars have been invested in both the U.S.

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COMMUNITY

Let there be light

JERRY FINK
MANAGING EDITOR

Traffic leaving U.S. Highway 69 at the SH-9 exit ran into a traffic jam around 7 a.m. several days last week, until the Oklahoma Department of Transportation set up temporary stop lights at the intersection.

Until the lights were in place, early morning traffic leaving 69 met heavy traffic on SH-9 created by motorists taking their children to the middle and elementary schools.

It was difficult for the motorists leaving 69 to make a left turn at the intersection, which backed up traffic a mile or two onto the U.S. highway.

The congestion was relieved by the lights.

Motorists might as well get used to the four-mile long bottleneck on US 69.

The \$32 million construction

project is expected to last about a year, ending in late December, according to ODOT spokesperson Kenna Mitchell.

“We’re warning that drivers will be backed up there, and they need to be patient and pay close attention to the roadway,” she said.

The construction involves grading, drainage and re-surfacing the highway from SH-9 north to approximately SH-150 (the Texanna Road entrance and exit).

At this stage of the project, traffic is being routed to one lane in each direction on the east side of the highway.

The southbound off-ramp near Love’s is closed, making the SH-9 off-ramp the only exit in Eufaula.

As work progresses, lanes will be switched, Mitchell said.

In addition to adding the portable stop lights, Mitchell said ODOT will determine if more signage is

needed.

When ODOT was rebuilding some of the US 69 highway road in McIntosh County, there were several accidents during the project, which lasted more than a year.

The accidents created major headaches for motorists.

One accident, which caused a chain reaction, occurred in Eufaula on SH-9, near the I Smell Bacon restaurant a few weeks ago.

Investigators haven’t said if it was due to the heavy traffic.

According to a report by the Eufaula Police Department, at about 11 a.m. Mary Ridge was making a left hand turn in her 2008 Toyota from the off ramp at SH-9 and US 69 to go east into town.

The report said Ridge pulled out in front of a westbound 2012 Jeep driven by Kandy Denny, who hit the driver’s side of the Toyota.

“The impact knocked the Toyota into the eastbound lane in front of a White 2019 Chevy 4-door driven by Ashley Newport who was driving into town,” according to the police report.

Newport was unable to stop and collided with the Toyota, police said.

Donna Rice was a passenger with Mary Ridge.

Richard Denny was a passenger with Kandy Denny.

The police said Ridge was taken by Pafford EMS to St. Francis in Muskogee with head and internal injuries. Rice was also transported by Pafford to St. Francis in Muskogee with unknown injuries.

Kandy Denny and Richard Denny were both taken by private vehicle to St. Francis Muskogee for unknown injuries.



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The statue of Will Rogers smiles down from his pedestal in the House connecting corridor on the second floor of the Capitol.

Will Rogers’ one-liners still relevant today

BENNETT BRINKMAN
GAYLORD NEWS

Hands in pockets and sporting a wry smile, the Oklahoman in the US Capitol gazed down from his pedestal as if he had seen it all before.

The statue of Will Rogers was not damaged during the Jan. 6 insurrection in Washington, D.C., but it had, indeed, witnessed something like it before.

In 1932, a group of protesters marched to the U.S. Capitol.

Coming from all over the nation, they camped out for months in shanty towns they built near the Capitol.

Having fought in World War I and promised bonuses for their service, this “bonus army” marched on Washington to demand that the checks be paid immediately, according to the National Park Service.

Eventually, then-President Herbert Hoover called in the army led by Gen. Douglas MacArthur to clear out the protesters with tear gas, causing many injuries and one death.

Rogers expressed his thoughts about the Bonus Army March in his weekly newspaper column.

“I was just thinking of the effect of that being shown all over the world,” Rogers wrote. “We can never go around preaching ‘Disarmament’ and ‘Brotherly Love’ any more.”

Many Americans had a similar reaction after watching the Capitol insurrection of Jan. 6 that left five dead including a Capitol Hill police officer.

Will Rogers’ thoughts still sounding familiar nearly a century later is not unusual, said Tad Jones, executive director of the Will Rogers Memorial

SEE WILL ROGERS, PAGE A9



STAFF PHOTO

Southbound traffic leaving U.S. Highway 69 at the SH-9 exit in Eufaula, around 7 a.m. Early morning traffic was severely congested until Thursday, when ODOT set up temporary stoplights at SH-9 and the exit ramp.

Man charged with killing his brother and 5 children

A 25-year-old Muskogee man was charged with six counts of first degree murder, one count of shooting with intent to kill and with possession of firearms after conviction or during probation.

Jarron Deajon Pridgeon was arrested Wednesday, Feb. 3. He is scheduled to appear in Muskogee County District Court at 9 a.m. on Feb. 18 for a preliminary hearing.

The dead include his brother, Javarion Lee Pridgeon, 24, and five children, identified as Jalaiya Pridgeon, 1; Jaidus Pridgeon, 3; Neveah Pridgeon, 6; Harmony Anderson, 5, and Quedynce Anderson, 9.

Brittany Anderson, mother of the children, was wounded in the shooting rampage and is listed in stable condition at a Tulsa hospital.

Police said three other children in the home were not injured.

According to the Muskogee Police Department, police received a call of multiple people being shot at about 1:30 a.m., Feb. 3.

“Upon arrival, officers encountered a suspect who was holding a firearm. An officer fired one round from his duty rifle, which missed the suspect as he ran from the scene. Suspect was apprehended after a short foot pursuit,” a police report stated,” according to a police press release.

The release said inside the residence were four small children and one adult male, all of them deceased. A fifth child later died at a Tulsa hospital.

Muskogee police said they don’t yet know why Pridgeon fatally shot his brother and the other victims.

The suspect and the victims lived in the home where the shootings occurred, police said.

ABSENTEE

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the county living overseas and the spouses and dependents of each group are eligible to receive absentee ballots. These voters may apply by mail, fax, or by email. Military personnel should contact the Voting Service Officers in their units for application forms and additional information or visit the Federal Voting

Assistance Program website (www.fvap.gov/oklahoma) for more information and instructions. Residents of Oklahoma living overseas can obtain the same materials from any United States military installation and from United States Embassies and Consulates as well as on the FVAP website.

For more information or to view sample ballots, visit www.elections.ok.gov or contact the McIntosh County Election Board at (918) 689-2452.

Other upcoming deadlines for the March 2 Warner School District Special Election include:

- Deadline to request absentee ballot by Mail: Feb. 23
- Early voting at courthouse: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 25, and Friday, Feb. 26
- Election day voting 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at McIntosh County Precinct 460102 only (Church of Christ, 309 E Gentry, Checotah OK) Tues, March 2

ARTS

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of any talented student, regardless of their financial means.

Though the program brings together students of all backgrounds from many parts of Oklahoma, they all have one thing in common: a passion for their chosen art form. For many students, like Chandler resident Tate Radcliffe (Chorus ‘19, ‘20), it’s the first time they’ve encountered so many kindred spirits.

“Everyone [at OSAI] understood whatever high-end music theory concept I mentioned, and the chorus was easily the most densely talented and knowledgeable group of musicians I had ever sung with,” says Radcliffe. “Quartz

showed me an entirely different demographic of people that I had never been in contact with: people like me. I felt at home there.”

Partial audition information for each discipline is listed below. Detailed application instructions are listed on the Oklahoma Arts Institute website. Applicants are also encouraged to follow OAI’s social media accounts (@oaiquartz) for tips and updates.

First, students must submit a general online application and then submit their discipline-specific audition materials by the deadline listed at oaiquartz.org/OSAL.

Acting: Applicants must

upload a video of themselves performing two contrasting monologues from published plays by March 15 at 11:59 pm CST. See the full guidelines at oaiquartz.org/disciplines/acting.

Chorus: Applicants must upload a video of themselves singing two pieces listed on the OAI website by March 15 at 11:59 pm CST. See the full guidelines at oaiquartz.org/disciplines/chorus.

Creative Writing: Applicants must submit creative writing samples online per the guidelines by March 15 at 11:59 pm CST. See the full guidelines at oaiquartz.org/disciplines/creative-writing.

Dance: Applicants must submit a video of themselves performing eight required com-

binations and two prompted solos as demonstrated on the OAI website by March 15 at 11:59 pm CST. See the full guidelines at oaiquartz.org/disciplines/dance.

Drawing & Painting: Applicants must submit three portfolio pieces and one original still-life drawing per the guidelines by March 15 at 11:59 pm CST. See the full guidelines at oaiquartz.org/disciplines/drawing-painting.

Film & Video: Applicants must submit an original film (maximum five minutes) and participate in a Zoom interview. Students must sign up for a Zoom interview on an available date, February 6 through March 9, and submit their film 24 hours before their interview. See the full guidelines

at oaiquartz.org/disciplines/film-video.

Orchestra: Applicants must submit a single, unedited video recording per the instrument-specific instructions by March 15 at 11:59 pm CST. See the full guidelines at oaiquartz.org/disciplines/orchestra.

Photography: Applicants must submit six to eight original images and take part in a Zoom interview. Students must sign up for a Zoom interview on an available date, February 6 through March 9, and submit their film 24 hours before their interview. See the full guidelines at oaiquartz.org/disciplines/photography.

