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Water warriors gearing up for new battle

CPASA seeks informal hearing on Ashby mining permit application

By John A. Small
Managing Editor

Just over a week after their latest victory, area water warriors are gearing up for yet another battle.

The group Citizens for the Protection of the Arbuckle-Simpson Aquifer (CPASA) has filed a request for an informal hearing regarding a mining application filed by Ashby Investments LLC. According to a legal notice recently published in the *Johnston County Sentinel*, the company plans to launch a mining operation just north of Ravia off Highway 1 and due south of the Hansen Aggregates mining operation.

In a statement released late last week, CPASA President Amy Ford indicated that news of the Ashby permit application caught the group by surprise.

"We're a little befuddled as to why this application is moving forward through an agency that was directed by statute this past legislative session to not process new mining applications as of Nov. 1, 2019," Ford said.

The legislation Ford referred to, House Bill 2471, was signed into law by Gov. Kevin Stitt last May. The bill was authored by State Speaker of the House Charles McCall (R-Atoka) - whose District 20 includes Johnston County - and state Sen. Greg McCortney (R-Ada).

The measure creates an indefinite moratorium on the issuance of any new permits for mines that "overlies a

sensitive sole source groundwater basin or sub-basin" - such as the Arbuckle-Simpson Aquifer - until two conditions are met.

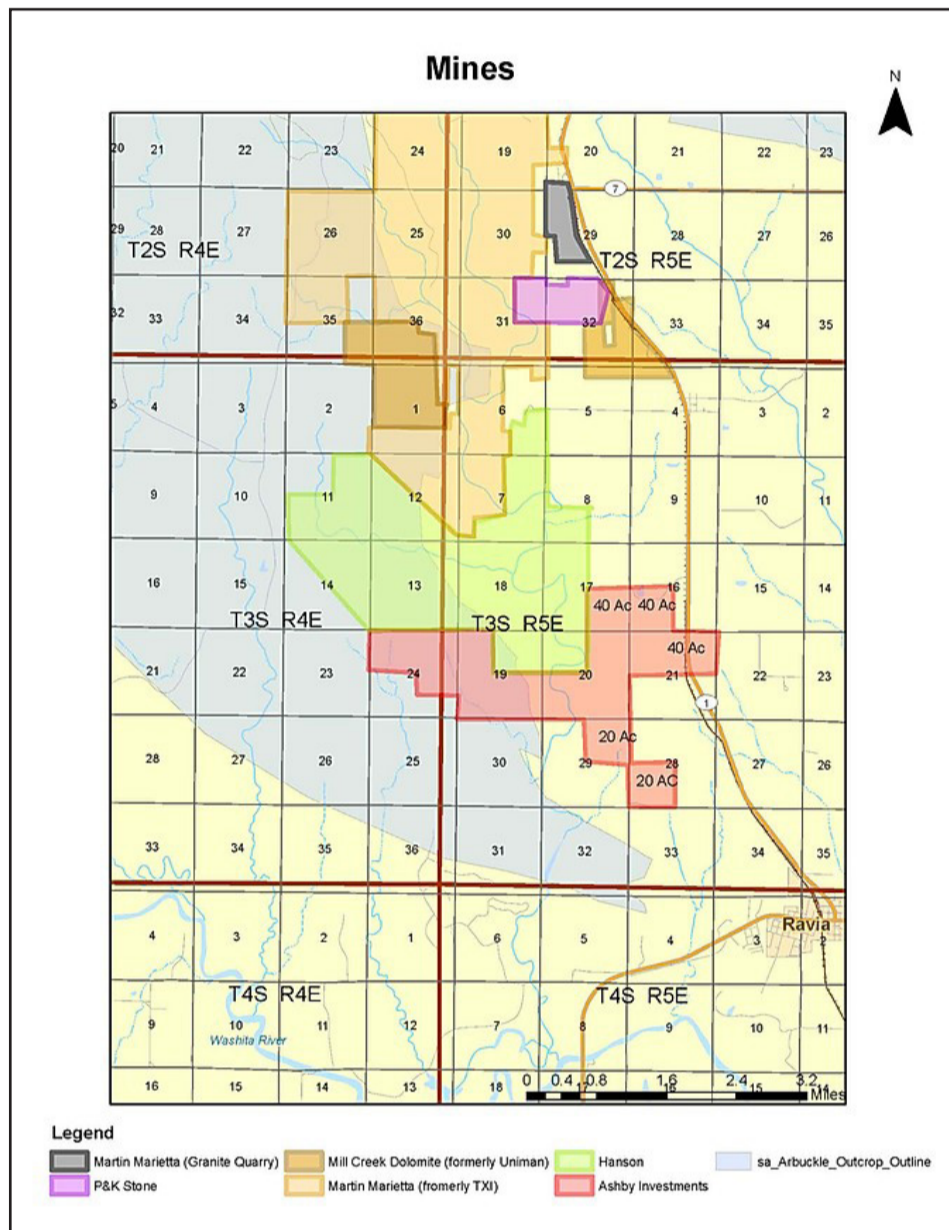
First, the state is required to complete a study on how groundwater withdrawals from the Arbuckle-Simpson could impact the aquifer's unique spring and stream systems. Second, agencies tasked with regulating water use and mining in the Arbuckle-Simpson area are required to work in coordination to ensure data is being properly reported.

Under the law, the DEQ will be required to draw up final rules and the coordination with the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) and the Oklahoma Department of Mines. The Arbuckle-Simpson feeds Pennington Creek, the surface flow of which is the sole source of water for the city of Tishomingo.

"Protecting southern and southeastern Oklahoma's most precious resource continues to be one of my top priorities at the Capitol," McCall said at the time HB 2471 passed in the House. "It is vital that we continue to protect our water and ensure our communities have stable and predictable water use policies for recruiting and economic growth opportunities."

McCall also stated at the time that he had worked closely with all the various stakeholders in the development of this bill, in an effort to ensure that the needs of those various interests are

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The above map, obtained from the Citizens for Protection of the Arbuckle-Simpson Aquifer website (www.cpasaneet), shows in red the approximate location of the proposed Ashby mining site north of Ravia.

Chickasaw Nation says 'no' to state audit of tribal gaming

By John A. Small
Managing Editor

For members of the Chickasaw Nation, the words "unconquered and unconquerable" are more than simply a tribal motto. They are a source of pride - a personification of the spirit of resilience and determination that have carried the Chickasaw people from the forced removal from their ancient homeland to the thriving, powerful nation they are in the 21st Century.

Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt is learning the hard way just how much Chickasaw leaders take those words, and everything they mean, to heart.

Administration officials confirmed last Friday, Dec. 27, that Stitt recently tried to up the ante in his ongoing dispute with tribal leaders over gaming compacts by sending a letter to all gaming tribes, informing them that the state intends to resume auditing their gaming operations today (Thursday), Jan. 2.

But the governor may have overplayed his hand. According to news reports released Monday, Chickasaw Gaming Commissioner Scott Colbert responded to Stitt's announcement by informing the state late last week that it cannot conduct its own audit of the tribe's gaming operations.

"We believe you misapprehend the State's role in these matters," Colbert said. He stated that the language of the compact "does not authorize State financial audits."

Instead, Colbert wrote, the state is entitled to a copy of the report of the financial audit which is prepared for the tribe and to meet with the auditors. Colbert said the Chickasaw Nation hires an accounting firm - BKD CPAs & Advisors, headquartered in Springfield, Mo. - to prepare a detailed independent financial audit each year.

Colbert said the firm has already provided the report for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2018. He added that the report for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2019, should be delivered to the state in January.

"We believe these reports (and any follow-up discussions you may request with BKD) will provide you the information you believe you need," Colbert wrote.

The Chickasaw Nation operates many of the state's best-known gaming facilities - including Remington Park in Oklahoma City and the WinStar World Casino and Resort along Interstate 35 just north of the Oklahoma-Texas state line - as well as a number of smaller venues such as the casino located west of Tishomingo Chevrolet.

In the letter to the tribe dated Dec. 18, the Stitt administration announced that a compliance officer would be arriving on Dec. 2 to conduct "an investigation of revenue of the Chickasaw Nation's Class III gaming activity" in 2018.

Brandy Manek, state director of

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City home damaged in blaze

No injuries were reported in an early morning fire that left a Tishomingo residence less damaged than initially feared.

The blaze occurred on the morning of Thursday, Dec. 26, at 502 N. Fisher. Tishomingo Fire Chief Michael Martin told the *Johnston County*

Sentinel that dispatchers received the 911 call at 1 a.m., and that his firefighters arrived at the scene at 1:05 a.m.

The Ravia Fire Department and Johnston County EMS were also dispatched to the scene to assist, Martin said.

While pictures taken at the scene appear to

show the building fully engulfed, Martin said damage was mostly limited to the structure's exterior.

He noted that the bulk of the damage was confined to the second floor balcony area - where the fire was reported to have started - adding that some charring did occur above a bedroom window frame.

"I thought both departments did a heck of a job working to save the structure and preventing from becoming worse than it could have been," Martin said.

"They managed to keep the fire from spreading inside the house, and were able to do so with a minimal amount of either smoke or water damage."

He added that everyone inside the building was able to safely escape. The fire is believed to have been electrical nature.

"We're still not 100

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Despite appearances, Tishomingo Fire Chief Michael Martin, told the *Sentinel* that the damage suffered in a Dec. 26 house fire at 502 N. Fisher was minimal and mostly confined to the upstairs exterior.



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Weekend Weather:

FRIDAY: High of 63 F with considerable cloudiness during the day. Stray evening shower is possible. SATURDAY: Cooler, 54F, with clouds yielding to sun. Partly cloudy overnight. SUNDAY: Sunny with high around 51F. Overnight clear with low of 36F

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Will you make those 31,536,000 seconds count...?

All right, before anybody asks: No, I'm not making any New Year's resolutions and, no, I'm not eating any black-eyed peas.

The only New Year's resolution I ever made is one I made years ago when I was a teenager. That resolution was a simple one: to not make a New Year's resolution.

Four decades later I've still managed to keep it - which I suspect may be some sort of record as such things go, so it just makes sense to quit while I'm ahead.

As for the black-eyed peas: That's just a silly superstition, and I don't do silly superstitions.

Black-eyed peas, full moons, Friday the 13th, stepping on sidewalk cracks, black cats walking in one's path - such things are nothing more than hobgoblins preying on the fears of the gullible. There are plenty enough real things to be afraid of in this world without having to worry about myths spawned by primitive man's fear of the unknown.

In an old cartoon I saw as a child many years ago, Popeye referred to such fears as "stupid-stitions." All these years later, I'm still not able to improve upon my animated sailor friend's definition.

Besides, the simple truth of the matter is that I just can't stand black-eyed peas. Why can't this particular superstition involve something a little more pleasing to my palette - like, for instance, an Arby's Beef and Cheddar? Or maybe an A&W Papa Burger with a root beer float?

Sure, it would still be a silly superstition. But I'd probably be a little less likely to complain so much about it.

So when it comes to New Year's Eve, I'll celebrate the same way I have nearly every year since I was about 7 or 8: snacky foods like pizza rolls and chicken wings, and an all-night Marx Brothers movie marathon.

And now with that annual disclaimer out of the way...

