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COVID-19: COPING WITH THE 'NEW NORMAL'

EDITORIAL

County residents should set example

By Tom and Mary Lokey
Sentinel Co-Publishers

Today we face an invasion of a stealth enemy, capable of attacking any of us at any moment.

The best way of protecting ourselves from this enemy is to socially distance ourselves from our friends and co-workers, as much as practically possible.

As of press time Tuesday, there were 17 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Oklahoma.

This is up from 10 confirmed cases the day before. Nationwide, the number of cases has surpassed 5,000. Testing kits continue to be in short supply.

Deaths reported related to the virus in the United States currently stand at 91. Globally 189,386 are infected, with deaths of 7,504, just short of four percent.

Governor Stitt has declared a state of emergency for Oklahoma. COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) is a new virus with a potential mortality rate exceeding four percent of cases.

There is no known treatment or vaccine for the disease.

Four percent of the population across the state of Oklahoma would be over 139,000 which, if just cut in half, could mean the loss of nearly 65,000 lives statewide.

Nationally, deaths could be in numbers not seen since the influenza pandemic of 1917. This is why the government is responding with unprecedented urgency.

While some may think that 96 percent is a good survival figure, let's assume the worst.

In Johnston County alone, if 40 percent of the population (one of the higher estimates presumed by the Center for Disease Control) were to get the COVID-19 virus, that would mean somewhere around 4,000 afflicted.

Of that, if four percent were to die, that adds up to 160 people dead in Johnston County alone. The majority of cases would be tilted towards the elderly and those with chronic health issues.

If COVID-19 cases, depending on the number of tests done and which country is reporting, are coming in with a two to six percent mortality rate of those found ill, the worldwide death toll stands at roughly four percent of infected.

The Center for Disease Control, along with federal, state and local governments, is attempting to flatten the curve by issuing very strong orders to change the way we currently live our daily lives.

The whole purpose of flattening the curve is to allow the illness to spread more slowly.

At this time, COVID-19 cannot be stopped.

This will allow, hopefully for the medical community to be able to manage the caseload.

If we all go merrily along our way, not changing our habits, then the curve will not be flattened, the illness will spread more quickly, a higher number of deaths will occur, and the healthcare system will be overwhelmed.

According to reports, many people may be going about their business not knowing they are infected nor showing any symptoms.

Not only are you protecting yourself by limiting your activities, but you may also be saving others from illness and possible death.

With more cases being confirmed in Oklahoma, we do not think it is wise for Tishomingo and Johnston County to "wait until the first confirmed case" is found in our communities to change what and how we are going

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City declares state of emergency

Mayor calls for halt to large gatherings

By John A. Small
Managing Editor

The Tishomingo City Council voted Monday night to officially declare a State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

During its regularly scheduled meeting at City Hall Monday, the council voted 4-0 to approve the resolution that had been prepared by city attorney Krystina Phillips. Councilwoman Sharon Boston was unable to attend the meeting.

Phillips said she had taken the liberty of drafting the ordinance in anticipation that the council would choose to take such an action. She stated that the draft as presented was based upon the current recommendations issued by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

(The full text of the declaration and other related information appears on Page 5.)

On Tuesday morning, interim City Manager Janice Cain issued a statement regarding the council's action the previous evening.

In it, Cain said that

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Empty store shelves at Tishomingo's Dollar General Market (above) and Sooner Foods echoes similar scenes throughout the nation over the past week as residents have clamored to stockpile certain items in anticipation of possible quarantine due to the COVID-19 virus. (Sentinel staff photos by Mary Lokey)



Activities canceled throughout area

By John A. Small
Managing Editor

Much has been said about some of the mixed messages the public has received regarding the COVID-19 (coronavirus) - due in part to the ever-evolving nature of the situation.

Locally, this was perhaps most vividly illustrated during the Johnston County Chamber of Commerce's legislative forum at Murray State College last Friday, March 13.

At the beginning of the program, held in MSC's Aggie Dining Room, Laura Wood of the Johnston County Health Department gave a brief report in which she shared information related to avoiding and combating the respiratory disease.

"People are making this out to be a big thing," Wood said, adding that there was no need for the public to

panic and stressing the importance of obtaining a flu shot as a means of helping to avoid getting the disease.

But literally within moments of Wood's presentation, representatives of the Johnston County Sentinel learned that President Donald Trump was declaring a public emergency in response to the outbreak.

On Sunday Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt followed suit - albeit not before being widely criticized for encouraging residents to continue dining out in public - and Monday night saw the Tishomingo City Council approve a resolution declaring a city-wide state of emergency. (See related story above.)

The council's vote was the latest in a series of local responses to concerns over the spread of COVID-19.

As reported in last week's issue of the Sentinel, board members and

volunteers with Johnston County's Reaching Out organization announced March 10 that the group's annual benefit event - which had been scheduled to take place April 4 - had been postponed until later this year.

The annual event - consisting of a fish fry, pie and cake auction, and silent auction - has tentatively been rescheduled for Sept. 19.