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Checotah stories from the past

JERRY FINK

MANAGING EDITOR

115 Years Ago:

Checotah Times • October 12, 1906

Show Coming

The A.G. Allen United Minstrel Show is billed for Checotah next Monday, October 15. This is one of the best companies of its kind on the road today and will no doubt draw a large crowd in Checotah. An afternoon and evening performance will be given under canvas.

Republican Club Organized

The Pumpkin Ridge Republican club was organized Monday night with a good membership and lots of enthusiasm.

Speeches were made by N.G. Turk, Judge Schofield, Dr. Cain and others.

TURK AND TURNER

On Saturday afternoon the democrats of the 80th delegate district met at Checotah and nominated H.G. Turner of Brush Hill for delegate to the constitutional convention and on Tuesday the republicans met and nominated N.G. Turk.

Both nominations were made by acclamation and the campaign starts out with harmony in both camps.

100 Years Ago:

McIntosh County Democrat • February 10, 1921

DESIGNATE CITY PARK

At the regular meeting of the city council Monday night a resolution was adopted designating part of the water works pasture and the lake as a permanent city park. The matter was introduced to the council members by Dr. J. I. McCulloch who in a very able manner presented arguments why a portion of this property should be designated and set aside as a permanent city park.

The city owns approximately 200 acres of land 3 miles southwest of the city which was originally acquired for water works purposes and a big reservoir constructed thereon.

When the new system was installed three years ago the lake was abandoned for water purposes and the mains extended to the river.

The past two seasons the lake has been greatly enjoyed by many of our citizens as a swimming pool while the pasture has been leased to stock men.

Sunday School boys attend party

Mr. H. G. Newcomb was host to his Sunday School class of boys at his home Tuesday night. A number of interesting contests and games were played after which dainty refreshments were served.

Enforcement Officers Busy

This has been an uncomfortable week for the makers and dealers in "moonshine" or "cat" liquor in this county.

Early in the week enforcement officers from Muskogee and McAlester assisted by local officers started a liquor cleanup campaign in this county.

Quite a large number of arrests of violators were

made, several of whom were fined in our city court and several of whom were sent to Muskogee for trial in the federal court.

75 Years Ago:

McIntosh County Democrat • February 14, 1946

HUGE CANNING PLANT SOUGHT FOR CHECOTAH

Griffin Company Interested in Locating in City

Location of the huge canning plant of the Griffin Grocery Company of Muskogee, in Checotah, was proposed last week by local businessmen.

The Griffin plant, which is now established in Muskogee, is one of the largest in eastern Oklahoma and employs a large number of people besides providing an outlet for thousands of dollars worth of fruits and vegetables.

ELM GROVE BOY GIVEN CITATION FOR GALLANTRY

Jackie Hornsby Given Distinguished Service Cross

A 20-year-old, freckled faced country boy from Council Hill received the nation's second highest award for bravery in battle at a ceremony at Fort Sam Houston, Texas one day last week. He was Jackie Hornsby, son of Mr. and Mrs. B.B. Hornsby of Council Hill who was awarded the distinguished service cross by Col. Robert E. Jones, station commanding officer.

Private Hornsby was cited for extraordinary heroism in Luzon, Philippine Islands, on June 16 of last year. When a platoon of company F 20th infantry, sixth division, was pinned down by a heavily defended Japanese strong point covering a rough stretch of ground near Barat, Luzon, Private Hornsby volunteered to act as lead scout of a unit ordered to flank the enemy position.

New Traffic Light Is Installed in City

Downtown Checotah presented a citified appearance this week following the installation of a red and green traffic light at the intersection of Broadway and Gentry.

Mayor Henry Wells stated that local residents would be expected to obey the signals. Those who are brought up for their second offense will be fined \$2, he said.

Pedestrians are asked to walk on the green light. Jaywalking will still be permitted between the blocks.

50 Years Ago:

McIntosh County Democrat • February 11, 1971

City Telephones Show Big Increase Past Five Years

A big increase in telephones in Checotah during the past five years was announced this week by R.D. Majors, division manager for General Telephone Company of the Southwest.

At the end of December 1970 there were 1,846 telephones in Checotah. That compares with 1,224 telephones at the end of December 1965.

"This is a sign of continued growth of the community," the division manager commented.

Van Meter Receives Bronze Star Medal

Army Sergeant First Class Floyd M. Van Meter, whose wife, Ann, lives at 504 SW Second St., Checotah, recently received the Bronze Star medal while serving with the traffic management agency in Vietnam.

Sgt. Van Meter earned the award for outstandingly meritorious service as chief movements supervisor with the agency's headquarters.

He entered the Army in 1953.

The sergeant, a 1951 graduate of Central High School, Checotah, received an associate science degree in 1956 from Oklahoma State University, Stillwater.

Measles Reaching Epidemic Stages

Rubeola, more commonly known as the hard or 10-day measles, is reaching epidemic stages in several counties in Oklahoma. The most recent outbreak being in Tulsa County with several hundred cases.

Immunization can be obtained from a private physician or at the Health Department each Thursday.

25 Years Ago:

McIntosh County Democrat • February 15, 1996

Newspaper Man John C. Buford Dies at Age 88

John C. Buford, 88, of Checotah, died Monday, Feb. 12, in Muskogee.

Mr. Buford was born Sept. 30, 1907 in Eufaula to R.B. and Marcella (Fossick) Buford.

He was the retired former owner of the McIntosh County Democrat newspaper and has lived in his area all of his life.

Mr. Buford was a graduate of the University of Oklahoma in journalism. He worked for Shreveport, Galveston and the Muskogee Daily Phoenix newspapers before purchasing the McIntosh County Democrat in 1936 and operated the newspaper with his wife, Ruby, until his retirement.

OHS to Resume Search for Civil War Artifacts at Honey Springs Site

A concentrated Oklahoma Historical Society archaeological search for artifacts from the Civil War Battle of Honey Springs will resume with the second phase Feb. 28 to March 17.

Volunteers will search along both sides of Elk Creek, one of the focal points of the 1863 battle, and then continue south toward Rentiesville, said Dr. William Lees, director of historic sites for the Oklahoma Historical Society.

The survey is part of a major project to develop an interpretive center at Honey Springs Battlefield Park, said Lee. The battle will be reenacted for the fourth time on July 20-21 by the Historical Society.

Grass Fires Keep Volunteers Busy

Numerous McIntosh County volunteer fire departments battled area grass fires this past Sunday, including units from Checotah, Texanna, Shady Grove, Onapa, Rentiesville and Central High.

Gusty winds kept firemen busy most of the day, with much of the damage coming in the loss of bales of hay.

Help available for seniors raising children, caregivers for seniors

The Eastern Oklahoma Development District (EODD) Area Agency on Aging has announced the availability of assistance for seniors who are raising children and for caregivers of seniors.

Seniors Raising Children

For those 55 and older who are feeling overwhelmed while caring for a relative child under the age of 18, there is help.

The Seniors Raising Children Online Support Group

is there for you.

Join the online group from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. every Tuesday.

For more information contact Alysa Kinnell or Marissa Proctor, Social Services Specialists, at 918-682-7891 and give them your email address to join or call the SENIOR INFO LINE at 1-800-211-2116.

Caregivers for Seniors

There is an online support group for those who are

caring for seniors 60 and older who are struggling with the effects of Alzheimer's, dementia or Parkinson's disease.

For those who sometimes feel overwhelmed or stressed the online support group from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. every Thursday.

For more information contact Alysa Kinnell or Marissa Proctor, Social Services Specialists, at 918-682-7891 and give them your email address to join or call the SENIOR INFO LINE at 1-800-211-2116.

COMMUNITY

Exhibit highlighting history of 'Black Wall Street,' Tulsa Race Massacre at NSUBA

Northeastern State University students and the public are invited to learn more about Tulsa's Greenwood Area in the early 20th century - sometimes referred to as 'Black Wall Street' - and its subsequent destruction 100 years ago during the Tulsa Race Massacre.

As part of NSU's commemoration of Black History Month, starting today through Feb. 15 the Administrative Services Building Visitors' Center Gallery on the Northeastern State University Broken Arrow campus will host a traveling exhibit highlighting the history of the Greenwood Area and the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre. The exhibit is sponsored by the Tulsa Historical Society.

Kasey Rhone, NSU diversity and inclusion coordinator, said while her father familiarized her about the story behind the Tulsa Race Massacre, she understands some may be unaware of the historic event and requested the exhibit be brought to campus. As the 100th anniversary of the massacre approaches,

Rhone said it is important to revisit this historic event in Oklahoman and U.S. history.

"What I am hoping people take away from this is more awareness of this history," Rhone said. "Not just the tragedy itself but an awareness of what Greenwood was."

According to the Tulsa Historical Society's website, following World War I Tulsa was known nationally as the home of an affluent African American community known as the Greenwood District. However, a series of events from May 31 to June 1, 1921 culminated with white rioters destroying nearly the entire community and killing hundreds. For more information on the exhibit visit www.tulsaohistory.org/learn/programs-tours/greenwood-tulsa-race-massacre-traveling-exhibit/.