I almost hate to admit it - seems like there's always someone around to tease me mercilessly whenever I do (usually someone who doesn't much appreciate my opinion on the whole black-eyed peas thing) - but there's a line from a *Star Trek* movie that always comes to mind around this time of year.

It's a line spoken by Captain Jean-Luc Picard at the conclusion of the 1994 film *Star Trek Generations*:

"Someone once told me that time is a predator that stalked us all our lives. But I rather believe that time is a companion who goes with us on the journey that reminds us to cherish every moment because they'll never come again. What we leave behind is not as important as how we live it."

How true those words are. One inevitability as the years march on and our yesterdays start outnumbering our tomorrows is that we come to realize we cannot, no matter how hard we may try, stop time.

We may ignore it, we may thumb our nose at it, we may color our hair or use this cream or that or inject strange substances in our faces in an attempt to smooth out our wrinkles and pretend. But the sad truth for those who insist on pursuing such efforts is that it ultimately doesn't matter.

Time marches on, and there's nothing any of us can do to stop it, slow it down, turn it off, adjust it or temporarily detour it.

And we also cannot bring it back. Once it is gone, it is gone.

That half-hour you spent gossiping on the phone or vegetating in front of the television or quietly cursing a neighbor or co-worker or relative for some perceived wrong you feel they committed against you is 30 minutes of your life you will never, ever, ever get back.

Kiss it goodbye, pilgrim, because it's gone forever.

And if Yesterday is lost forever, Tomorrow is at best an uncertainty.

Small Talk

John A. Small



We can make plans, we can write out "to do" lists, we can promise our spouses or our children or our parents that we'll "do it tomorrow."

But as my mother was known to so often say (and she's been quoted by so many), "Tomorrow never comes."

I always used to wonder what she meant by that when I was a kid. Oh, I understood the game-like conundrum some people make out of it - "Tomorrow never comes because when it gets here it's today" - but the more serious message that lay at the heart of the comment always seemed to elude me.

Until that day I came to school and learned that a classmate I had talked to just the day before, a friend with whom some of us were planning to get together with that afternoon, had been killed in a car wreck the night before.

Then, at last, I understood. There will be days that come after today - but none of us have any guarantees that we will have the opportunity to experience any of them.

I don't mean to be a downer, but there are things we all have to consider at some point in our lives; ignoring it won't make it go away, but confronting it can be both enlightening and liberating if we allow ourselves to do so. Especially now, at the beginning of a new year.

This time each year we turn to the first page of the new calendar and endeavor to glean some sort of insight as to what the new year may have in store for us. And the tendency is to look at the year as something tangible, something solid like the coffee cup we hold in our hands - a finite block of 12 months, 52 weeks, 365 days, 8,760 hours, 525,600 minutes, 31,536,000 seconds.

But how often do we view that finite block of time as what it truly is: a gift which we have done little if anything to deserve?

If I've learned nothing else in my 56.5 years - and I'll be the first to admit there's a great deal I don't know - I have learned this much; Time is one of our most precious possessions. We can waste it. We can worry over it. We can spend it on ourselves. Or, as good stewards, we can invest it - in our friends, our families, our neighborhoods, our world.

A wise man once said we should endeavor to leave the world a better place than we found it; you can't do that vegetating in front of the TV or gossiping on the phone or some silly Internet chat room.

As the great American sage and Founding Father Benjamin Franklin once observed (and he's been quoted by nearly as many folks as my mother): "You may delay, but time will not."

The New Year's holiday should be as much a time for reflection as it is for celebration. As you look back on the past year and all that has taken place in your life, remember the admonitions of a lay minister I once knew: to recall each past experience for the good that has come of it, and for the knowledge you have gained; to remember the efforts you have made and the goals you have reached; to remember the love you have shared and the happiness you have brought, the laughter, the joy, the hard work, and the tears.

Pretty good advice, I'd say. Not just at the start of a new year, but the whole year around.

The new year is full of time - but it sure goes by in a hurry. As the 31,536,000 seconds that make up 2020 tick away into infinity, will you be tossing time out the window, or will you try to make every one of them count?

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Permit

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balanced. "The bill allows those mining operations currently underway or in the application process to continue so those projects that benefit our local economy can continue uninterrupted," McCall said.

Ford said CPASA is looking into how the new Ashby permit application has been allowed to move forward despite the HB 2471 moratorium. In addition to filing the request for an informal hearing, Ford said that CPASA has requested a full copy of the Ashby application.

"We strongly encourage anyone who has a concern about yet another 1,200 acres being mined in the area to also request an informal conference," Ford said.

"Requests for informal conference are due to the Department of Mines by Jan. 8, 2020. On our website (www.cpsa.net) you will find a sample form that we've used in the past with the instructions on how to submit your request."

Ford added that anyone with questions regarding the Ashby application or the process for requesting an informal conference can contact her at 371-6446, or cpasa288@gmail.com.

"I know this process can often seem overwhelming, and I'll be happy to visit with you throughout to help simplify," she said.

"Having been through this a time or two, I know way more about this process than I ever really wanted to know."

Ford's letter regarding the Ashby application came on the heels of last week's story in the *Johnston County Sentinel* regarding District Judge Jeff Virgin's ruling in the lawsuit filed by out-of-state mining corporations Arbuckle Aggregates LLC and Vulcan Construction Materials LLC against the City of Tishomingo. Virgin's prece-



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Charles McCall
Oklahoma Speaker of the House

dent-setting ruling, filed the previous week in Johnston County District Court, finds in favor of the City of Tishomingo and declares the two city ordinances at the heart of the lawsuit "to be reasonable and not arbitrary."

The *Sentinel* was informed of the filing by Krystina Phillips, the Ada attorney who has been representing the city in the case. Ford's letter referenced last week's *Sentinel* article and the work Phillips performed on behalf of the city.

"In it, the Court found the City's challenged ordinances to be reasonable, constitutional and not arbitrary," Phillips said of Virgin's ruling. "The Court found Resolution 2015-04 to be valid. Lastly, the Court denied Vulcan's requested injunctive relief."

"The Court affirmed Tishomingo's inherent and statutory right to protect its public water supplies. To my knowledge, this is the first time the statute relied upon by Tishomingo has been interpreted by a court, making this order all the more historic."

The mining companies' suit argued that they do not fall under the ordinance passed by the City of Tishomingo, which designates the re-

moval of more than the proportionate share of water from the Arbuckle-Simpson Aquifer - as established by the 2003 passage of Senate Bill 288 - to be a nuisance.

The companies also argued that the ordinance establishes an illegal taking of their rights to mine as they see fit on their properties, which are located several miles from Tishomingo.

The mines have the opportunity to appeal the district court's order, Phillips said.

SB 288 created a sustainable water use policy specifically for the Arbuckle-Simpson Aquifer, which is the state's only sole source aquifer.

That legislation required the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) to develop a methodology for calculating maximum annual yield for the Aquifer and develop a scientifically based method for evaluating how groundwater withdrawals from the Aquifer could impact the Arbuckle's unique spring and stream systems.

At the time HB 2471 was filed, OWRB had completed only the first requirement of that bill. McCall and McCortney said at the time that the failure to develop an assessment of local impacts has created uncertainty for property owners, municipalities and investors.

In addition, agencies tasked with regulating water use and mining in the Arbuckle are not working in coordination, resulting in some mining companies reporting much different data on water use to the various agencies.

McCortney said if the Arbuckle-Simpson's status as the only sensitive sole-source aquifer in Oklahoma means that, in the event of contamination, 50 percent of the drinking water it currently provides would no longer be available.

"It's crucial we have solid data that will help us be the best stewards possible of this resource," McCortney said. "It's the single source of reliable water for some 200,000 Oklahomans in communities like Ada, Ardmore, Tishomingo, Durant and many others. More than 70,000 jobs depend on this reliable, yet fragile, source of water."

In 2006 the Oklahoma Supreme Court voted 6-1 to uphold the constitutionality of SB 288 - meaning that, for the first time in Oklahoma history, state law acknowledges the hydrological connection between groundwater and surface water.

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Mill Creek students visit Veterans Center

Members of the seventh grade class at Mill Creek took a road trip on Dec. 17 to the Oklahoma Veterans Center in Sulphur, where they spent time playing noodle ball with veterans and passed our Christmas cards to everyone. While in Sulphur the students also set up a station at the local Walmart store and took up donations for veterans.

The heat is back on at local nutritional center

By Jerry Blackerby
Sentinel Correspondent

The Tishomingo Senior Nutrition Center central heating system has been repaired.

The last two times I have eaten there were comfortable – big difference.

Today (Thursday), Jan. 2, is the community prayer meeting at the Milburn Community Center at 6 p.m.. We are trying to always have the meetings on the first Thursday evening of each month.

Come join us if you can. We are trying to get prayer requests that may not be getting wide distribution.

If you know someone who needs prayer, please invite them and tell everyone you know about the meeting. Prayer does work.

If you know of prayer requests, please write them down and bring them to the meeting or call me and I will take the prayer request to the meeting.

My contact information is at the end of this column. If you call and get the answering

machine, please leave a message and I will return your call.

On Wednesday, Jan. 8, Fillmore Church of the Nazarene has a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. prior to the service.

The church has a potluck dinner on the second Wednesday night of each month.

On Saturday, Jan. 11, people from the Ravia Church of God will be at Blue River Healthcare in Tishomingo at 3 p.m.

There will be singing, testifying and preaching. They visit the facility every second Saturday.

On Tuesday, Jan. 21, Milburn First Baptist Church serves lunch to senior citizens and other community members in the fellowship hall at noon.

Come out, bring a friend, and enjoy good food and fellowship.

The church serves lunch on the third Tuesday of each month.

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Milburn School:
Monday, Jan. 6 -

Milburn News

Fifth-eighth grade basketball team plays at Wapanucka.

Tuesday, Jan. 7 - Milburn Eagles basketball teams play at Moyers.

Wednesday, Jan. 8 - Milburn Junior High School Academic Team hosts Bennington in an academic competition.

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Bible Trivia: In which book of the Bible do we read of David and Goliath?

Last week's question: It is "better to obtain wisdom" than what? Gold (Proverbs 16:16). Read the entire interesting chapter 16.

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Latest round of water bills may leave some confused

By Matthew Cravatt
Sentinel Correspondent

With Ravia town hall's operational restructuring, there has been a slight glitch in the water bills coming out this month, which could lead some utility customers momentarily perplexed.

It seems as part of the learning curve. The mailed cards were printed upside down, although all the information is accurate, it is out of place.

Ravia Public Works Authority (RPWA) clerk Kim Murray encourages any utility customers having trouble reading their bill to bring it by town hall. Meet, say hello, and she can read it for you.

Customers with questions can also call the Ravia town hall by calling (580) 371-3559 to say hello and ask questions about their bill.

On the down side of municipal governance,

Ravia News

recently there has been a rise in illegal dumping at the Roll Off just east of the water tower.

Mostly, items are being left at the gate or thrown over the fence, which violates the rules. Dumping may only be done while the gates are open on Saturday, and wastes material must be placed in the dumpster.

Should violations continue, municipal officials warn violators that the law allows for legal remedies to be taken to deal with persons participating in illegal dumping.