On Monday, March 16, Johnston County Chamber of Commerce President Donovan Stowe announced that the annual Chamber Banquet has been postponed until sometime after April 1. Stowe also stated that all non-essential meetings, networking events and Junior Chamber activities will either be postponed until after April 1, or be held in an online setting.

"We will post, via our social media channels, any resources that are

available to businesses, civic organizations, and families that may help prevent the spread of the virus, as well as opportunities for assistance during this time," Stowe said.

"We are optimistic that together, we can work through this period of balancing caution with economic and organizational stability and make 2020 a great year for Johnston County. By practicing common sense hygiene ways to support our local businesses, we can be successful in our efforts to see our community prosper."

Officials with Mercy Hospital in Tishomingo

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Weekend Weather:

FRIDAY: Partly sunny with high around 54F. Clear to partly cloudy and colder overnight. SATURDAY: Sun and areas of high clouds with a couple of showers expected late. SUNDAY: Cloudy with showers and a thunderstorm, high of 54F.

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From the archives: Looking for a couple of extra hours

Dear Readers: Our ongoing efforts to stay as up-to-date as possible with the latest new information regarding the COVID-19 pandemic seems to have left some of us here at the *Sentinel* with precious little time in which to do anything else.

In my case, I've found myself unable to take the time to write a new column for this week's issue. This isn't the first time this has happened, and I'm sure it won't be the last, but it's always a disappointment - to me, if not to others - when it does happen.

But one of the good things about having done this for more than three decades now is that I've a pretty decent catalogue of material that I can brush off and rerun whenever such situations do happen to arise.

Therefore, with your kind permission - and in the interest of perhaps lightening the mood just a bit, given everything else we've all found ourselves facing in recent weeks - I'd like to dig into those archives this week and share a "Small Talk" column originally published back in 2000.

So without further ado...



I believe it was the learned philosopher Jim Croce who observed, "There never seems to be enough time to do the things that you want to do once you find them."

And it was my poker buddy from the old neighborhood, the renowned physicist and surgeon Buckaroo Banzai, who once pointed out that "the only reason for Time is so that everything doesn't happen at once."

If there is one thing that I have learned during my many travels over the years, it is that our Western culture has long been especially interested with the concept of Time. And the older I get, the better I seem to understand this; I don't know about the rest of you, but when it comes to Time I just never seem to have enough of it.

I never seem to have enough time to make those much-needed repairs to

my house, or to clean out the garage, or to start work on that new bookcase I keep meaning to build. I can't remember the last time the wife and I were able to even dream about kicking back and not doing anything at all for an entire Saturday.

Having given the matter more hours of consideration than I really had to spare, I have come to the conclusion that there simply are not enough hours in the day to give the kids, the dogs, the turtles, the house, the job, or the wife the sort of attention they all need and/or deserve.

As a result, the kids, the dogs, the house and the wife just never seem to get dusted off or cleaned out quite as often as they should. Or something like that...

Every now and then, as I lie in my bed reflecting on how little I seem to have accomplished during the day in comparison to what I had set out to do when I'd gotten up that morning, I'll say to myself, "Just think how much more I would have gotten done if only I'd had a couple more extra hours during the day! Just think how much more I could have accomplished!"

Yeah, maybe; then again, maybe not. Knowing my luck, I'd wind up with one more meeting to cover for the newspaper and then I'd still be in the same fix I'm always in anyway. Even so, two hours is two hours; you can get an awful lot accomplished in a mere 120 minutes. Now all we have to do is figure out how to do it.

If I were a congressman, I would submit a bill to make the day 26 hours long - and make sure I tacked on some other quasi-important piece of legislation favored by fellow legislators and/or the White House in order to help ensure its passage. If I were president, it would be even easier - all I'd have to do then would be to sign an executive order.

And if I were a lobbyist it would be even easier still. Then all I'd have to do would be to grease enough palms

Small Talk

John A. Small



to get it passed. (Come to think of it, there are a few other things I'd like to get accomplished if I had that kind of power...)

But since I am not now nor ever likely to be a member of the legislative, executive or palm-greasing branches of American government, I will have to rely upon other means to accomplish what I have set out to do. I will take a page from American history and focus my attention upon the creation of the kind of grassroots effort - such as the Boston Tea Party, the 1963 Civil Rights March and the letter-writing campaign that saved *Star Trek* - which helped make America the great nation she has been for all these years.

It is with this in mind that I hereby announce the formation of the "Crusade for Two Extra Hours." I've given this a lot of thought (well, not a *lot* of thought - like I said, I haven't had much time), and I think I know how we can make this work.

It'll take some getting used to; after all, Timex, Rolex, Bulova, et al. will have to redesign all their clocks and watches to reflect the addition of two extra hours every day. But that, really, will be the easy part. Because in order to change the clock, we're also going to have to change the calendar, as well.

In order to rob Peter to pay Paul - chronologically speaking, that is - we will need to shave a few days off each month. It is therefore my recommendation that we adopt a 28-day, 12-month calendar, with the first day of every month falling on a Monday, and the 28th of every month falling on a Sunday.