Rhone said only one building was not totally destroyed and that was the Historic Vernon Chapel A.M.E. Church, in Tulsa. She said the current pastor

of that church, Rev. Dr. Robert Turner, will discuss the Tulsa Race Massacre virtually on the NSU Office of Diversity and Inclusion Facebook page on Feb. 12 as part of this year's commemoration of Black History Month. The discussion will start at 1 p.m.

The art gallery will continue its commemoration of Black History Month throughout February by featuring work from the Black Moon Collective from Feb. 15 -26. The collective includes Black artists living in the Tulsa area who see art as a healing element with a mission to push innovation and cultivate creativity among the local and global community. For more information on the Black Moon Collective, please visit www.blackmoontulsa.com/.

The visitors' center gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays. They are closed Sundays and all school holidays and breaks.

OSU Extension project helps fight childhood obesity

TRISHA GEDON

OSU COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST

In the battle against childhood obesity, Oklahoma State University Extension is helping students in the Westville Public School District develop safer walking and biking routes to school.

Jessie Garcia, Oklahoma State University Extension educator, High Obesity Program, spearheaded the Safe Routes to School project in Adair County. She said the Oklahoma State Department of Health's Wellness Profile indicates the childhood obesity rate in the county is 51.3%, significantly higher than the state's average of 36.5%.

The Westville City Council passed a resolution to adopt the Safe Routes to School program, which gave the green light to start the project, she said.

"By passing that policy, the town took the first step in creating a sustainable environment for its community," she said. "The town has demonstrated its commitment to the health and safety of students."

In her initial assessment, Garcia saw a need for bike racks, new crosswalks, speedbumps, safe drop-off zones and more. The district has one school that serves students from kindergarten through 12th grade.

"I proposed the idea to the school superintendent because Westville is a rural school and the area around the school wasn't the safest for children who might bike or walk," Garcia said. "These have been issues that have steadily gotten worse over the years. Children had grown accustomed to the state of the streets and sidewalks and that has caused them to take less healthy alternatives."

"With the issues fixed, we're hoping this will encourage parents and children to begin taking steps in the right direction of physical activity," she said.

Thanks to grant funding, as well as financial assistance from the Cherokee Nation, several improvements have been made around the school in eastern Oklahoma. Garcia said she was just starting on the project when the COVID-19 pandemic delayed her plans. The project has been completed now, including: 12 new crosswalks, the repainting of five existing crosswalks, four bike racks, 72 safety signs, 39 sign poles painted in bright colors and four speedbumps. Funding from the Cherokee Nation allowed Yellow-jacket Street in front of the school to be repaved.

The Oklahoma Tobacco Settlement Endowment



COURTESY PHOTO

Adair County OSU Extension Educator Jessie Garcia paints a crosswalk in the Westville Public School District as part of a project to lower obesity rates among school-age children.

Trust (TSET) Healthy Living program contributed paint for the sidewalks, and the Chain Breakers non-profit organization purchased signage promoting a tobacco-, alcohol- and drug-free school. The total budget for the project was just under \$59,000.

"I believe obesity rates are rising because we've become accustomed to a sedentary lifestyle and poor eating patterns, along with genetic factors. If a community provides good school infrastructure, good nutrition, a good park and elements that help children get up and moving, they'll be less likely to be obese," Garcia said. "It's vital for communities to do their part in providing these things for children."

Research shows children who have better academic performance, are healthier and have a safer environment to attend school and exercise will have lower obesity rates. On the other hand, children dealing with

obesity tend to have issues exercising, are self-conscious about their self-image and are at a greater risk for diseases such as diabetes, high blood pressure and cardiovascular issues.

"The long-term goals with Safe Routes to School are to lower obesity rates and get children up and moving," she said. "We want to encourage healthy and active lifestyles, have less traffic congestion around the school and make people more aware of children crossing in crosswalks. The brightly painted poles will help the safety signs stand out more and increase awareness of children in the area."

Westville Superintendent Terry Heustis said he appreciates all of the effort and improvements.

"All of this has really made our campus safer and look better," Heustis said. "We appreciate their partnership in improving our school and we look forward to any programs that we may partner with them in the future."

Cherokee Nation Tribal Councilor Canaan Duncan said he was excited to be part of this project and help make it happen.

"This project is a great example of what can be accomplished through great partnerships. I'm proud to have teamed up with OSU Extension and the City of Westville on this project," Duncan said. "The Cherokee Nation is devoted to investing in the youth, and providing them safe access to school is part of that."

Garcia indicated the next phase of the High Obesity Program project is to revitalize the Westville Park. A Park Revitalization Resolution has already been passed.

"When people feel safe from traffic and protected from crime, they're more likely to utilize something," she said. "This will help connect the school to the park. These children deserve a nice, safe place to play and enjoy after school and during the summer. It also gives families a place to play, relax and have gatherings."

Some ideas for the park include painting the basketball goals and backboards, installing new nets and painting trashcans.

"It really makes me proud to be involved in this project and having a role in making a difference in people's lives," she said. "My hope is that it jumpstarts physical activity in the community. It has been such a blessing to give back to such a deserving community."

WILL ROGERS

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Museum in Claremore.

"As crazy as things may seem today, he made comments 90 years ago that still continue today," Jones said. "These kinds of conversations have been going on a long time."

Echoes of Rogers' thoughts could be heard in a Pew Research Center Fact Tank article which quoted a man in his 60s who said the riot was "A slap in the face to democracy, something you would expect to see in a Third World nation."

The same article said 14% of Americans "expressed surprise, incredulity or embarrassment that such an event could happen in the United States."

This collective embarrassment is similar to what Rogers expressed when he said the U.S. could no longer "preach" about "brotherly love."

From the statue's place on the second floor near the House chamber, not much happens in the Capitol without

its oversight. As one of the few places in the Capitol where camera crews can set up and film, the statue has made its way into many Americans' homes in the background on their TVs.

With his "everyman" approach to politics and American life, Rogers was so popular that in the 1932 election he appeared at and influenced both the Republican National Convention and the Democrat National Convention, said Frank Keating, former Oklahoma governor and author of a Will Rogers children's book.

"His humility, his good cheer, his wonderful respect for his fellow human beings would be a splendid lesson for us today," Keating said. "We build walls between each other, and Rogers would not pull them down, but he would laugh them down."

Born in 1879 in Cherokee Territory near what would eventually become Claremore, Rogers traveled the country and became famous for his roping skills and Western drawl. He stayed famous with his humor and wit.

"I think he was the most popular person in American history," Jones said. "He had politicians, Republican and Democrat, that liked him."

Rogers was able to use his wit to be a part of American politics while staying above the fray of partisanship. He frequently took shots at the whole of Congress with lines such as:

"Most people and actors appearing on the stage have some writer to write their material. Congress is good enough for me. They have been writing my material for years."

Rogers also had many thoughts about elections that are still echoed today.

One of these thoughts, "In this country people don't vote for, they vote against," seems to be rather poignant, Jones said.

"You look at this year's election, and there's a lot of people that voted against Trump, and that happens a lot," Jones said.

Rogers' statue had a front-row view of the rioters nearly three weeks ago. Just before 2:30 p.m., protestors stormed

into the corridor on the second floor of the Capitol, according to a video from the Washington Post. The phrases "Drag 'em out!" and "Hang 'em out!" are shouted as the rioters move toward the House chamber.

One of Rogers' most famous quotes is "I never met a man I didn't like," though if he could see what his statue saw that day, one wonders if the soft-spoken Cherokee could defend that statement.

"Will Rogers is a shining example of what I think civically we should be," Jones said. "You can make your comments, but you still want to have a civil conversation."

For an extensive list of Will Rogers' quotes, visit the Will Rogers Memorial Museum website.

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BUSINESS OF THE MONTH • PRINTY PLEASE

The Checotah Chamber of Commerce announced Printy Please as their Business of the Month.

Printy Please was established in 2006 by owner Rodney Stover. The print shop originally opened in 1984 as Austin Printers at 126 S. Broad-

way St., Checotah.

Their hours are Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Printy Please offers custom printing of banners, signs, decals and apparel. They also have a photo kiosk

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and Canada.

No president should have the authority to unilaterally cancel such a large project that brings good-paying jobs and economic development to our country. That's why I introduced the Promoting Cross-Border Energy Infra-

structure Act, which will prevent further political decisions from destroying the energy industry.

President Biden also signed another executive order banning new oil and gas leasing on federal lands and waters. During the Obama Administration, these same policies resulted in gas prices higher than \$4 per gallon, utility bills that skyrocketed, and thousands of

jobs lost. This is the last thing we need during a global pandemic when many families are already struggling to make ends meet.

With the stroke of a pen, years'-worth of progress toward American energy independence was undone. President Biden promised to work for all Americans in his inaugural address, but these unilateral executive actions are taking

our country in the wrong direction. I will continue to fight back against these reckless decisions.