You're invited to get the New Year off to a good start at the Ravia Senior Citizens with good luck, black-eyed peas, dominoes and conversation on Thursday, at the Ravia Community Center, located at 202 E. 2nd Street.

The doors open

around 10 a.m., with lunch at noon. Volunteers are welcome. Inquire at the door.

This week's menu features black-eyed peas and pork, bread, salad and dessert, with coffee, tea or water to drink.

Ravia's National Weather Service based forecast summary: Temperatures will be generally warmer than normal for January, with daytime highs ranging from the mid-50s to low 60s. Overnights will be in the 30s, with partly cloudy skies into the work week.

Mayor Ricky Kreger would like to take this opportunity to wish all Ravia residents a happy and prosperous New Year.

You can inform the Ravia area community of important news and upcoming events with a call to 371-0275, or e-mail at ravia.news@gmail.com with details.

Gaming

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budget, policy and gaming compliance, wrote that the objective of the investigation "is to determine if the State has received all fees owed from the conduct of covered games pursuant to the Model Tribal Gaming Compact."

Stitt and the tribes remain locked in a dispute over whether the 15-year gaming compacts automatically renew on Jan. 1. The tribes say they do; Stitt insists they do not.

Stitt continues to contend that tribal gaming operations will be illegal after Jan. 1 unless the tribes agree to an extension or new compact.

But as of Monday, he has not indicated what consequences might be facing companies who continue to conduct business with the casinos and patrons after Jan. 1.

Meanwhile, tribal leaders have continued to state that it will be "business as usual" at their gaming centers on Jan. 2.

As reported in the Dec. 17 edition of the *Johnston County Sentinel*, Chickasaw Gov. Bill Anoatubby and other leaders of the state's gaming tribes have stated categorically that the plain language of the government-to-government compacts is definitive. The compact explicitly states that "the compact shall automatically renew for successive additional 15-year terms."

Therefore, the leaders say, tribal gaming operations would continue to be as legal on Jan. 1 as they were on Dec. 31.

Tribal leaders have also said they are open to re-negotiating - but not until Stitt acknowledges that the compacts automatically renew.

Oklahoma's 141 casinos have an economic impact of roughly \$9.8 billion and support nearly 76,000 jobs, according to an American Gaming Association analysis.

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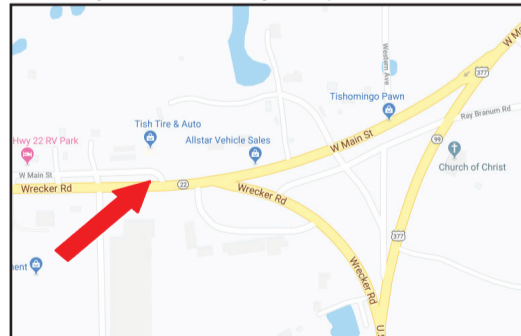
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Medical student who once attended MSC honored

When European explorers first arrived in North America, Native Americans were adversely affected in ways many never contemplate.

Brandon Postoak looks back through the haze of time and pinpoints the diet brought by Europeans as one element central to declining health outcomes of Native Americans.

"My people were hunters and gatherers centuries ago," the Chickasaw student of osteopathic medicine observed.

"Their diet consisted of fruits, berries, nuts, lean venison, fish, corn, squash, beans and wild medicinal plants that acted as an antioxidant and anti-inflammatory.

It was a healthy diet. Add to that a demanding, physically-challenging way of life and you have a healthy, vibrant people.

"Our bodies are coded for certain foods based upon how we

were raised many thousands of years ago. It is like a truck that runs on gasoline. If you put diesel fuel in it, that truck is not going to function properly."

The European diet wreaks havoc on the basic DNA structure of Native people. Processed sugars and grains – white flour is an example – starchy potatoes and fat-laden meals cooked in lard led to heart disease, diabetes, fatty livers, obesity and maladies never suffered by Native Americans prior to contact.

"The bodies of Native people were unable to successfully digest, store and use the staples included in European diets. In fact, the opposite is true," Postoak said.

"It made my people ill, lethargic and has contributed to a perpetual decline in Native health. I am dedicated to doing something about that."

Postoak is a second-year medical stu-

dent at Oklahoma State University (OSU) College of Osteopathic Medicine in Tulsa.

Recently honored for his hard work and dedication, the Association of American Indian Physicians has named Postoak the first medical student ever appointed as an osteopathic medicine liaison for the Association of Native American Medical Students.

The 30-year-old Chickasaw's goal is to encourage more Native Americans to consider a career in medicine and other health professions. He firmly believes increasing the number of Native American physicians will redound to a healthier, happier Native American population.

"Honestly, I think Native American physicians can best address the medical requirements of Native Americans," he said.

"That is not to disparage any physician. It is just a realization Natives understand what other Natives have been through. We recognize the common ailments and the history of afflictions on our people. We understand what causes illness and we understand the steps to correct it so people can live quality, enjoyable lives."

He sees his new liaison role as one that spans the entirety of serving Native Americans throughout college.

"We will explore scholarships and any other opportunities. Na-



Brandon Postoak

tives are comprised of undergraduate students to attending physicians. They need to know how to apply for medical school; what to do in clinical orientation during their third- and fourth-year of school; how to obtain a residency and how to become an attending physician," Postoak said.

Postoak had an in-kling medicine was in his future. He studied at both Murray State College (MSC) in Tishomingo and at East Central University (ECU) in Ada, with an interest in physical therapy or sports medicine.

He graduated from Allen High School in 2007.

He credits the Chickasaw Nation School-to-Work program with introducing him to a career in medicine.

"It is a great program, second to none. I was able to follow Dr. Roger Charboneau during rounds at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center.

attends most stomp dances and ceremonial events hosted by the tribe.

"I can confidently say I would not be where I am today without effort of my family, especially my father," Postoak said.

"It has always been my greatest desire for my children to succeed in whatever they choose to do in life," Eddie Postoak said. "I am proud of Brandon. He is a kind, hardworking, caring person and has a great sense of humor. I believe he will excel as a physician with these traits.

"The family is proud of Brandon and what he has accomplished in a short time at OSU-CHS. He is dedicated and loyal to his family. We are proud of him because he has influence within our family members, showing that you can accomplish your dreams if you apply yourself and what you believe in. He has truly found his calling and will continue to thrive in his career," he added.

The aspiring physician is primarily focused on helping and inspiring Native youth.

"I see how my life was changed by a family who supported me and Natives who encouraged me. I want to do that for Native young people so I can truly make the impact I believe I was born to make. I see many opportunities for service, be it with Indian Health Service or as an attending physician at the medical center," Postoak said.

Community Calendar

Indian Taco Sale

The Tishomingo Chickasaw Senior Citizens Center, located at 822 W. Sixth Street, will have an Indian taco sale this Friday Jan. 3, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$7 for taco, drink and dessert; deliveries are available for orders of four or more. To place an order or for more information, call 371-9667.

Mill Creek Memorial Fundraiser

The Mill Creek Class of 2025 and Tishomingo Masonic Lodge No. 91 will co-host a barbecue dinner and silent auction fundraiser on Thursday, Jan. 16. The event will take place from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria on Panola Street. Cost is \$8 for a pulled pork sandwich, chips, drink and dessert. Proceeds will be used for the construction of a memorial to the victims of a B-17 formation training accident over Mill Creek on Feb. 12, 1944, and to honor both the sole survivor of that accident and the Mill Creek residents who tried to rescue crew members from the wreckage. The public is invited to attend.

Deadline for all Community Calendar items is noon on Tuesday. Announcements for Wednesday events should be published the week before the event takes place. Community Calendar items can NOT run for two consecutive weeks.

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born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?" (1 John 5:4-5 KJV)

If you have any announcements or other input for the "Milburn News" column, please

notify me. I see many events at the Milburn Community Center that I have not heard about.

Please send an e-mail to jerryblackberby@windstream.net, or call me at home at (580) 443-5618 or my cell phone at (972) 824-2733, at least a week before an event, to have time to get an announcement in the "Milburn News" column.

Sooner Pharmacy Good Health Tips



The relative risk reduction of myocardial infarction for users of daily aspirin was 82.1%, and 54.3% in the 50-59 and 59-69 age groups, respectively according to a new study reported in *The Lancet*. The findings were from a randomized, controlled clinical trial of the use of daily aspirin to prevent a first cardiovascular event among more than 12,500 participants considered to be at moderate cardiovascular risk. Moderate risk was defined as a 20-30% risk of a cardiovascular event in ten years. The benefits of taking aspirin to prevent a second or subsequent heart attack or stroke have been well established in previous studies but the effectiveness of taking aspirin to prevent a first cardiovascular event has been unclear, despite 30 years of randomized clinical trials.

Medications commonly used to combat physical health diseases, such as high blood pressure, could bring significant benefits to people with serious mental illnesses (SMI) such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder or non-affective psychoses, according to a study published in *JAMA Psychiatry* that assessed the health data records of 142,691 patients with SMI in Sweden. It focused on those patients who had either been prescribed statins— which are used to reduce cholesterol/heart disease—or biguanides (such as metformin), used to treat diabetes. The study found that exposure to any of these drugs was associated with reduced rates of psychiatric hospitalization compared with unexposed periods.

Taking prescribed opioids raises the risk of pneumonia, according to a recent study published in *JAMA Internal Medicine*. The study reinforces the concern that prescription opioid painkillers have a negative impact on the immune system. It also underscores the need for awareness among opioid prescribers who can take steps to minimize the risk of pneumonia through vaccination and promoting smoking cessation, the researchers said. Presented as a service to the community by

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Scissortail creative writing fest scheduled for April

The annual Scissortail Creative Writing Festival returns to the ECU campus next spring to continue its successful run, marking its 15th year as the preeminent event of its kind in the nation.

A trio of celebrated authors – Barbara Crooker, Lou Berney, and Octavio Quintanilla – anchors the 2020 installment of the festival, scheduled for April 2-4.

The event is open and free to the public. Information and schedules are available at www.ecuscissortail.blogspot.com.

The Scissortail Creative Writing Festival, as always, features Oklahoma's most prestigious high school creative writing competition, now in its 16th year.

The annual Darryl Fisher Creative Writing Contest is open to all state high school students submitting poetry or short works of fiction. Details are available on the aforementioned festival website.

Crooker, Berney, and Quintanilla will highlight the three-day festival, which attracts some of the best known and unknown writing talents from around the country.

For more information on the Scissortail Creative Writing Festival or questions about group attendance, contact organizer Dr. Ken Hada at (580) 559-5557 or via e-mail at khad@ecok.edu.

Following are bios on the three featured writers:

Barbara Crooker is a poetry editor for *Italian-Americana*, and author of nine full-length books of poetry, with *Some Glad Morning* coming out in the Pitt Poetry Series in 2019.

Her awards include: the WB Yeats

Society of New York Award; the Thomas Merton Poetry of the Sacred Award; and three Pennsylvania Council on the Arts Creative Writing Fellowships.

Crooker's work has appeared in a variety of literary journals and anthologies, including: *The Valparaiso Poetry Review*; *The Chariton Poetry Review*; *Green Mountains Review*; *Tar River Poetry Review*; *The Beloit Poetry Journal*; *The Hollins Critic*; *The Denver Quarterly*; *Smartish Pace*; *Gargoyle*; *Christianity and Literature*; *The American Poetry Journal*; and *Dogwood*.