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



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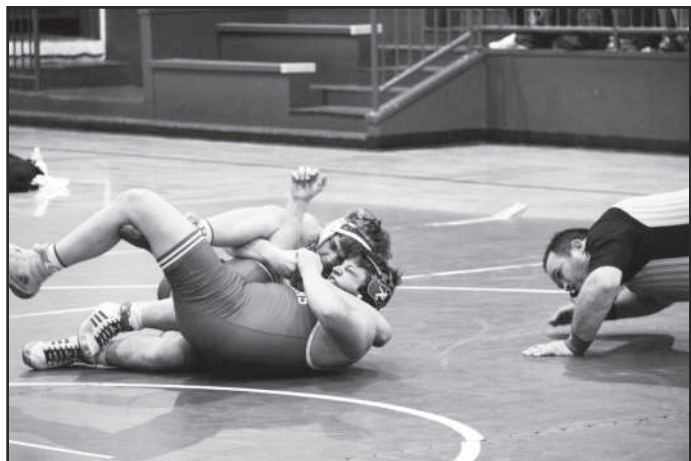
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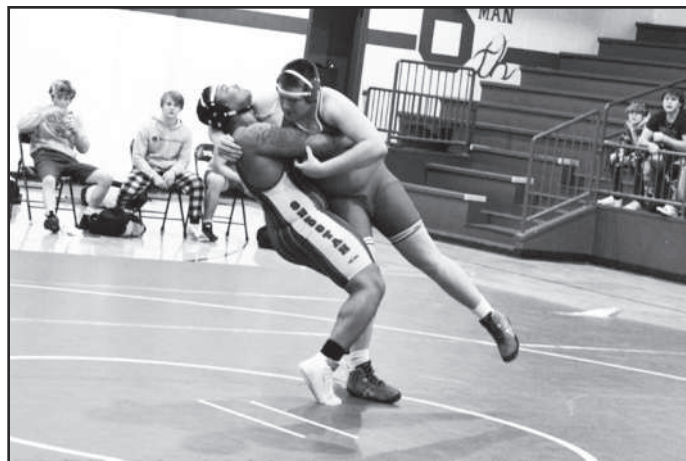
MCINTOSH COUNTY SPORTS

SPORTS FOR THE WHOLE COMMUNITY.



RODNEY HALTOM | SPORTS EDITOR

Cord Montgomery tightens his hold on Andrew Mullins of Stilwell and pins him in 3:20 in the Mat Cats meet on Monday.



RODNEY HALTOM | SPORTS EDITOR

Checotah senior Jalen Atkins picks up Dillion Con of Stilwell and slams him to the mat before pinning him for the win.



RODNEY HALTOM | SPORTS EDITOR

Checotah senior Zach Whitman pins Stilwell's Trey Chuculat in Monday night's action.

Mat Cats celebrate Senior Night, fall to Stilwell

RODNEY HALTOM
SPORTS EDITOR

The Checotah Wildcats wrestling program hosted the highly talented Stilwell Indians Monday night at Truman Dixon Fieldhouse in Checotah. It was a special night for the Wildcat seniors as they were recognized in a pre-meet ceremony.

Afterward there was great action on the wrestling mat. However, Stilwell edged out Checotah 42-40 for the win after the Wildcats had multiple forfeitures in the contest.

"I really thought we did well and competed at a high level. This team continues to improve with each meet. We just need to continue that until we reach our potential as a team," Checotah head wrestling coach Brent Oleson said.

The Checotah seniors of Jalen Atkins, Malachi Harris and Zach Whitman each had victories while Jhonathen McGuire's opponent forfeited.

Meet Results:
Weight-Name-Result

106 Leland Phillips (Checotah) wins by forfeit.

113 Keith McGuire (Checotah) wins by fall 2:42 over Sean Newman.

120 Checotah forfeit.

126 Dalton Murray (Checotah) lost by fall.

132 Zach Whitman (Checotah) won by fall.

138 Checotah forfeit.

145 Malachi Harris (Checotah) wins by fall 2:49.

152 Taner Jones (Checotah) lost by fall 3:38.

160 Checotah forfeit.

170 Cord Montgomery (Checotah) wins by fall 3:20.

182 Creed Hall (Checotah) lost by fall 1:00.

195 Checotah forfeit.

220 Kyler Pouncil wins by major decision 14-3.

285 Jalen Atkins (Checotah) wins by fall in 5:59.

Ironheads split with Pirates

Bulldogs bite Wildcats

RODNEY HALTOM
SPORTS EDITOR

The Eufaula Ironheads split games with the Preston Pirates on Tuesday. Eufaula boys' team dominated Preston to earn a 58-45 victory. It was a game of forced turnovers and free throws. Eufaula outscored Preston 14-7 in the first period and 21-9 in the second period to take a 35-16 lead into the halftime break.

Eufaula has a team full of players that make plays that are not in stats. Several players deflect balls, dive on the court for loose balls and block out to make sure a teammate gets a rebound and that's exactly what happened Tuesday night. The perimeter shoot of Alex Parish and Justis James compliments the skill of driving to the basket and scoring by Nick Jones,

Khelil Deere and Luke Adcock while Tye Pippenger, Jacob Fitzer and Adcock rule the paint for rebounds on both ends of the court.

"I'm really proud of how hard our guys worked tonight. We had six players score with nearly three players in double figures. We just need to keep this pace up and play up to our potential," Eufaula head coach Jeff Oliver said.

Alex Parish led the team with 21 points; Nick Jones 13, Tye Pippenger 9, Justis James 6, Luke Adcock 5 and Jacob Fitzer added four points.

The Lady Pirates defeated Eufaula 62-31 in a lopsided victory. Eufaula came out with a lot of energy and MyKah Osborne was effective under the basket while the Eufaula guards made an impact

as they trailed just 15-11 at the end of the first period. However, the second [period] was all Preston as they out rebounded Eufaula on both ends of the court and forced several turnovers to out score the Lady Ironheads 10-1 and take a 25-12 lead into the halftime break.

Eufaula came out the third period with intensity as McKenzie Crawley and Osborne each grabbed multiple rebounds while Jordas McClish, Kylie Diaz and Allie Anderson forced several turnovers. But Eufaula struggled to score as Preston out scored Eufaula 19-9 in the final period to win 62-31.

"We're a young team and we need to find that confidence that I know these girls have. Preston is a good team and they

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RODNEY HALTOM | SPORTS EDITOR

Eufaula forward Alex Parish drives the baseline and scores over two Preston defenders. Eufaula defeated Preston 58-45. Parish led all scorers with 21-points.

Checotah's Hayden Price signs with Connors State College

RODNEY HALTOM
SPORTS EDITOR

Checotah senior baseball player Hayden Price made a dream come true on Wednesday as he

signed his letter of intent to play for Connors State College. Price had a sensational sophomore year pitching and hitting before last season's cancella-

tion by the OSSAA.

"Hayden has such a great work ethic and is very humble and great teammate. Playing for Connors is a dream come

true for him. He put in a lot of blood, sweat and tears into his game and conditioning and I have no doubt he will have a bright future playing for

the Cowboys' head coach Perry Keith," Checotah head coach Tom Butler said.

"I'm so excited about going to the next level.

I have always wanted to play baseball at Connors and now it's going to happen. I have to thank God,

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RODNEY HALTOM | SPORTS EDITOR

Checotah baseball standout Hayden Price signs his letter of intent with Connors State College. Pictured left to right; Checotah head coach Tom

Butler, Jackie, Hayden and Danny Price and Checotah assistant coach Robert King.



RODNEY HALTOM | SPORTS EDITOR

Hayden Price's family looks on as he signs his letter of intent to play for Connors State College. Front row pictured left to right; Mildred Crawley

(great grandmother), Jackie, Hayden and Danny Price. Back row, Taylor Cone and Helen Waller (grandmother).

Sports

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proved that tonight," Eufaula head coach Jeff Oliver said.

Bulldogs bite Wildcats

The Spiro Bulldogs cruised to a 56-39 victory over the Checotah Wildcats Friday night. Checotah came out and competed at a high level as they trailed 14-10 at the end of the first period. But the Bulldogs turned the tide in the second period scoring 21 points while holding Checotah to eight. Spiro bewildered Checotah's offensive attack and forced numerous turnovers while scoring in transition.

"That second period hurt us. We can't give up 21 points in a period and expect to win if we only score in the single digits," Checotah head coach Jason Dowdy said.

The Wildcats clawed their way back as Spiro out scored them 8-7 in the third period and 15-14 in the fourth period.

"I was proud of how we played in the second half. We made Spiro earn everything thing they got. We just need to play within our own skill set. These guys work hard on and off the basketball court. We're on the verge of turning a corner with this team," Checotah head coach Jason Dowdy said.

Adam Oxtoby led the Wildcats with 11 points, Daylen Warrior had 10, Trey Hurt 7 and Konnor Collins added four points.

The Checotah Lady Wildcats did not compete due to Covid-19 quarantine restrictions.

Basketball Round-Up

On Saturday the Eu-



Eufaula's Jordas McClish drives to the hoop and scores over the outstretched hands of Preston defenders. McClish scored five points in the contest

faula Lady Ironheads defeated Beggs 52-34. The Lady Ironheads were led by freshman Allie Anderson with 16 points. Eufaula outscored Beggs 14-5 in the first period but trailed 20-19 at halftime. Head coach Jeff Oliver had his team focused on defense and rebounding in the second half as Eufaula outscored Beggs 8-7 in the third and ran away in the fourth period 15-7 to earn a big win 52-34. Jordas McClish had 10 points and Mykah Osborne added nine in the win.

In the boys game, Beggs topped Eufaula 64-53. The Demons outscored Eufaula 18-11 in the first and 20-15 in the second period. Alex Par-

ish was on target from the perimeter with 16 points but Beggs out rebounded Eufaula and made their foul shots to get the win. Nick Jones finished with 13 points, Khelil Deere had 9 and Jacob Fitzer added seven points in the loss.

Eufaula rolls to 61-40 victory

The Eufaula Ironheads won their second consecutive game this week with a 61-40 victory over Kellyville on Friday. Eufaula outscored the Ponies in every period. Nick Jones led the team with 19 points. The Ironheads' perimeter shooting and physicality in the paint was incredible. Alex Parish had 12 points, Justis James 10, Khelil Deere 9 and Jacob Fitzer had 7.



Adison McLaughlin sets up a play as she drives up court against Preston.

Oklahoma Coaches Association announce football honors

RODNEY HALTOM
SPORTS EDITOR

Oklahoma Coaches Association announced their All-State team and was joined by 10 other local athletes as OCA All-Stars per class.

In Class 2A, Eufaula wide receiver Nick Jones, running back Noah Alexander and linebacker Ty Pippenger were picked.

Noah Alexander committed to the Army during the summer. Alexander (5'10", 185 pounds) is as strong as he is fast. Alexander had 214 carries for 1,350 yards and 18 touchdowns. He averaged 6.31 yards per carry and caught two passes for 16 yards. Alexander finished his high school career with over 3,000 rushing yards.

Ty Pippenger dominated opposing offenses with his incredible strength, quickness and toughness. He led the team in tackles with 211, over 40 more tackles than his closest teammate. He recorded four quarterback sacks, two forced fumbles, a fumble recovery and an interception returned for a touchdown. Pippenger's (6', 220 pounds) off-season dedication to the weight room was pivotal to his success.

Nick Jones received his first collegiate offer of the season from Northeastern State University. Jones (6'2", 190 pounds) has great speed, quickness and incredible hand/eye co-



Noah Alexander

PRICE

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my parents and extended family and my teammates for all their support. Especially coach Butler and coach King. I would not be here without them," Checotah senior Hayden Price said.

Price will join former teammate Caden Martin at Warner. The Checotah baseball program has been a pipeline of talent for Connors and head coach Keith.

"As parents we are just so happy for Hayden. He has been working so hard to reach this goal and today he made that dream come true," said Hayden's mother Jackie Price.

Price is listed as one of the top high school prospects in Oklahoma. The 6'1", 193-pound senior ran a 7.72 60-yard dash, a 73 mph slider and an 87 mph fastball. Price has so much power in both his upper and lower body that he has a variety of change-ups he can add to his arsenal.

Price is the son of Danny and Jackie Price and the grandson of Helen Waller and the great grandson of Mildred McCauley.



ordination. Jones had 720 yards on 42 catches with six TDs.

The only two area athletes chosen for All-State were Hilldale offensive lineman Jay Stroble and Wagoner defensive lineman Isaac Smith, both picked to take part in the OCA All-State game on July 30.

Selected as All-Stars per class:

Class 6A: Muskogee receiver Antonio Zapata.

Class 4A: Stroble, wide receiver Dylan Walker from Hilldale; Smith, run-

ning back Braden Drake and wide receiver Chase Nanni from Wagoner; Fort Gibson running back Deven Woodworth and linebacker Coleman Patterson.

Class 3A: No area players.

Class 2A: Eufaula wide receiver Nick Jones, running back Noah Alexander and linebacker Ty Pippenger.

Class A: Gore quarterback Weston Shanks, who missed his entire senior year with a torn ACL.

Two Midway Chargers were chosen for the Oklahoma Eight-Man Football Coaches Association's All-Stars by class that included defensive lineman Kanyen Lang and defensive lineman Leslie Howard of



Ty Pippenger



Nick Jones

Texas Tech and Oklahoma State eye Eufaula's Deere

RODNEY HALTOM
SPORTS EDITOR

Khelil Deere could become Eufaula's next Division I athlete since track and field star Macayla Needham signed with North Texas State University. Deere is by far the best athlete as far as God-given talent on any Eufaula roster.

Deere's standout play on the gridiron has caught the attention of Texas Tech and Oklahoma State Universities as both have reached out to Deere and Eufaula head football coach Larry Newton.

"Texas Tech head coach Matt Wells told me he thinks Deere could be the best athlete in Oklahoma," Newton said.

This junior may be the most athletic player on the team. His breakaway

speed is dynamic, hand-to-eye coordination and ability to catch the football is phenomenal. Deere has a great vertical jump and his toughness and ability to tackle defense is impressive. Deere as quarterback was 1-for-1 for 35 yards and a touchdown. He had 11 carries for 74 yards and a touchdown as running back, averaging 6.73 yards per carry. He led the team in receptions with 53 for 1,110 yards and 14 touchdowns. On defense, Deere recorded 38 tackles, a forced fumble and three interceptions. He also led in kickoff returns with three touchdowns and averaged 34 yards per return.

Deere was named the Most Valuable Player for the Eufaula Ironheads by the Eufaula Indian Journal.

HALTOM'S HUDDLE

Class act by Preston

There is no other kind of accolade that a coach can receive than from his peers. Eufaula head coach Jeff Oliver was the recipient of just that Tuesday night at Preston.

Preston superintendent Mark Hudson surprised the crowd between games with an emotional speech and a plaque to Eufaula head coach Jeff Oliver, recognizing him and the 2019-2020 Eufaula girls' team for making the OSSAA 2020 State Tournament and finishing with a 25-4 season.

Oliver was caught by surprise and broke down crying with jubilation. Hudson did not have to do that but after a long friendship and Oliver's 29 years of coaching, he felt the need to recognize Eufaula and their accomplishment.

That my friends is a class act on Preston and Hudson's part and also the definition of sportsmanship and kindness. May we see many more types of sportsmanship and acts of kindness as we chart through an up and down athletic season in high school sports in Oklahoma and across the nation.

1-2-3 break.



Rodney Haltom

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WRESTLING SCHEDULE

Feb. 19-20 Regionals TBA

Feb. 26-27-State OKC TBA

Checotah High School Basketball Schedule

2-12 vs. Poteau JV/V 4:00/6:30

2-13 at Eufaula JV/V 4:30/6:30

Eufaula High School Basketball 2020-21

Schedules are subject to change.

Feb. 11 Thurs. @ Kiefer* V - 6:00

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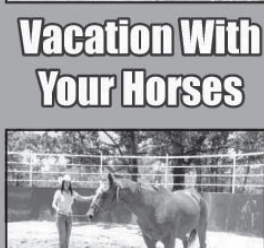
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Checotah senior Malachi Harris is the son of Michelle and Carl Woods.



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Checotah senior Zach Whitman is the son of Kristie and Lance Whitman.



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Checotah senior Jhonathen McGuire is the son of Glenna Botello and Earl McGuire.



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Checotah senior Jalen Atkins is the son of Kimberly Atkins.

On this day in Black History

RODNEY HALTOM

On February 11, 1920 – Daniel “Chappie” James was born on this date in 1920. He was an African American pilot and military commander. From Pensacola, Florida, he learned to fly while attending the Tuskegee Institute and after graduation in 1942 continued civilian flight training until he received appointment as a Cadet in the Army Air Corps in January 1943. He was commissioned in July 1943 and throughout the remainder of World War II he trained pilots for the all-Black 99th Pursuit Squadron while working in other assignments. James was next stationed in Ohio and in the Philippines.

During the Korean War he flew 101 fighter missions. From 1953 to 1956 he was at Otis Air Force Base, Massachusetts, and there was promoted to the rank of Major. After graduating from the Air Command-Staff School in 1957, he was assigned to staff duty in Washington.

From 1960 to 1967, where he was stationed in England, Arizona and in Vietnam where from 1966-67 he flew 78 combat missions. By then a

Colonel, James was Vice Commander of the 33rd Tactical Fighter Wing, Elgin Air Force Base, Florida, in 1967-69. From there he was promoted to Brigadier General, was named base commander of Wheelus Air Force Base in Libya. In March 1970 he became Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs and advanced to Major General. In September 1974, with the rank of Lieutenant General, he became Vice Commander of the Military Airlift Command at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. In 1975, James became the first Black officer in the history of the United States military to attain 4-star full General rank. At that time he was named Commander of the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD), with accountability for all aspects of the air defense of the United States and Canada.

He was also much-sought after as a public speaker and devoted considerable time to addressing youth groups, particularly minority students. Daniel James died shortly after his retirement from the Air Force of a heart attack in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Bucs win Super Bowl

Brady wins seventh championship

RODNEY HALTOM
SPORTS EDITOR

Buccaneers quarterback Tom Brady led Tampa Bay to a 31-9 victory against Kansas City at Raymond James Stadium. He won his seventh Super Bowl title in 10 tries. He was the MVP for the fifth time. Both are NFL records.

Brady was 21 of 29 passing for 201 yards and three touchdowns. He connected for two touchdowns with Rob Gronkowski, who joined Brady in Tampa Bay from New England after com-

ing out of retirement. And his third touchdown went to Antonio Brown, who Brady wanted with him on the Buccaneers team.