Also, *Zone 3*; *Passages North*; *Nimrod*; *Common Wealth: Contemporary Poets on Pennsylvania*; *The Bedford Introduction to Literature*; and *Nasty Women: An Unapologetic Anthology of Subversive Verse*.

Her work has also been read on ABC and the BBC, and featured in Garrison Keillor's *The Writer's Almanac* and in Ted Kooser's *American Life in Poetry*.

Lou Berney is the author of *November Road* (a Washington Post Best Book of 2018); *The Long and Faraway Gone* (winner of the Edgar, Anthony, Barry, Macavity, and ALA awards); and *Whiplash River*, and *Gutshot Straight*, all from William Morrow.

Berney has also written a collection of stories, *The Road to Bobby Joe*, and his short fiction has appeared in publications such as *The New Yorker*, *Ploughshares*, and *The Pushcart Prize* anthology.

He currently teaches in the M.F.A. program at Oklahoma City University.

Octavio Quintanilla is the author of the poetry collection, *If I Go Missing*

(Slough Press, 2014) and is the current Poet Laureate of San Antonio, Texas.

His poetry, fiction, translations, and photography have appeared, or are forthcoming, in journals such as *Salamander*, *RHINO*, *Alaska Quarterly Review*, *Pilgrimage*, *Green Mountains Review*, *Southwestern American Literature*, *The Texas Observer*, *Existere: A Journal of Art & Literature*, and elsewhere.

Quintanilla's visual work has been exhibited at Presa House Gallery; All-State Almaguer art space in Mission, Texas; the Weslaco Museum; Our Lady of the Lake University; El Cen-

tro Cultural Hispano de San Marcos; and at the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center/Black Box Theater.

An exhibit of Quintanilla's work is forthcoming at the Southwest School of Art in San Antonio.

He holds a Ph.D. from the University of North Texas and is the regional editor for *Texas Books in Review* and poetry editor for *The Journal of Latina Critical Feminism*.

Quintanilla teaches Literature and Creative Writing in the M.A./M.F.A. program at Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio.

ALT announces auditions for production of *Hello, Dolly!*

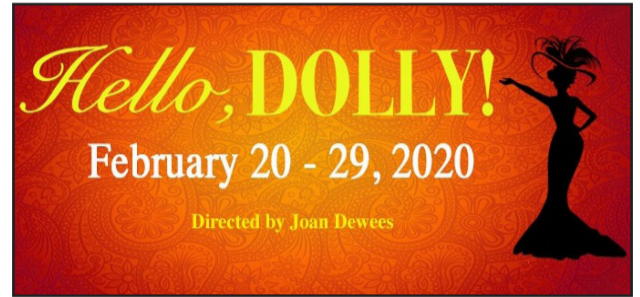
Ardmore Little Theatre is searching for America's most beloved matchmaker, Dolly Gallagher Levi, for its upcoming winter musical.

Open auditions for ALT's production of *Hello, Dolly!* will be Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 6 and 7, at 7 p.m. at the Goddard Center in Ardmore.

All persons wishing to audition should come prepared to sing from a song of their choice to demonstrate vocal skills and range, but the excerpt should not exceed one minute.

A pianist will be provided or bring a CD, phone or tablet. Reading scripts are available during the audition, and a short choreography audition will be held on Tuesday.

There are nine principal characters, five female and four males, ranging in age from late teens up into adulthood, plus several supporting



roles with a large singing and dancing ensemble.

This classic has enjoyed five runs on Broadway, where it earned four Tony awards, while the movie version captured three Oscars.

Directing will be former Ardmore resident Joan Rushing Dewees, who has stage managed and directed multiple shows for the local community theatre. Dewees now resides in Moore.

Ardmore residents Dr. David Hobbs will be musical director and Kelsey Newell Armstrong will be choreographer.

Performances will be Feb. 20-23, and 27-29.

The auditions are open to all interested parties in the proper age ranges. No prior experience or training is required, nor do you have to be an ALT member to participate.

For auditions, please arrive before 7 p.m. to allow time to complete the audition form, and enter through the stage door on the north side of Goddard Center.

More information on the story and the characters can be found on the ALT website at *Hello, Dolly 2020*.

Volunteers are also sought to help with stage and set work, props, etc. Please call (580) 223-6387 for more details.

School Menus

<p>COLEMAN</p> <p>Monday Breakfast Pancake, sausage patty, cereal, fruit.</p> <p>Lunch Spaghetti with meat sauce, breadstick, green beans, fruit, salad bar.</p> <p>Tuesday Breakfast Cinnamon toast, scrambled eggs, oatmeal, fruit.</p> <p>Lunch Nacho bar with chicken, queso, beans and chips, salsa, fruit, salad bar.</p> <p>Wednesday Breakfast Chicken biscuit, cereal, fruit.</p> <p>Lunch Waffles, scrambled eggs, sausage, breakfast potatoes, fruit, salad bar.</p> <p>Thursday Breakfast Doughnuts, oatmeal, fruit.</p> <p>Lunch Pizza bar, Caesar salad, baby carrots, fruit, salad bar.</p> <p>TISHOMINGO</p> <p>Monday Lunch Spaghetti, salad, corn, breadstick, fruit.</p> <p>Tuesday Lunch Santa Fe soup,</p>	<p>combread, salad, fruit.</p> <p>Wednesday Lunch Pizza, broccoli, cauliflower, carrots, dip, fruit, cookie.</p> <p>Thursday Lunch Chicken noodle soup, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, salad, crackers, fruit.</p> <p>Friday Lunch Hamburger, French fries, lettuce, tomatoes, pickle, fruit.</p> <p>WAPANUCKA</p> <p>Monday Breakfast Breakfast scramble, toast, cereal, fruit.</p> <p>Lunch Spaghetti, garlic bread, green beans, fruit, salad bar.</p> <p>Tuesday Breakfast Oatmeal, cinnamon toast, fruit.</p> <p>Lunch Orange chicken, fried rice, broccoli, fruit, salad bar.</p> <p>Wednesday Breakfast Pancakes, sausage, fruit.</p> <p>Lunch Chicken enchiladas, beans, salsa, fruit, salad bar.</p>	<p>Thursday Breakfast Breakfast bar, cereal, fruit.</p> <p>Lunch Cheeseburger, chips, pickle, tomatoes, fruit, salad bar.</p> <p>MILBURN</p> <p>Monday Breakfast Pancake, sausage patty, cereal, fruit.</p> <p>Lunch Spaghetti with meat sauce, breadstick, green beans, fruit, salad bar.</p> <p>Tuesday Breakfast Cinnamon toast, scrambled eggs, oatmeal, fruit.</p> <p>Lunch Nacho bar with chicken, queso, beans and chips, salsa, fruit, salad bar.</p> <p>Wednesday Breakfast Doughnuts, oatmeal, fruit.</p> <p>Lunch Waffles, scrambled eggs, sausage, breakfast potatoes, fruit, salad bar.</p> <p>Thursday Breakfast Chicken biscuit, cereal, fruit.</p> <p>Lunch Pizza bar, Caesar salad, baby carrots, fruit, salad bar.</p>
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Tishomingo Senior Citizens Center Menus

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Beef Tacos	Chicken Tetrazzini	Pork Chop/Mushroom Gravy	Chicken Broccoli Rice Casserole (5 oz)	Chicken Fried Steak
Mexican Street Corn, Diced Lettuce/Tomato	Broccoli, Zucchini/Tomato	California Blend, Scalloped Potatoes	Broccoli in Casserole, Side Salad	Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Green Beans
Taco Shell (2)	Garlic Bread	Dinner Roll	Dinner Roll	Dinner Roll
Salsa	Margarine	Margarine	Margarine, Salad Dressing	Margarine, Gravy
Baked Apples	Iced Cake	Chocolate Chip Cookie	Pineapple Fluff	Tropical Fruit Mix
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Johnston County Milestones

Chickasaw veterans make pilgrimage to Washington, D.C.

Chickasaw Nation of the Unknown Soldier warriors laid wreaths at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and the Tomb in Arlington National Cemetery during a trip to Washington, D.C. this

past Veterans Day.

The veterans, all from the Vietnam War era, were part of 17 Chickasaw veterans and citizens who attended a five-day trip to Washington, D.C., sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation.

Each year, the tribe sends its warriors there to enjoy the sights, take part in Veterans Day memorial ceremonies, and allow them an opportunity to meet other Chickasaws who served.

The 2019 warriors served America in the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and National Guard.

Three Chickasaw Vietnam veterans presented a Chickasaw Elder Veterans wreath at the Vietnam Veterans

Memorial during a special Veterans Day ceremony held on Monday, Nov. 11.

They included Sulphur resident Bobby Blevins, a Marine Corps veteran; Midwest City resident Doyle Emberson, an Army veteran; and Ada resident Larry Horton, an Army veteran.

Four Chickasaw Vietnam veterans presented a Chickasaw Elder Veterans wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on Tuesday, Nov. 12.

They included Southlake, Texas resident Ron Murrell, an Army veteran; Broken Arrow resident Gary Crittenden, a Marine Corps veteran; Lone Grove resident Al-

ice Saxon, an Air Force veteran; and Broken Arrow resident Edgar Homer, an Army veteran.

Crittenden said he remembers everyone with whom he served.

"It's a life changing, life altering decision - going into the military - and I'm very glad I did," he said.

Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby said the trip is an expression of appreciation to Chickasaws who have served our country.

"We owe a special debt of gratitude to those men and women who serve in the armed forces to defend our freedoms and way of life," Gov. Anoatubby said.

"While it is certainly important to express our appreciation for their service on Veterans Day, it is always appropriate to honor these individuals for their sacrifice and dedication."

This year's trip took the warriors to monuments and memorials in our nation's capital, including Veterans Day ceremonies at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and World War II Memorial; the United States Capitol; National

Archives; and National Museum of the American Indian, as well as other locations.

The Chickasaw Nation provides veterans with increased benefits and services, including the Chickasaw Warrior Society.

The warrior society was formed by Gov. Anoatubby in 2015 as an organization to encourage community, establish and support camaraderie, and personify the Chickasaw warrior spirit.

The Chickasaw Nation also recently opened the Chickasaw Nation Veterans Lodge on the Ada South Campus near the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada.

The site was selected to assist veterans in a centralized location.

It serves by helping them conveniently access all resources available through the Chickasaw Nation and other sources.

It also functions as a place for members of the Chickasaw Warrior Society, other veterans, and those in active service to come together for fellowship and to build relationships.

Paid Obituary

Jeanetta Brown



Funeral services to honor and celebrate the life of Jeanetta Brown were held at 2 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 30, at Calvary Baptist Church in Tishomingo. Interment followed in the Troy Cemetery.

Jeanetta Lou "Shorty" Brown was born to Ruel R. Brown and Esther Fern (May) Brown on July 9, 1965, in Tishomingo, Okla., and had been a life-long resident of Johnston County.

She was raised in the small town of Troy and attended Mill Creek Schools. She graduated from there in 1983 while simultaneously attending Murray State College. After graduation, Jeanetta moved with the family to Tishomingo and began working at Dee's Manufacturing until the closing of that facility in 1996.

She began working at Sooner Foods, and eventually worked her way up to the position of night manager. She worked there until her health began to suffer and had to leave in 2015.

Calvary Baptist Church was her place of worship, and where she felt at home. Even though her health sometimes hindered her, she was always eager to be there. She would often speak of how honored she was that Jim Schammerhorn would trust her to lead their Sunday School Class when he and Glenda were out of town.

She was always an avid reader and had a huge collection of books. One of the things she loved to do was to make quilts for the family as well as her friends. She would sit for hours hand painting scenes and then quilt them, using the quilting rack handed down from her grandmother. She was always eager to show off her finished works.

But beyond all the work and the hobbies, her favorite thing in the world was to share time with her nephews and nieces, of which there were plenty.

Jeanetta passed from this life on Dec. 24, 2019, at the age of 54 (although she never claimed to be older than 29).

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ruel and Esther Fern Brown; a sister, Betty Parker; two brothers-in-law, Daniel Parker and Tommy Tisdell; and two nephews, Billy Parker and Kevin Tisdell.

Those she leaves to cherish her memories are her sisters, Bobby Sue Seabolt of Muskogee, Karen Jones of Tishomingo and Patricia Tisdell of Reagan; a brother, Mike McSwain of Troy; her sisters, Judy Balentine and husband John of Tishomingo and Darla Downs and husband David of Calera; brother Jamey Brown and wife Monta of Troy; sister Guyla Hart and husband Mike of Tishomingo; nine nieces; nine nephews; and an abundance of great- and great-great-nieces and nephews.

Casey Miller, Jacob Hart, Terry Russell, Zeke Russell, Brian Tisdell and Tallyn Morse served as pallbearers. Serving as honorary pallbearers were Sean Pratt and Cody Russell.

"There are far, far better things ahead than any we leave behind." (C.S. Lewis)

Services were held under the direction of DeArman-Clark Funeral Home, Tishomingo.

Paid Obituary

Norma Jean Maytubby



Norma Jean Bratton Maytubby, 90, of Mill Creek, Okla., passed away on Dec. 23, 2019, in Ardmore, Okla. Norma was born in Leslie, Ark., to Guy Bratton and Lucille Sawyer Bratton on Sept. 23, 1929. She was the eldest of seven sisters.

In her younger years she attended and was baptized at Eagle Heights Baptist Church. Norma attended Harrison High School and, in 1951, she and her sister Betty were recruited to work in Washington D.C. at the Pentagon for the Department of Army. She met Benny Maytubby at the Pentagon and they were married on June 30, 1952.

They raised two sons, Stanley and Gary. Their home was always open to family and friends. In 1970 Benny retired, and they moved to Mill Creek. Norma was elected as the Johnston County Clerk, and served in that position until 1983.

Norma and Benny loved square dancing, bowling, travelling to her family home in Arkansas, and going to casinos. Norma loved collecting antiques and was always looking for a bargain. She had a green thumb and could grow anything from "just a little pinch." Norma had a quick wit, was always happy and loved a good joke.

Norma was preceded in death by her husband, Benny Maytubby; a daughter-in-law, Karen Maytubby; a great-granddaughter, Bailey Maytubby; and her brothers-in-law, Buddy Harmon, Dale Thomas and Leroy McCormick.

She is survived by her sons, Stanley Maytubby and wife Regina and Gary Maytubby and wife (Becky); her grandchildren, Shon Maytubby, Cassandra Carter and husband Kevin, Mike Maytubby and wife Sommer, and Carrie Jolley and husband Justin; and her sisters, Betty Harmon, Carolyn Thomas, Linda McCormick, Marilyn Hinson and husband Butch, Jimmi Neussner and husband Ademar, and Mary Farmer and husband Eddie.

She is also survived by a host of great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Saturday, Jan. 4, at 11 a.m. at Christ Community Church, located at 2620 Mt. Washington Rd in Ardmore, Okla., with Pastor Artie Farve officiating.

The family would like to thank the staff of Elmbrook Home and Cross Timbers Hospice for their love and care for Norma.



A group of Chickasaw Elder Veterans spent this past Veterans Day in Washington D.C, where they placed wreaths at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery.

Thank You

The Stallings Family would like to thank everyone for all the visits, phone calls, food, drinks, thoughts, kindness, love and prayers.

We truly appreciate the lunch that Nida and Milburn churches prepared for us.

We greatly thank you.

We know those we love live on, always.

Once again thank you!

Mary Ruthe, Vickie, Barbara, Bobby and James Paul

Paid Obituary

Billy Joe Dunn



Billy Joe Dunn, 76, passed from this life in the comfort of his home in Ravia, Okla., on Dec. 29, 2019. Billy was born in Comanche, Okla., on Aug. 21, 1943 to Joe and Dovey Dunn.

He was a graduate of Milburn High School and spent the majority of his life in the Johnston County area. He spent most of his working career operating heavy equipment for the wildlife refuge.

Billy also was a hunter's guide for many years in Pagosa Springs, Colo. He didn't just like to hunt for a job; hunting and fishing were some of his favorite hobbies to do outside of working. Billy had a true love for horses; riding, buying, selling or just being out there with them was his happy place.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Dovey Dunn; two brothers; and three sisters.

Those he leaves to cherish his memories are his children, Billy Dunn, David McDowell and wife Marla, Brian Dunn and Kathy Venette; 12 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends who will deeply miss him.

The family will have an interment at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 7, at Condon Grove Cemetery.

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Chickasaw galleries offer plenty for art lovers

Chickasaw Nation support for the arts can be seen throughout Oklahoma in dedicated and impromptu galleries exhibiting a host of Native American artwork.

Listed are some of the most talked about Chickasaw galleries:

Exhibit C Native Gallery and Gifts

Placed in the Bricktown entertainment district in Oklahoma City, Exhibit C Native Gallery and Gifts is a 4,000-square-foot art gallery and retail space.

Exhibit C Native Gallery and Gifts highlights talented Native American artists who represent communities throughout the United States.

Pottery, jewelry, painting and clothing are highlights of the authentic works from these talented artists. All artwork is available for purchase.

The retail shop carries Chickasaw Press books, Pendleton products and Bedré fine chocolate.

Exhibit C Native Gallery and Gifts is located at 1 E. Sheridan, Suite 100.

For more information, visit ExhibitCgallery.com, or call (405) 767-8900.

Chokma'si Gallery

Located in downtown Ada, Chokma'si Gallery is a Chickasaw Nation facility housing an art gallery with authentic works handcrafted by renowned Chickasaw artists.

The gallery features a retail area offering unique handmade artwork. Jewelry, wood turned pens, pottery, sculpture, photography, paintings, prints and textiles are all available for purchase.

Chokma'si also provides opportunities to learn about Chickasaw and Southeastern art. Art enthusiasts are encouraged to browse the gallery or sign up for art classes available at the gallery.

Chokma'si Gallery is located at 201 N. Broadway.

For more information, call (580) 272-5520.

Artesian Gallery and Studios

The Artesian Gallery and Studios offers nearly 7,400 square feet of space

to celebrate and share a variety of art.

The Artesian Gallery and Studios features an art gallery, classroom space, reception area and retail space.

Designed to assist and promote Chickasaw and other artists, the building provides the space and equipment needed to create works of art, including a pottery studio and five studio spaces, which are available for artists to rent.

The gallery area provides a venue for artists to display and market their work, as well as a reception area for "meet the artist" events and gallery art shows.

Supplies for creating all types of art, from high-quality paint brushes and watercolors to crayons and coloring books, are available in the retail shop.

Visitors can also purchase contemporary jewelry, books, music and more created by Chickasaw and Native American artists.

The Artesian Gallery and Studios is located at 100 W. Muskogee Street, in Sulphur.

For more information, call (580) 622-8040.

Aapisa' Art Gallery

The Aapisa' Art Gallery is home to fine art and rotating exhibits for visitors to enjoy.

The Aapisa' Art Gallery is a beautifully designed area with more than 1,200 square feet of exhibit space adorned with architectural details such as wood, copper and stone that is integrated throughout the campus.

The Aapisa' Art Gallery is located at the Chickasaw Cultural Center, located at 867 Charles Cooper Memorial Road in Sulphur.

For more information, call (580) 622-7130.

Chickasaw National Capitol

Today, the historic Chickasaw National Capitol serves as a museum.

The largest exhibit focuses on Chickasaw government history from 1856-1907, with accurate replicas of Chickasaw Governor Douglas H. Johnston's office and the national sec-



Exhibit C Native Gallery and Gifts, located in Oklahoma City, highlights talented Native American artists from across the U.S.

retary's vault.

Other exhibits include the Chickasaw Governors' portraits exhibit; the rotating photography exhibit; and the Chickasaw National Well exhibit.

The Chickasaw National Capitol is located at 411 W. 9th Street in Tishomingo.

For more information, call (580) 371-9835.

Chickasaw Council House Museum

A vast collection of Chickasaw art and artifacts is kept on display at the Chickasaw Council House Museum.

Experience the first Chickasaw Council House built in Indian Terri-

tory, artifacts tracing the history and culture of the Chickasaw people and contemporary Chickasaw artwork.

The museum gift shop offers a variety of souvenirs, books, music and Chickasaw language materials. The gift shop includes pottery, jewelry, beadwork and other artwork by Chickasaw artists that is available for purchase.

The Chickasaw Council House Museum is located at 209 N. Fisher Avenue in Tishomingo.

For more information, call (580) 371-3351.

Johnston County Church Guide

Bible Verse of the Week:

"The beginning of wisdom is this; Get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding."
(Proverbs 4:7, NIV)

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BULLARD CHAPEL BAPTIST

Bullard Chapel Rd • 371-2504
Howard Stanley, Pastor
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening.....6:30 p.m.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

1/4 mi. South of Y • 371-9296
Rex Clayton, Pastor
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening.....7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

407 E. Main • 371-3243
Luke Holmes, Pastor
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Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:40 a.m.
Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening.....6:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

6th and Burris • 371-3497
Bobby L. Davis Sr., Pastor
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening.....6:30 p.m.

FIRST INDIAN BAPTIST CHURCH

803 N. Byrd • (580) 443-5665
(Message)
Rev. Dale Perry, Pastor
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Sun & Wed Evening.....7:00 p.m.

FREE LOVE OUTREACH MINISTRY

609 North Byrd St. • 387-5035
Gary Poole, Pastor; Angella Poole, Co-Pastor
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Tuesday Overcomers.....12:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.
Thursday Overcomers.....7:00 p.m.

CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST

212 South Muldrow
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening.....7:00 p.m.

WESTSIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST

9450 U.S. Hwy. 377 S. • 371-2271
Stuart Bailey, Minister
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening.....6:30 p.m.

LIGHTHOUSE CHAPEL OF PRAYER

Sixth Street and North Byrd
Kay Williams, Pastor
Wednesday Services.....7:00 p.m.
Sunday Services.....3:00 p.m.

MAD MINISTRIES

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Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.

MT. OLIVE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

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Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Nightly Prayer.....7:00 p.m.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

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Sunday Worship.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m.
Midweek Discipleship (Wednesday).....6:30 p.m.