Kansas City quarterback Patrick Mahomes was 26 of 49 passing for 270 yards and two interceptions (both on tipped passes), and it was the first time he didn't throw a touchdown in a game since Week 4 of the 2019 season, a 34-30 victory against the Lions. His 52.3 passer rating was the worst of his career.

On this day in U.S. military history

RODNEY HALTOM

On February 11, 1765 – The term “Sons of Liberty” is used in a letter written by Jared Ingersoll, Sr. The term would soon be adopted by American patriots.

1790 – The first petition to Congress for emancipation of the slaves was made by the Society of Friends.

1805 – Sacagawea, the Shoshone Indian interpreter and guide to the Lewis and Clark expedition, gives birth to her first child, Jean Baptiste Charbonneau. Meriwether Lewis and William Clark first met the young Sacagawea while spending the winter among the Mandan Indians along the Upper Missouri River, not far from present-day Bismarck, North Dakota.

1809 – Robert Fulton patented the steamboat.

1890 – President Benjamin Harrison orders 11 million acres of Sioux Reservation territory open for settlement.

1939 – A Lockheed P-38 Lightning flies from California to New

York in 7 hours 2 minutes.

1943 – General Eisenhower was selected to command the allied armies in Europe.

1944 – At the Anzio beachhead, German forces capture “The Factory” from the British 1st Division. Meanwhile forces of the US 5th Army continue to engage German defenders around Cassino. The US 34th Division makes an unsuccessful attempt to approach the Cassino monastery from the north.

1945 – American USAAF B-24 and B-29 bombers raid Iwo Jima in preparation for the landings later in the month. They drop a daily average of 450 tons of bombs over the course of 15 days (6800 tons).

1951 – U.N. forces pushed north across the 38th parallel once again. Forty-five years after shipping out to fight in Korea, Col. Harry Summers, Jr. got new insight into what the war had been all about.

1951 – General MacArthur informed the Joint Chiefs of Staff,

“It is evident that the enemy has lost his chance for achieving a decisive military decision in Korea.” This statement came on the eve of the Chinese fourth phase offensive.

1951 – The Chinese fourth-phase offensive was launched against X Corps in central Korea along the Hoengsong-Wonju axis. The U.S. 2nd and 7th Infantry Divisions and the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team suffered 2,018 casualties during the Battle of Hoengsong. The largest single loss of U.S. soldiers happened when 530 men of the 15th and 503rd Field Artillery Battalions were completely overrun.

1952 – Captain Margaret G. Blake, the first Army nurse in Korea to earn the Bronze Star Medal, and one of the very few in any service to return voluntarily to Korea, finished her second tour of duty.

1973 – First release of American prisoners of war from Vietnam takes place.

Congressional Medal of Honor Citations for actions taken this day

*BENNETT, THOMAS W.

Rank and organization: Corporal, U.S. Army, 2d Platoon, Company B, 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry. Place and date: Chu Pa Region, Pleiku Province, Republic of Vietnam, 9-11 February 1969. Entered service at: Fairmont, W. Va. Born: 7 April 1947, Morgantown, W. Va. Citation: For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty. Cpl. Bennett distinguished himself while serving as a platoon medical aidman with the 2d Platoon, Company B, during a reconnaissance-in-force mission. On 9 February the platoon was moving to assist the 1st Platoon of Company D which had run into a North Vietnamese ambush when it became heavily engaged by the intense small arms, automatic weapons, mortar and rocket fire from a well fortified and numerically superior enemy unit.

In the initial barrage of fire, 3 of the point members of the platoon fell wounded. Cpl. Bennett, with complete disregard for his safety, ran through the heavy fire to his fallen comrades, administered life-saving first aid under fire and then made repeated trips carrying the wounded men to positions of relative safety from which they would be medically evacuated from the battle position. Cpl. Bennett repeatedly braved the intense enemy fire mov-

ing across open areas to give aid and comfort to his wounded comrades. He valiantly exposed himself to the heavy fire in order to retrieve the bodies of several fallen personnel. Throughout the night and following day, Cpl. Bennett moved from position to position treating and comforting the several personnel who had suffered shrapnel and gunshot wounds.

On 11 February, Company B again moved in an assault on the well fortified enemy positions and became heavily engaged with the numerically superior enemy force. Five members of the company fell wounded in the initial assault. Cpl. Bennett ran to their aid without regard to the heavy fire. He treated 1 wounded comrade and began running toward another seriously wounded man. Although the wounded man was located forward of the company position covered by heavy enemy grazing fire and Cpl. Bennett was warned that it was impossible to reach the position, he leaped forward with complete disregard for his safety to save his comrade's life. In attempting to save his fellow soldier, he was mortally wounded. Cpl. Bennett's undaunted concern for his comrades at the cost of his life above and beyond the call of duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the U.S. Army.



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Lake Eufaula Fishing Report

Elevation above normal, water 37 and murky. For current elevation conditions go to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers website at <https://www.swt-wc.usace.army.mil/EUFA.lakepage.html>. Crappie good on hair jigs, jigs, live bait, minnows and tube jigs around brush structure, creek channels, docks and main lake. Largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass good on crankbaits, jerk baits, jigs, small lures and spinnerbaits around brush structure, coves, docks, main lake, points and standing timber. Blue, channel and flathead catfish good on chicken liver, cut bait, hotdogs, live shad and stinkbait below the dam, along channels, creek channels, flats, main lake and river channel.

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

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Legal Notice

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CALVIN LEON DORNAN, a/k/a CALVIN, L. DORNAN, a/k/a CALVIN DORNAN, DECEASED.

CASE NO. PB-2020-48
NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT AND PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP, DISTRIBUTION AND DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that Glenda Dornan, aka Glenda Kay Dornan aka Glenda K. Dornan, Personal Representative of the Estate of Calvin Leon Dornan, aka Calvin L. Dornan, aka Calvin Dornan, deceased, having filed in this Court her Final Account of the Administration of said estate, and her Petition for Distribution of said estate and for final discharge of said Personal Representative, the hearing of the same has been fixed by the Judge of said Court for 9:00 o'clock A.M., on the 10th day of March, 2021, at the Courtroom of said Court in the District Courthouse in Eufaula, McIntosh County, Oklahoma, and all persons interested in said estate are notified then and there to appear and show cause, if any they have, why the said account should not be settled and allowed, the heirs of Calvin Leon Dornan, aka Calvin L. Dornan, aka Calvin Dornan, deceased, determined, said estate distributed, and the Personal Representative discharged.

WITNESS my hand this 4th day of February, 2021.

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Legal Notice

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCINTOSH COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATES OF Connie Dodge and Gladys Dodge

Husband and Wife, Both deceased

CASE NO. PB-2021-5
NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested in the Estate deceased, that on the 3 day of February, 2021, Brandon Wheeler produced and filed in the District Court of McIntosh County, Oklahoma, an instrument in writing purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Connie Dodge and Gladys Dodge, both deceased, and also filed in said Court a Petition for Probate of said Will of decedents, determination of heirs, legatees, and devisees, and that Letters Testamentary be issued thereon to BRANDON WHEELER.

Pursuant to an Order of said court made on the 3 day of February, 2021, notice is hereby given that the 22nd day of February 2021, at 10:30 o'clock a.m., has been appointed as the time for hearing said Petition and proving said Will at the District Courtroom in the courthouse in the City of Eufaula County of McIntosh, State of Oklahoma, when and where all persons interested may appear and contest the same.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of said court, this ___ day of February 2021.

/s/ ORIGINAL SIGNED BY BRENDON BRIDGES
Judge of the District Court
PREPARED BY:

/s/ David N. Martin
David N. Martin, OBA #5722
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ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER,

Legal Notice

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCINTOSH COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATES OF: ADDIE KATHERINE WILLIAMS, 1/2 CREEK, NE, AND DEAN WILLIAMS, 1/4 CREEK, NE, deceased.

CASE NO. PB-21-4
NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL, LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION, AND DETERMINATION OF HEIRS

The State of Oklahoma to the heirs, next of kin, and creditors of the said Addie Katherine Williams, 1/2 Creek, NE, and Dean Williams, 1/4 Creek, NE, deceased:

You are hereby notified that Patricia Longcrier has applied for Letters of Administration on the estate of Dean Williams, 1/4 Creek, NE, to be granted to Patricia Longcrier and requests the court to determine the identity of all heirs of the deceased.

On this date, Patricia Longcrier produced and filed in the District Court of McIntosh County, State of Oklahoma, an instrument in writing purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Addie Katherine Williams, 1/2 Creek, NE, deceased, and also filed in said

LEGAL NOTICES

Court a Petition for Probate of said Will of decedent, determination of heirs, legatees, and devisees, and that Letters Testamentary be issued thereon to Patricia Longcrier.

Said Petition will be heard by said court at the courtroom in the County Courthouse in the City of Eufaula, in said County of Pittsburg, on the 3rd day of March, 2021 at 9:00 o'clock a.m., when and where all persons interested may appear and contest the same. The court will also determine heirs.

Witness my hand and seal of said court affixed this 3rd day of February, 2021.

—s/ Brendon Bridges
THE HONORABLE BRENDON BRIDGES
ASSOCIATE DISTRICT JUDGE

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Legal Notice

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF TULSA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OF RAYMOND HETZEL AND PATRICIA HETZEL,

HUSBAND AND WIFE, incapacitated persons.

CASE NO. PG 2020-880
Judge Kurt G. Glassco
NOTICE OF HEARING RETURN OF SALE OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY AT PUBLIC AUCTION

Notice is hereby given that Wendy Nightingale of Purview Life Tulsa, General Guardian of the Person and Estate of Raymond Hetzel and Patricia Hetzel, incapacitated (the "Wards"), has presented for confirmation and filed in this Court her Return of Sale of all the right, title and interest of said Ward to the following described real property located at 114857 South 4277 Road, Porum, Oklahoma, and legally described as:

Lots Six (6) and Seven (7), TANGLEWOOD BLUFF ADDITION NO. 2, a subdivision located in the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NE/4 SE/4) of Section Nine (9), Township Ten (10) North, Range Eighteen (18) East of the Indian Base and Meridian, McIntosh County, State of Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof.

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Said real property was sold at public auction to the Robert and Mary Burger Living Trust for the sum of \$95,000.00 in cash. Reference is made to said Return of Sale for further particulars.

A hearing on said Return of Sale has been set for the 1 day of March, 2021 at 9:00 o'clock a.m. before Kurt G. Glassco, Judge of the District Court, in the District Courtroom 701, Tulsa County Courthouse, in said county and state, at which time and place any person interested may appear and show cause, if any there be, why such sale should not be confirmed.

A copy of this Notice shall be published one (1) time in a newspaper in Tulsa County, Oklahoma in which any of the real property is situated and in the County where the Order is made, and mailed to all interested parties entitled thereto at their last known address not less than ten (10) days before the time set for the hearing.

Dated this 5 day of February, 2021.

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Legal Notice

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR MCINTOSH COUNTY

STATE OF OKLAHOMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RITA RUTH WARD, NEE SEVIER

Deceased.
Case No.: PB-20-70
Judge: McLaughlin
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

) ss.
COUNTY OF MCINTOSH

All creditors having claims against RITA RUTH WARD, NEE SEVIER, 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 JACQUELINE FACTOR, Administrator, in care of: COURTNEY L. EAGAN EAGAN LAW OFFICE, PLLC 150 Foley Ave. Eufaula, Oklahoma 74432 on or before the following presentment date, on the 2 day of April, 2021, or the same will be forever barred.

Dated this 26 day of January, 2021.

/s/ Courtney L. Eagan
COURTNEY L. EAGAN, OBA #22553

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Legal Notice

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR MCINTOSH COUNTY

STATE OF OKLAHOMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF TERRY LEN HEILIG, DECEASED.

Case No. PB-2021-3
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Matter of the Estate of Terry Len Heilig, late of the City of McAlester, County of Pittsburg, State of Oklahoma.

All persons having claims against said Terry Len Heilig, deceased, are required to present the same with the necessary vouchers to the undersigned, duly appointed and qualified Personal Representative of the estate of said deceased, at the office of Hackler Law Office, 19 East Carl Albert Parkway, P. O. Box 954, in the City of McAlester, County of Pittsburg and State of Oklahoma, on or before the following presentment date: the 1st day of April, 2021 or the same will be forever barred.

Dated this 29 day of January 2021.

/s/ Christopher Scott Heilig
Christopher Scott Heilig,

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OKLAHOMA BANKING INSTITUTION,
Plaintiff,
vs.
JESSE LEE JOHNSON, et al.,
Defendants.
Case No. CJ-2020-51
FORECLOSURE
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

settled and allowed, the heirs of said Eugene Bryant Hawkins, 7/8 Cherokee, NE, deceased, determined, said estate distributed, and the Personal Representative discharged.
DATED THIS 26th day of January, 2021.

and
ABIGAIL K. TAYLOR
and
State of Oklahoma, ex rel. Oklahoma Tax Commission
Defendants.
CV-2019-41
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO:

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By: /s/ Taylor Thompson
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR MCINTOSH COUNTY

STATE OF OKLAHOMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF, JUDITH ANN COLCLASURE, DECEASED.

CASE NO. PB-2020-17
NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT AND PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP, DISTRIBUTION AND DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that Jeffrey Charles Colclasure, Personal Representative of the Estate of Judith Ann Colclasure, deceased, having filed in this Court his Final Account of the Administration of said estate, and his Petition for Distribution of said estate and for final discharge of said Personal Representative, the hearing of the same has been fixed by the Judge of said Court for 9:00 o'clock a.m., on the 24th day of February, 2021, at the Courtroom of said Court in the District Courthouse in Eufaula, McIntosh County, Oklahoma, and all persons interested in said estate are notified then and there to appear and show cause, if any they have, why the said account should not be settled and allowed, the heirs of Judith Ann Colclasure, deceased, determined, said estate distributed, and the Personal Representative discharged.

WITNESS my hand this 1st day of February, 2021.

/s/ Brendon Bridges
Brendon Bridges,
Associate Judge of the District Court

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LOUIE MOORE, JR., DECEASED.

CASE NO. PB-2020-42
NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT AND PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP, DISTRIBUTION AND DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that Lori Ann Moore, Personal Representative of the Estate of Louie Moore, Jr., deceased, having filed in this Court her Final Account of the Administration of said estate, and her Petition for Distribution of said estate and for final discharge of said Personal Representative, the hearing of the same has been fixed by the Judge of said Court for 9:00 o'clock a.m., on the 24th day of February, 2021, at the Courtroom of said Court in the District Courthouse in Eufaula, McIntosh County, Oklahoma, and all persons interested in said estate are notified then and there to appear and show cause, if any they have, why the said account should not be settled and allowed, the heirs of Louie Moore, Jr., deceased, determined, said estate distributed, and the Personal Representative discharged.

WITNESS my hand this 26th day of January, 2021.

/s/ Brendon Bridges
Brendon Bridges,
Associate Judge of the District Court

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WITNESS my hand this 1st day of February, 2021.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCINTOSH COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATES OF RAYMOND RICHIE BEAVER, 4/4 CREEK, NE, and HATTIE JANE BEAVER, 1/2 CREEK, NE, deceased.

CASE NO. PB-2020-56
NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT, PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, DISTRIBUTION AND DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that Robert Beaver, Personal Representative of the Estates of Raymond Richie Beaver, 4/4 Creek, NE, and Hattie Jane Beaver, 1/2 Creek, NE, deceased, having filed in this Court his final account of the administration of said estate and Petition for order allowing same, determination of heirs, distribution and for final discharge of said Personal Representative, the hearing of the same has been set by the Court for the 10th day of March, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., at the courtroom of the Associate District Judge, in the Courthouse at Eufaula, in the County and State aforesaid, and all persons interested in said estate are notified then and there to appear and show cause, if any they have, why the said account should not be settled and allowed, the heirs of said Estates of Raymond Richie Beaver, 4/4 Creek, NE, and Hattie Jane Beaver, 1/2 Creek, NE, deceased, determined, said estate distributed, and the Personal Representative discharged.

DATED THIS 26th of January, 2021.

/s/ Brendon Bridges
THE HONORABLE BREN-DON BRIDGES
ASSOCIATE DISTRICT JUDGE

PREPARED BY:
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DATED THIS 26th of January, 2021.

/s/ Brendon Bridges
THE HONORABLE BREN-DON BRIDGES
ASSOCIATE DISTRICT JUDGE

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

In accordance with Title 37, Section 522 and Title 37A, Section 2-141 Captain John's Eufaula, 412 Lakeshore Dr., Eufaula, OK 74432, a corporation, hereby publishes notice of its intention to apply within sixty days from this date to the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission for a Mixed Beverage License under authority of and in compliance with the said Act: That it intend(s), if granted such license to operate as a Mixed Beverage establishment with business premises located at 412 Lakeshore Drive in Eufaula, McIntosh, Oklahoma, under the business name of Captain John's.

Dated this 27th day of January, 2021.
Signature of applicant (s): If partnership, all partners must sign. If corporation an officer of the corporation must sign. If limited liability company a manager must sign.

/s/ Michael J. Evans
County of McIntosh, State of Oklahoma
Before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared:
/s/ Michael J. Evans

to be known to be the person (s) described in and who executed the foregoing application and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed.

/s/ Stacey G. Roberts
(Notary Public)
October 15, 2023
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/s/ Stacey G. Roberts
(Notary Public)
October 15, 2023
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/s/ Stacey G. Roberts
(Notary Public)
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**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
MCINTOSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
January 25th, 2021**

The McIntosh County Board of Commissioners met on Monday, January 25th, 2021, in a regularly scheduled Meeting, at 8:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' meeting room on the first floor. Chairman, Bill Phillips; Vice Chairman, Monty Grider; Member, Michael Burns; Deena Farrow, County Clerk; Susan Whittle, Matt Hackler, Melissa Fink, Betty Whisenunt and Janelle McKnight were all present. Advance notice of the Meeting was posted on the bulletin board next to the Commissioners' room, and also at both the south and east entrances of the Courthouse, on the 21st day of January, 2021.