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801 South Murray • 371-2160
Tuesday Evening.....8:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....Noon
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
202 N. Neshoba • 371-2498
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Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.m.
Wed. ASK Group.....3:30 p.m.
Thursday Wesley MSC.....Noon

VICTORY TABERNACLE

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Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening.....7:30 p.m.

UNITED CHURCH

8th & Kemp
Charley Cabaniss, Pastor
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening.....6:30 p.m.

BROMIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

Allen Hicks, Pastor
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening.....6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Evening.....6:00 p.m.

BUTCHER PEN BAPTIST MISSION

193 E. Butcher Pen Road • 443-5675
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.

SEELEY CHAPEL UMC

David Boggs, Pastor
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening.....7:00 p.m.

COLEMAN COLEMAN CHURCH OF CHRIST

Highway 48
Sunday Morning.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening.....7:00 p.m.

FILLMORE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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Rev. Michael Horath, Pastor
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening.....7:00 p.m.

FREEDOM FELLOWSHIP

Hwy. 48A • (580) 443-5525
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Evening.....6:30 p.m.

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(229) 415-2283
Rev. Billy Hall and Sister Addie Hall, Pastors
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening.....7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Hwy. 78 • (580) 443-5713
Mark McGehee, Pastor
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:50 a.m.
Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening.....6:00 p.m.

CHRIST INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH

Brother Earl White, Pastor
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service.....6:30 p.m.

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Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening.....6:00 p.m.

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Sunday Morning Worship.....10:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
Thursday Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

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20th & Chickasaw • 371-9685
Charles Reed, Pastor
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:50 a.m.
Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening.....7:00 p.m.

LEAP OF FAITH FULL GOSPEL CHURCH

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Sunday Morning Worship.....10:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
Thursday Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Hwy. 377 • 836-7161
Art Brown, Pastor
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.

CONNERVILLE BLUE BAPTIST CHURCH

Hwy. 377 North • 836-7882
Larry Hawkins, Pastor
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening.....6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Evening.....7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Hwy. 377 • 836-7161
Art Brown, Pastor
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.

RAVIA RAVIA BAPTIST CHURCH

Hwy 1 North
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening.....6:30 p.m.

CHURCH OF GOD

P.O. Box 117 • 371-9384
Len Gipson, Pastor
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening.....7:00 p.m.

ROCK HARBOR CHURCH

Hwy 22, Ravia • 371-9441
Jon Smith, Pastor
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening.....7:00 p.m.

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Tim Carter, Pastor
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening.....7:00 p.m.

LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH OF GOD

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(580) 364-2709
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Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening.....7:00 p.m.

NEW BEGINNINGS

Kenneth & Shelly May
(580) 378-2309
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m.
1st & 3rd Sunday.....2:30 p.m.
Wednesday Evening.....7:00 p.m.

EMMANUEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

402 E. Main
Mark Hodges, Pastor • 638-2254
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m.
1st & 3rd Sunday.....2:30 p.m.
Wednesday Evening.....7:00 p.m.

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UCO opens registration for annual MEI training classes

Registration is now open for the 37th annual Multicultural Education Institute (MEI) at the University of Central Oklahoma (UCO), Feb. 21-22, at the Nigh University Center, located on UCO's campus.

Centered on the theme "20/20: Focusing on Unity," current and future teachers, para-professionals, bilingual professionals, and high school and college stu-

dents will have the opportunity to learn the latest strategies to help improve educating Oklahoma's increasingly diverse communities.

Registration is open through Jan. 24.

New to the institute this year, sessions will be held Saturday, Feb. 22 offering cultural competency training for community organizations.

"The Multicultural

Education Institute was approached by several community groups recently who were interested in receiving cultural competency training," Regina Lopez, Ph.D., UCO instructor and MEI committee co-chair, said.

"We are including special breakout sessions this year specifically for community groups and agencies to help meet this need."

Speakers for the event include Lhisa Al-mashy, an English for speakers of other languages (ESOL) teacher and education advocate from Palm Beach County, Fla.; Lewis Diuguid, educational diversity activist, author and retired journalist from the *Kansas City Star*; and Akash Patel, founder of World Experiences Founda-

tion and Happy World Foundation, Inc., and current Spanish and exploring languages teacher at Dallas Independent School District.

MEI is designed to assist teachers, para-professionals, administrators, counselors and community members to understand and implement strategies and programs that build

cross-cultural appreciation and academic success for all students.

The institute was first co-sponsored by the university and Oklahoma City Public Schools in 1983.

For more information or to register, visit www.uco.edu/ceps/departments/cni/mei/ or call (405) 974-5721.

'Empower' is the focus word as Chamber moves into 2020

I hope that all had a Merry Christmas and are looking forward to a happy and healthy New Year.

For myself, I've decided to make "empower" my focus word for 2020 and it's honesty time.

For the last two and one-half years at the chamber, I have tried to do as much as possible by myself with the thought that asking for help would be a burden on others.

Since starting with the chamber I've had fantastic board members and several great volunteers that have always been willing to assist with our large events and have shifted the direction of the organization to lead it to where it is now, which if I might say so, is a great place.

However, by holding back and trying to accomplish things on my own, I've not only created added stress for myself, but I feel I may have taken away from the experience of being involved with the organization that my board members and volunteers agreed to when they decided to join in.

In 2020, I plan to empower my board to be even more involved in the processes that drive the organization forward and ensure that events and programs are successful.

The board members represent our 224 business, organization, and individual members, and while traditionally their role has been to ensure that the by laws are adhered to and that I'm doing my job, I think there can be more day-to-day involvement that will empower them to take personal ownership and build a deeper connection with the organization.

Another area I plan to grow is our Ambassador Program. This facet of the organization is incredibly important but hasn't been given much attention just because of the regular daily needs that have taken precedence.

Our volunteers need to feel empowered to take a larger role in the organization, not just to attend ribbon cuttings and help out in the office on occasion.

Ambassadors are meant to be an extension of the executive director; visiting members to check-in on what their needs are; providing information on new member benefits; and reporting back on their findings.

I look forward to addressing the needs of this group and really empowering them to be and do more.

I believe our members also need to feel empowered. When it comes right down to it, the JCCC only exists

Chamber News

Jordyn Frazier
JCCC Executive Director



because of its members.

It's very important that all members feel like they're getting value from their membership and if they aren't, we need to know about it.

Perhaps there is a break down in communication and the information about what we're doing isn't coming across, or maybe there are just misconceptions that need to be debunked.

I want to empower members to be more involved as well. I fully believe that membership with any organization is a two-way street, as I've said before. There are multiple ways to do this and if you don't know about them, let's talk about it.

The door is always open and hopefully we'll have ambassadors out soon in case you can't make it in.

The final area that I believe requires empowerment for 2020 is for myself.

In the short time that I've been involved with this community, serving on different committees or boards, I've never believed in filling a seat just for the title. I've always thought that if you're going to be a part of something, really be a part of it and do the work that you've been tasked to do.

If you can't or won't, then let someone that has the time and will-power do it instead.

So, for 2020, I'm going to empower myself to make sure that each position I hold is given the attention it deserves and if I can't, then I'll be happy to step down.

I feel like Tishomingo and Johnston County deserve that from each of its citizens who feel called to serve in some capacity. Are we really doing our community justice if we can't do the work to make sure growth and success are achieved?

Sometimes it's hard to let things like that go; whether out of passion or stubbornness. One thing I do know is that the time of sitting on our hands and waiting for something to happen is over.

Together, we have to make it happen.

Be empowered to make a change, Johnston County! 2020 is your year!

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County youth do well at rodeo finals

Several Johnston County youth brought home awards when they participated in the annual South Central Youth Rodeo Association Finals, were held Oct. 18-20 in Ada. Pictured left to right are Connor Cole of Connerville, daughter of Dakota and Jamy Cole; Grace Collins of Milburn, daughter of Tina Russell; Jakob Kreger of Tishomingo, son of Teddy and Gail Kreger; and Cutter and Cactus Cain of Milburn, sons of Josh and Tina Cain. Not pictured is River Reynolds of Connerville, daughter of Hank and Ace Reynolds. Cole received several awards, including 6-and-under All Around Champion, 6-and-under Straight Barrels, Poles, Ribbon Goats, and Steer Daubin Champion. Collins was named 15-19 Reserve Goat Tying Champion, while Kreger was named 15-19 Champion Heeler. Cutter Cain was named 10-14 Breakaway and Header Champion and 15-19 Champion Header, and Cactus Cain was 7-9 Goat Tying and Breakaway Champion. Reynolds participated in the 6-and-under Straight Barrels competition.



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Happy New Year to you and your family!



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Crime News

Police Phone Log

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23:

9:53 a.m. - Animal control call.
3:41 p.m. - Caller reporting reckless driver.
9:15 p.m. - Caller reporting theft.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24:

6:10 a.m. - Caller reporting unwanted person.
1:58 p.m. - Medical call.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25:

No calls recorded on log.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26:

12:48 a.m. - Caller requesting welfare check.
1:00 a.m. - Caller reporting structure fire.
9:45 a.m. - Caller requesting welfare check.
4:31 p.m. - Caller reporting theft.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27:

12:18 p.m. - Caller reporting illegal dumping.
1:56 p.m. - Caller reporting suspicious activity.
5:44 p.m. - Medical call.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28:

2:03 p.m. - Caller reporting break-in.
7:23 p.m. - Caller requesting welfare check.
8:23 p.m. - Caller reporting suspicious vehicle.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29:

1:13 a.m. - Caller reporting noise complaint.
1:31 p.m. - Caller requesting welfare check.
2:28 p.m. - Alarm call.
10:08 p.m. - Alarm call.

Sheriff's Phone Log

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23:

2:56 p.m. - Caller in Mill Creek reporting break-in.
3:37 p.m. - Caller reporting theft near Lone Cedar Road.
11:04 p.m. - Caller in Coleman reporting suspicious vehicle.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24:

5:37 p.m. - Caller in Ravia reporting vandalism.
9:12 p.m. - Alarm call on U.S. Highway 377 north.
11:48 p.m. - Caller in Mill Creek reporting suspicious person.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25:

2:09 a.m. - Caller in Ravia reporting fire.
3:31 a.m. - Caller in Tishomingo reporting cow out.
10:02 a.m. - Caller in Mannsville reporting theft.
4:12 p.m. - Caller in Ravia reporting domestic.
6:09 p.m. - Caller in Mannsville reporting suspicious person.
11:44 p.m. - Caller in Coleman reporting reckless driver.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26:

3:43 p.m. - Caller in Mill Creek reporting trespassing.
7:17 p.m. - Caller reporting suspicious person on Highway 1 north of Slippery Falls Road.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27:

1:40 p.m. - Caller in Milburn reporting theft.
7:07 p.m. - Caller reporting harassment on State Highway 22.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28:

4:51 a.m. - Caller in Mannsville reporting threat.
6:25 p.m. - Caller on North Elm Street reporting domestic.
10:25 p.m. - Caller reporting suspicious person on Highway 49.
11:51 p.m. - Caller in Milburn reporting unwanted person.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29:

12:06 a.m. - Caller in Mannsville reporting suspicious activity.
11:25 a.m. - Caller in Mannsville reporting assault.
2:09 p.m. - Caller in Milburn reporting trespassing.
3:01 p.m. - Caller reporting suspicious vehicle, location not listed on log.
3:47 p.m. - Alarm call on South Airport Road.

Johnston County Blotter

The following cases were filed in the Johnston County Court Clerk's office in Tishomingo during the week of Dec. 20-26.

These are only cases filed, and do not indicate guilt or innocence on the part of the defendant.

Court records are a matter of public record, and are published in the *Johnston County Sentinel* as a public service.

Felonies

Courtney B.J. Randolph - Possession of stolen vehicle.

Misdemeanors

Brent Walker - Public intoxication (drugs).

Kevin Jon Bendle - Possession of controlled dangerous substance (methamphetamine); possession of controlled dangerous substance (marijuana); possession of drug paraphernalia; public intoxication.

Traffic

Jaren Blake Underwood, Tishomingo - Operating vehicle at a speed greater than reasonable and proper.

Jenny Marie Brittan, Mannsville - Failure to properly wear seat belt (driver).

Wildlife

None.

Civil

Discover Bank vs. Jimmy Saunders - Indebtedness.
Adam Cranmore vs. Blue River Healthcare Inc. - Personal injury.

Small Claims

None.

Marriages

Johnny Ray Chaney, 62, Tishomingo, and Terri Janea Baker, 61, Kingston.

Divorces

None.

Eldorado man nabbed for truck theft

A 41-year-old Jackson County man has been charged in Johnston County District Court after being taken into custody for possession of a stolen vehicle.

According to documents on file at the Johnston County Court Clerk's office, the charge against Courtney B.J. Randolph of Eldorado stems from allegations that, while at a residence in Pontotoc on Dec. 19, he was in possession of a Ford pickup that had been reported stolen from Paul Stephens of Colby, Kan.

An affidavit by Deputy Ty Richeson of the

Johnston County Sheriff's Office states that dispatchers were notified of Randolph's presence in Pontotoc around 10:25 a.m. on Dec. 19.

Randolph was reported to be the subject of several outstanding warrants in addition to being in possession of the stolen pickup.

According to the affidavit, deputies responded to the scene and found Randolph asleep in a back room. The occupant of the residence was questioned and reportedly told deputies that he hadn't known the truck was stolen when he allowed Randolph to

stay on the premises.

Randolph was taken into custody and was transported to the Johnston County Jail.

The affidavit states that the vehicle used by Randolph was confirmed to be the truck that had been stolen from Kansas.

Court documents show that Randolph has several previous convictions in Greer, Jackson and McIntosh counties on a variety of charges, including false pretenses (bogus check/con game); endangering others while eluding an officer; and bail jumping.

The court documents indicate that those previ-

ous charges each resulted in suspended sentences.

If convicted on the new charge against him, Randolph faces a possible sentence of imprisonment for up to two years.

Randolph's initial appearance on that new charge took place in Johnston County District Court on Dec. 26. Associate District Judge Laura Corbin set bond at \$50,000 and scheduled a status conference in the case for Jan. 29 at 1:30 p.m.

A preliminary hearing is expected to be set at that time. Randolph was still being held in the county jail at last report.

State AG endorses robocall legislation

Oklahoma Attorney General Mike Hunter recently applauded members of both Congressional chambers for passing legislation that will cut down on robocalls.

The Telephone Robocall Abuse Criminal Enforcement and Deterrence (TRACED) Act requires service providers to verify incoming calls are legitimate before reaching consumers, and gives the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) more ability to impose and collect fines for illegal calls.

Violators could be fined up to \$10,000. The legislation was expected to be signed by the president.

In a statement released on Dec. 20, Hunter said he is encouraged to see this important piece of legislation pass with bipartisan support.

"I commend members of the House of Representatives and the Senate for working together in getting the TRACED Act to the president's

desk," Hunter said. "One of the biggest consumer complaints I hear from Oklahomans is about the volume of robocalls they receive.

"This meaningful legislation will have a tremendous impact in reversing that trend and will better protect consumers. I look forward to continued partnership with the FCC once the bill is signed into law."

Details of the TRACED Act can be viewed at <https://bit.ly/2EQIxVP>.

Part of the legislation requires attorneys general to partner with the FCC to form an interagency task force to study government prosecution of robocall violation.

The task force will determine how federal law and budgetary constraints inhibit enforcement of the robocall violations; and identify existing and additional

policies and programs to increase coordination between federal departments and agencies and the states for enforcing and preventing violations of the robocall violations.

It will also identify existing and potential international policies and programs to improve coordination between countries in enforcing robocall violations and similar laws.

Hunter said he has taken several significant steps over the last year to combat robocalls, including working across state lines with his attorneys general colleagues; meetings with federal officials, including FCC Chairman Ajit Pai; and issuing consumer alerts when robocalls target specific areas of the state, among other things.

According to the call blocking company YouMail, last month

alone Oklahomans received 59.3 million robocalls, which is a rate of over 82,000 per hour.

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A Public Service Message from the Johnston County Sentinel

No rush to raise speed limits

Transportation officials aren't rushing to raise speed limits on Oklahoma's rural turnpikes in the state.

But according to a recent article in the *Journal Record*, traffic engineers and other professionals are examining factors ranging from road topographies to accident histories to determine if higher speed limits might be in order for some stretches of road.

The *Journal Record* article cited statistics on serious and fatal accidents which suggest that an abundance of caution is called for when it comes to raising speed limits.

Fatal accidents in Oklahoma have generally been trending downward in recent years, but their numbers — including accidents related to speed — remain in triple digits.

There were 678 traffic fatalities recorded in the state in 2013, according to Oklahoma Highway Safety Office data. That number dropped to 669 in

2014, and to 645 in 2015.

In 2016 the number of fatal accidents rose to 687. The number fell again in 2017 to 657.

"The five-year rolling average is showing a decreasing trend," the OHSO's 2018 report states.

However, speed-related fatal accident numbers have been up and down in recent years. There were 174 recorded in 2013, according to the data. The number dropped to 152 in 2014 but then rose to 171 in 2015 and to 183 recorded in 2016.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, accidents linked to speeding killed 9,378 people across the nation in 2018. That was about 25 percent of the total of 37,133 lives lost.

Passage of House Bill 1071 during the last legislative session gave officials discretion to raise maximum legal travel speeds from 75 to 80 mph.

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315+/- acres with a 3 bdrm, 2 bath mobile home, livestock creek, weather creek with large game water crossings. The deer, turkey and wild hogs are plentiful, and the property has 3 ponds for the fisherman to enjoy.

220 +/- acres of land, nice ponds, creek, really good hunting and pasture grazing. \$2,500 per acre.

705 N. Kemp Commercial Property Spacious 5000 +/- sq. ft. commercial building ready for business. Five offices, restroom, garage and plenty of room for storage. Asking \$192,000 reduced to \$172,000.

2,300 sq. ft. brick, CH&A, large living room, 3 car carport, sitting on 110 +/- acres, cattle pens, loafing shed, feed silo and barn. Live creek, pecan trees and more near Wapanucka. Shown by appointment only.

110+/- acres, Good hunting; deer, hogs and turkey. Approx. 6 miles East of Tishomingo. Asking 2,800 per acre.

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103 West 20th Street, Tishomingo. 2 or 3 bedroom, 1,408 sq. ft., house with separate 720 sq. ft. garage and shop with additional attached 144 sq. ft. storage area. Separate 288 sq. ft. storage building, 6 city lots. Built in 1959. Remodeled bathroom and new central heat and air (2018). Hardwood floors. \$74,000. Call (580) 618-1764 for appointment.

FOR RENT

Nice 3 or 4 bedroom home for lease in Ginger Hills area of Tishomingo. Sunken living room, large kitchen, partial basement with utility room, total electric, central heat and air. \$750 per month with \$750 deposit. Appliances provided. 1-year lease required. Applicants will have background, credit and income verified prior to lease approval. Home available February 1. For application call 371-5748 or 371-8409.

Legal Notices

(Published December 26, 2019 & January 2, 2020)

Legal Notice

November 07, 2019 Unless otherwise noted in the proposal, all bids must be submitted over the Internet via Bid Express. When written bids are allowed, sealed proposals sent by registered mail will be received through the ODOT Office Engineer Division until 30 minutes prior to the scheduled bid opening.

ing. From 30 minutes prior to the bid opening until the time of the bid opening, bid proposals must be turned in directly to the ODOT Commission Room located on the east side of the lobby. The scheduled bid opening is 10:30 A.M., January 16, 2020 for the work listed below.

No Proposal for construction or maintenance work of the department will be issued to any contractor after 10:30 A.M. on the working day preceding opening of bids for any contract.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Certified or Cashier's Check or Bid Bond equal to 5% of the bid made payable to the State of Oklahoma, Department of Transportation, as a proposal guaranty. Proposal checks will be held or returned by the Department as per Section 103.04 of the State Standard Specifications.

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

Bids must be prepared as directed by the State Standard Specifications.

Plans, proposals, and specifications may be examined in the plan room or in the Office Engineer Division at the Oklahoma Department of Transportation central office in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

This work will be done under the Oklahoma Department of Transportation applicable specifications for highway construction as depicted on the lower left corner of the plan's title sheet.

Plans and proposal forms may be ordered from the Office Engineer Division, Oklahoma Department of Transportation Building, 200 N.E. 21st Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73105. Cost of Bidding Documents is \$50.00 + tax for each Bidding Proposal. State Standard Specifications may be purchased for \$55.00 + tax. (Oklahoma tax is 8.375%).

Plans (Reduced Size Complete with X-Sec if applicable) \$85.81 + postage/handling. Make checks payable to Oklahoma Department of Transportation. No refunds will be made for bidding documents or specification books purchased.

Unless otherwise noted in the proposal, upon award of the contract to the successful bidder, the contract will be completely and correctly executed by the contractor and returned to the Department within ten (10) working days from the date of award. The Department will have fourteen (14) working days from the date of award to complete its execution of the contract.

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YOU BELONG HERE! This brick home offers 3B/2B, lg kitchen w/abundant cabinetry, nice laundry room, ch&a, covered deck. Located near hospital and MSC @ 806 Harkey, \$94,000

A VARIETY OF OPPORTUNITIES! This could be a great restaurant, business, converted to a home, or continue as a church. 78 E, Highway frontage on 1.24 acres \$158,000

DANDY DWELLING! This 3 BR brick home offers CH&A, new windows, and covered patio. Also, 20X40 shop building with large fenced yard. 5801 OK. HWY 7 W. located in Reagan. \$69,500

PRIME LOCATION! Country living minutes from town offers 10+/- acres with pecan trees. Perfect for building dream home or developing. Refuge Road.

HANG YOUR WREATH HERE! Secluded home features 3/4 BR/1.5 bath, very lg kitchen with abundant cabinetry adjoins dining and living rm. Notable feature is room large enough for 2 king beds + craft room. Metal carport & storage bldg. Great space for family. Located on dead end at 1309 Cinnamon Ln. \$130,000

PUT A BOW ON THIS! 27 Clayton Manufacture home offers 3B/2B, lg kitchen, lg. fenced corner lot with lots of trees. 309 N. 3rd, Milburn. \$29,500

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS! 3B/2B Brick home on 1+/-Acre. New CH&A, roof, paint, but is a project in the making. 6300 Mansion Rd. Emet. \$59,500.