- I. The Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Bill Phillips, at 8:00 am.
- II. Roll was called with the following responses: Phillips, present; Grider, present; and Burns, present.
- III. Sherry Burke, Health Department, was absent and no update on COVID-19 given.
- IV. Reports
 - a. Emergency Manager, Susan Whittle, update given.
 - b. 911 Coordinator, Matt Hackler, general update given and announces looking in to purchase of 911 center.
- V. Action Items
 - A. A Motion was made by Burns and seconded by Grider to approve deposits. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
 - B. No donations made.
 - C. A Motion was made by Burns and seconded by Grider to approve Minutes of Commissioners' Meeting held on January 19th, 2021. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
 - D. A Motion was made by Grider and seconded by Burns to approve Declaration of Surplus for Shady Grove Fire Dept. Resolution R-21-7, 1996 Chevy Truck (RF-302-3). The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
 - E. A Motion was made by Burns and seconded by Grider to approve Declaration of Surplus for County Jail Resolution R-21-8 (57 blankets, 39 towels, 26 jail uniform tops, 31 jail uniform bottoms, 33 mats). The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
 - F. A Motion was made by Grider and seconded by Burns to approve Amended Transfer of Funds from 0001-1-8010-1310 to 0001-1-1000-1320 in the amount of \$37.38 to correct a PO being paid out of incorrect account. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
 - G. A Motion was made by Burns and seconded by Grider to approve monthly blankets. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
 - H. A Motion was made by Burns and seconded by Grider to approve Payroll dated January 27, 2021. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
- I. Purchase Orders: A Motion was made by Grider and seconded by Burns to approve signing of purchase orders to be processed for payment on January 25th, 2021. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye: 2020-2021 911 Phone 250, CITY OF CHECOTAH, 333.00, STIPEND251, WILLIAMS, JESSICA LEA, 150.00, STIPEND252, LANE, HEATHER MARIE, 100.00, STIPEND253, ANDERSON, TKEYTA LYNN, 50.00, STIPEND254, CAIN, AMBER DAWN, 50.00, STIPEND255, DOMINIC, TERESA MERI ANGLIQUE, 50.00, STIPEND; General 2039, CHECOTAH TRUE VALUE HARDWARE, 152.39, SUPPLIES FOR FIRE DEPT2040, EASTERN OK LIBRARY SYSTEM, 8989.52, SALARY2041, HOPKINS FUEL & PROPANE, 335.97, PROPANE2042, RADIO ERGO, INC, 922.19, BATTERIES2043, YOUNGMAN ROCK INC., 144.00, GRAVEL2044, GRIMSLEYS INC., 491.03, MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES2045, COOKSON HILLS PUBLISHERS INC, 128.16, PUBLICATION2046, PIED PIPER, 155.00, PEST SPRAYING2047, HENSON CONSTRUCTION, 661.26, REPAIRS2048, W E ALLFORD PROPANE, RAM INC DBA, 1134.00, PROPANE2049, TIRE ONE, 319.40, TIRES2050, MIDWEST PRINTING, 150.33, OFFICE SUPPLIES2051, OPERS, 7638.12, SICK LEAVE2052, FARROW, DEENA MACHELLE, 43.68, TRAVEL2053, BURDINES FARM SUPPLY, 65.14, BATTERIES2054, OKLAHOMA TAX COMMISSION, 29.50, TITLE/TAG2055, EAST CENTRAL ELECTRIC, ECE, 41.76, UTILITIES2056, SECURITY OPTIONS, 34.95, ALARM MONITORING2057, VVVE BROADBAND A, LLC, 238.46, UTILITIES2058, OKLAHOMA NATURAL GAS, 917.00, UTILITIES2059, AT&T (SBC), 183.85, UTILITIES2060, OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR; SAFETY AND STANDARDS DIVISION, 25.00, ELEVATOR INSPECTION2061, POSTMASTER, 330.00, POSTAGE2062, CITY OF EUFAULA, 283.47, UTILITIES2063, AT&T, 1058.33, UTILITIES2064, AT&T, 81.41, UTILITIES2065, GRAND TETON BOTTLING, 20.50, BOTTLE FILL2066, AT&T, 162.82, UTILITIES; Health 204, VVVE BROADBAND A, LLC, 75.15, UTILITIES2065, VVVE BROADBAND A, LLC, 45.05, UTILITIES206, CITY OF EUFAULA, 94.22, UTILITIES207, OKLAHOMA NATURAL GAS, 296.91, UTILITIES; Highway 1413, O REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC., 322.44, PARTS1414, SOUTER LIMESTONE & MINERALS, LLC, 7357.12, Road Material1415, FLEET PRIDE, 145.26, FILTERS1416, YELLOWHOUSE MACHINERY CO., 217.98, PARTS1417, STIGLER STONE, 5127.65, Road Material1418, EAST CENTRAL ELECTRIC, ECE, 12.00, UTILITIES1419, SOUTER LIMESTONE & MINERALS, LLC, 722.43, Road Material1420, SOUTER LIMESTONE & MINERALS, LLC, 784.90, MATERIAL1421, SOUTER LIMESTONE & MINERALS, LLC, 1423.43, Road Material1422, YOUNGMAN ROCK INC., 496.80, Road Material1423, DIRECT DISCOUNT TIRE OF STILLWATER, 920.64, TIRES1424, B&J OIL CO., INC., 1071.85, OIL1425, FASTENAL CO., 26.10, MATERIAL1426, BANK OF AMERICA, 10.86, SUPPLIES1427, CINTAS, 130.02, UNIFORM CLEANING1428, CINTAS, 130.02, UNIFORM CLEANING1429, C&C TRANSPORTATION INC., 5223.51, HAULING1430, PREMIER TRUCK GROUP, 2822.02, PARTS AND LABOR1431, B&J OIL CO., INC., 2941.00, DIESEL1432, ROLLING PRAIRIE-FILTER CARE OF MO, 17.20, FILTER CLEANING1433, CINTAS, 64.70, UNIFORM CLEANING1434, TRAIL QUIP PLUS, 132.80, PARTS; Jail-ST 562, GRIMSLEYS INC., 2692.35, CLEANING SUPPLIES563, PRODIGY SOLUTIONS, INC, 1677.00, phone cards; ML Fee 66, FIRE KING INTERNATIONAL, LLC., 35.00, KEYS; Mtg Cert 25, GRAND TETON BOTTLING, 15.50, BOTTLE FILL; SH Commissary 100, CLINICAL SOLUTIONS PHARMACY, 17.12, MEDICAL SUPPLIES; SH Svc Fee 277, COMDATA, 1033.60, Fuel278, PERFORMANCE FOODSERVICE, 11821.46, FOOD FOR JAIL279, O REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC., 296.41, PARTS280, SPECIAL OPS, 161.97, UNIFORMS281, OFFICE DEPOT, 383.22, OFFICE SUPPLIES282, BODY IN MOTION CHIROPRACTIC & REHAB, LLC, 36.75, DRUG TESTING283, O REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC., 119.93, BATTERY
- J. A Motion was made by Burns and seconded by Grider to approve Expense Report(s) for FY 2020/2021 dated January 25th, 2021. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
- VI. A Motion was made by Burns and seconded by Grider to Strike Executive Session. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
(To discuss communication matter 25 O.S. 9307(B)(1) Executive Sessions: Discussing the Employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining or resignation of any individual salaried public officer or employee.)
- VII. No action needed
- VIII. No action needed
- IX. A Motion was made by Burns and seconded by Grider to approve 1 resignation. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.
- X. BOCC Comments or Concerns: Discussion held as to Atwoods authorization form and County Clerk/General Government payroll accounts.
- XI. A Motion was made by Burns and seconded by Grider to adjourn Meeting. The Motion was approved with the following votes: All aye.

Signed this 1st day of February, 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Bill Phillips
Bill Phillips, Chairman

Monty Grider
Monty Grider, Vice Chairman

Michael Burns
Michael Burns, Member

ATTEST: *Deena Farrow*
Deena Farrow, County Clerk



Court Report

McIntosh County District Court Report

Felony Cases

Monica Garza: unauthorized use of a vehicle; transporting open container of alcohol; no valid DL; speeding

Misdemeanor Cases

Curtis Allen Cody Jr.: possession of CDS; driving with licensed canceled
Civil Cases in excess of \$10,000

Citibank (S. Dakota) vs. Sueann Baird

Civil Cases less than \$10,000

Citibank (S. Dakota) vs. Eddie Haworth, et al

Citibank (S. Dakota) vs. Gary Coble, et al

Small Claims

Bell Finance vs. Londell Butler, et al

Bell Finance vs. Stephanie Roubidoux, et al

Lakeside Momile (aka Mobile) Home Park vs. Tanna Jean Nelson, et al

Sheryl Lynn Watson vs. Stephen Zachary Morris, et al

Traffic Cases

Heath W. Bivin: improper backing in roadway

Sharon June Edgar: speeding

Ashlynn Samantha Kinnett: speeding

Rebecca Venesia Smith: speeding

Shawn Kody Young: speeding

Marriage

licenses filed

Richard Dale Ballard and Montica Diane Johnston

Joshua Anthony Lawrence and Makayla Clayton
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Divorces filed

Chandra Battles vs. Christopher Battles

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