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Description of work and location of project:

STP-235C(038)PM SH-22/SH99 JOHNSTON Job Piece No. 3184104 GRADE, DRAIN, AND SURFACE SH-22/SH-99: SH-22, FROM 0.4 MILES NW OF SH-9 EXTEND SE. SH-99, FROM THE SH-22 JUNCTION, EXTEND NE IN TISHOMINGO.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. By: Tim Gatz, Director.

(Published December 26, 2019 & January 2, 2020)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JOHNSTON COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

In the Matter of the Estate of **DICKIE LUDELL UPCHURCH**, Deceased.

PB-2019-28

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of Dickie Ludell Upchurch, Deceased:

All creditors having claims against Dickie Ludell Upchurch, 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 Brad Upchurch, Administrator, at the law offices of Little Law Firm, PLLC, at P.O. Box 618, Madill, Oklahoma, 73446, addressed to Jeffrey S. Landgraf, attorney for the Administrator, on or before the following presentment date: February 20, 2020, or the same will be forever barred.

Dated this 16th day of December, 2019.

/s/ Brad L. Upchurch SR
 Brad Upchurch,
 Administrator

Jeffrey S. Landgraf,
 OBA # 19507
 Little Law Firm, PLLC
 P.O. Box 618
 Madill, OK 73446
 Phone: (580) 795-3397
 Fax: (580) 795-5072
 Attorney for Petitioner, Brad Upchurch

(Published January 2, 2020)

Legal Notice

In compliance with Title 2 of the Oklahoma Statutes (The Oklahoma Forestry Code), Sections 16-28 and 16-28.2, The Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation supplies this notice to adjoining landowners of the intent to prescribe burn up to approx. 500 acres of the Arbuckle Springs Wild-

life Management Area, and up to approx. 600 acres of the Tishomingo Wildlife Management Unit in Johnston County from January 1 through September 1, 2020, when the weather conditions are suitable for burning. The legal descriptions of land to be prescribed burned are: portions of T1S, R7E, Section 25, and T4S, R6E Sections 8,16,17,20, and 21 in Johnston County.

Contact person is John Carter, Biologist at (405) 823-8383.

(Published January 2, 9 & 16, 2020)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JOHNSTON COUNTY, STATE OF OKLAHOMA

In re the Marriage of:

PEGGY SUE RIVERA,
 DOB: 12-11-82

Petitioner,

-vs-

ENOCH S. RIVERA,
 DOB: 1-29-84

Respondent,

Case No. FD-19-42

PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

Comes now the Petitioner and for her cause of action against the Respondent alleges and states as follows:

That the Petitioner is now and has been for more than six (6) months immediately preceding the filing of the Petition herein an actual resident, in good faith, of the State of Oklahoma, and a resident of this County for thirty (30) days at the time her Petition was filed herein.

That the parties hereto were married on or about the 17th day of June, 2003, and have been since that time, and are the present time, husband and wife.

That of the marriage aforesaid, there is one (1) minor child: AUTUMN MARIE NICOLE, born September 5, 2008.

As grounds for Divorce the Petitioner alleges that the Respondent has abandoned the marriage which has completely destroyed the legitimate aims of the marriage of the parties and rendered its continuation impossible, by reason of which the Petitioner is entitled to a Decree of Divorce from the Respondent, on the grounds of Abandonment.

That neither the Federal or State Indian Child Welfare Act, 43 USC Section 1901 et seq, and Title 10 OS Section 40 et seq., respectively, apply to these proceedings.

That in conformity with the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Act, 43 O.S. Section 501 et seq., the Petitioner has a duty to advise the Court of the matters as follows:

That it is in the best interest of the aforesaid minor child for this Court to assume jurisdiction to determine the custody of said child.

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PUBLISHER'S NOTICE:

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Applications are available at Tishomingo Apartments, 1100 South Byrd, Tishomingo, OK, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Interested persons may call (580) 371-3372 or write Tishomingo Apartments, Inc., 1100 South Byrd Tishomingo, OK 73460. Applications will be mailed.

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New federal law raises legal tobacco purchasing age to 21

The executive director of the Oklahoma Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust (TSET) praised a new federal law that will raise the minimum age to purchase tobacco products to 21 while also calling for more to be done to protect youth from a lifetime of nicotine addiction.

"This action by Congress is a good first step toward curbing youth access to tobacco and vaping products," Julie Bisbee, TSET executive director said.

"But this is only a first step. State and federal leaders can do more to protect Oklahoma youth through policies like restricting flavored products; passing a comprehensive clean indoor air law; and devoting more resources to compliance checks of tobacco retailers."

On December 20, 2019, Congress passed a federal spending package that included a provision prohibiting the sale of cigarettes, e-cigarettes, cigars and other tobacco products to people under the age of 21.

President Trump signed the measure into law that night. The provision, known as the Tobacco-Free Youth Act, would make it a violation of federal law to sell tobacco products to anyone under the age of 21.

Raising the minimum purchasing age is part of Tobacco Stops With Me's 7-point plan to cut the adult smoking rate in half over the next decade.

By increasing the age to purchase

tobacco, it cuts off the main pipeline for underage tobacco access from 18 to 20-year-old peers.

Preventing children and young adults from starting tobacco use is critical as 95 percent of users start before age 21.

According to a 2015 report by the Institute of Medicine, the passage of Tobacco 21 in the U.S. could prevent 223,000 premature deaths; prevent 50,000 deaths from lung cancer; and reduce smoking prevalence by an additional 12 percent.

In Oklahoma, 1,800 children and teens become daily smokers each year.

The Food and Drug Administration will update its regulations within 180 days to implement the Tobacco-Free Youth Act.

Bisbee stressed the need for increased enforcement of existing laws that prevent children under 18 from purchasing tobacco.

"It is important that we understand the benefits of increasing the legal age to purchase tobacco and continue to enforce existing laws that protect children from purchasing tobacco," Bisbee said.

"As rule making moves forward at the federal level it will be important to avoid tobacco industry influence that has brought exemptions and other loopholes at the state level."

With the surge of teen e-cigarette use, rising 78 percent from 2017 to

2018, adolescents are starting their tobacco use as early as 12 years old.

In 2016, a national survey found that among youth and young adult e-cigarette users aged 13-25, more than half (55.9 percent) used another tobacco product in addition to e-ciga-

rettes.

Nineteen states, as well as the District of Columbia, already have laws prohibiting the sale of tobacco products to people under the age of 21, according to the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids.

Tips for a Tobacco-Free 2020

Kicking off the New Year by quitting tobacco? These four tips will help you save money, feel healthier and crush your goals in 2020.

- 1. Start fresh.**
Remove tobacco products from your home, car and workplace.
- 2. Remember your reasons.**
Make a list of why you quit and use it for inspiration.
- 3. Celebrate!**
Do something special for every milestone.
- 4. Get the help you need.**
Contact the Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline for Quit Coaching, tons of tips, community support and your choice of patches, gum or lozenges — all for FREE.

Thinking about quitting? Call **1-800-QUIT NOW** or visit **OKhelpline.com**.

TSET to offer free support

Oklahomans resolving to be healthier and quit tobacco in 2020 have a partner on their journey to being tobacco free.

The Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline, a program of the Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust (TSET), provides free resources to Oklahomans who are thinking about quitting tobacco or ready to quit.

Resources are also available to former tobacco users wanting to stay tobacco free and those who want to support loved ones, patients or employees.

The Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline offers free customizable services including coaching over the phone or on the web, as well as text and e-mail support to any Oklahoman.

Also free patches, gum or lozenges to Oklahomans 18 years or older. These tools provide flexibility for Oklahomans searching for a way to quit that fits their lifestyle.

Those seeking to quit tobacco can also talk to their health care providers about receiving additional cessation benefits like nicotine replacement therapy or prescription medication.

For Oklahomans who are not quite ready to quit, the Helpline can provide information and

resources to help prepare for a successful quit attempt.

More than 30,000 tobacco users registered for services from the Helpline between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019 and nearly 95 percent of recent user survey respondents reported satisfaction with the services they received.

Call 1-800-QUIT NOW (1-800-784-8669), or visit *OKhelpline.com* to explore all the free services and resources available to Oklahomans.

Fire

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percent sure of the exact cause, but there was a chandelier on the top porch that the family said they'd been having some trouble with,"

Martin said. The owner of the home, who lives outside of the state, has announced plans to repair the building.

That there is no other person who either had or has physical custody of minor child listed above or who claims rights to custody; Petitioner does not know of any pending custody proceeding in this or any other county or state concerning said child; nor has Petitioner participated as a party, witness, or in any other capacity, in any other litigation concerning the custody of the said child in this or in any other state.

The Court finds further that this State is the home state of the minor child and the child and at least one contestant have significant connection with this State, and there is available in this State substantial evidence concerning the child's present and future care, protection, training and personal relationships.

That the Petitioner is a fit and proper person to have the exclusive care, custody and control of the minor child of the parties, and the care custody and control of the minor child of the parties should be granted to the Petitioner, both permanently and during the pendency of this matter, with the Respondent to have supervised visitation only with the minor child at the Johnston County Sheriff's Department.

That the Court finds further that the only known income for the Respondent is SSI, therefore no child support shall be ordered by the Court.

That of the marriage aforesaid no property either real or personal has been acquired other than what

has already been divided, and there is no necessity for the Court to enter any order regarding a division of the same.

That it is further ordered that each of the respective parties hereto hold the other harmless as to the recourse of the creditors on the liabilities and debts for which he or she is responsible, and that each of the respective parties hold the other harmless as to the recourse of creditors of their respective liabilities and debts of which the other was unaware at the time of the filing of the Petition in this matter.

That the Court finds further that the Petitioner has a maiden name of REED, and it is hereby petitioned that she be restored to her maiden name when said divorce becomes final, if she so desires.

That the Respondent herein is not now and has not been within the last thirty (30) days a "person in military service" as defined by the Soldier's and Sailor's Civil Relief Act of 1940, as amended.

WHEREFORE, the Petitioner prays that upon hearing this cause the Court grant and award the Petitioner a Decree of Divorce from the Respondent and for such other and further relief as to which the Petitioner may be entitled, and which the Court may deem equitable and proper.

State of Oklahoma)
County of Johnston)
SS. VERIFICATION
PEGGY SUE RIVERA,
of lawful age, being first duly

sworn upon oath, deposes and states: That she is the Petitioner above named; that she has read the above and foregoing instrument and knows the contents thereof, and that the matters and things therein contained are true and correct.

/s/ Peggy Rivera
Petitioner

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of December, 2019.

/s/ Marci Sneed
Deputy Clerk
(Seal)

(Published January 2, 2020)

OERB Refund Notice

Contributors to the Oklahoma Energy Resources Board (OERB) have until March 31, 2020 to file for a refund of the 2019 assessment.

Contributors to the Committee for Sustaining Oklahoma's Energy Resources, or SOER, have until March 31, 2020 to file for a refund of the 2019 fee.

To request the appropriate refund forms, call 1-800-664-1301, ext. 235, or write to 500 NE 4th St., Suite 100, Oklahoma City, OK 73104

Each refund request must include completed forms, a notarized refund affidavit and documentation of assessments. Requests must be post-marked by March 31, 2020.

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