This will not only give us two extra hours every day, but help us to

keep a few extra dollars in our pockets as well - we will have eliminated the need to buy a brand-new calendar every year, because every month would be the same.

The way I see it, the only people who run the risk of ruin should we adopt such a plan will be the hormone-inflamed teenage boys who rush out and buy the latest Elle MacPherson swimsuit calendar. But since few of these fellows make such purchases with the intent of remembering what day it is - and since most of these fellas have Internet access these days anyway - they should have little difficulty finding some other way to feed their habit.

Of course, paring each month down to a mere 28 26-hour days leaves us with 30 hours left over. What to do with these? We can't just toss these 30 hours aside and forget about them; they'll still be there, just like your mother-in-law. Something needs to be done.

My suggestion: a Leap Day every Feb. 29. Of course, this still leaves us with four more hours in the bank; but with a little proper planning, these can be used to log in a few long lunches over the course of the year.

There will, of course, be a few drawbacks here and there to having the 26-hour day. These will relate mostly to child-rearing; the thought of having to hear my children say "I'm bored" or having to fuss at them to bulldoze their toys back from the living room to their bedroom for two more hours a day will almost certainly quicken the torrid pace at which my hair seems to be prematurely graying.

Even so, from my vantage point it would appear that the advantages of a 26-hour day far outweigh the disadvantages.

If nothing else, it would give me two more hours to procrastinate before getting my columns written and handed in...

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also announced that facility, along with all other hospitals in the Mercy healthcare network throughout Oklahoma, has started enforcing restricted visitor access

statewide.

Effective at 6 a.m. this past Saturday, March 14, all Mercy hospitals in Oklahoma are limiting access to one visitor per Mercy patient. Visitors

will be allowed in Mercy hospitals from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Each patient's one visitor must meet the following criteria:

- Visitors must be 16 years or older.
- Visitors must be fever-free.
- Visitors must be cough-free.
- After a patient's one visitor leaves, another may enter.
- Weekend hours may vary by location.

Exceptions will be made on a case-by-case basis and include visitors for any patients nearing the end of life. Hospital services will not be impacted.

"The safety of our patients, visitors and co-workers is of the utmost importance," said Jim Gebhart, president of Mercy Hospital Oklahoma City and regional strategy officer for Mercy. "We realize this new policy may create an inconvenience for our visitors, but we must prevent unnecessary exposure to our patients and caregivers."

Patients with appointments at Mercy physician clinics will not be impacted by these restrictions, according to the Mercy press release.

The pandemic has also affected business at the State Capitol in Oklahoma City.

House and Senate leaders on Monday announced restricted access to the Capitol building in response to the COVID-19 challenge. Beginning Tuesday, access to the Capitol is being restricted to elected state officials, essential Capitol staff, credentialed press and state officials invited to essential meetings.

These restrictions are similar to protocols put

in place recently at the U.S. Capitol and other capitol buildings nationwide.

The actions were announced jointly by House Speaker Charles McCall (R-Atoka), Senate President Pro Tempore Greg Treat (R-Oklahoma City), House Minority Leader Emily Virgin (D-Norman), and Senate Minority Leader Kay Floyd (D-Oklahoma City).

"We consulted public health officials about access to the Capitol building, and they affirmed limited access is the right decision at this time in order to protect the public," McCall said.

"This change protects public health while allowing the legislature to keep working so the government can continue functioning."

Republicans and Democrats in both chambers met in rare joint Caucus meetings Monday to discuss the changes and hear from health officials about the state's ongoing response to COVID-19.

The leaders said legislative rule changes to ensure continuity of legislative operations are under consideration for adoption in the near future.

Despite the limited access to the building, committee meetings and floor sessions can continue to be monitored by the public through live streaming online, and legislation will continue to be publicly available in accordance with existing rules.

Additionally, maintaining the presence of the press in the building will allow for continued public awareness of the work being done at the Capitol.

During last Friday's legislative forum in



Speaker of the House Charles McCall

Tishomingo, McCall - whose District 22 includes Johnston County - added his voice to those calling upon the public to remain calm in the face of the pandemic.

McCall stressed that following the recommendations regarding personal hygiene - particularly the calls for thorough hand washing and the use of hand sanitizer, as well as avoiding handshaking - will help reduce the likelihood of catching the disease.

"We don't need to panic about this," McCall said. "Do we need to be smart about this? Yes, we need to be smart. But our bodies are fighting off stuff everyday."

No cases of COVID-19 had been reported in Johnston

County at press time. As of noon Tuesday, the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) was reporting a total of 17 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Oklahoma.

Of that total, six were reported in Oklahoma County and three in Tulsa County; Canadian County and Kay County were each reporting two confirmed cases, while single cases had been reported in Cleveland, Jackson and Payne counties.

Of those 17 confirmed cases, eight have been reported in residents between the ages of 18 and 49. Five confirmed cases have been reported in the 50-64 age group, and four in patients age 65 and older.

== Voice Of The People == 'Just use common sense'

Dear Editor:

The largest distributor of germs and viruses is the heat and air ducts of homes, businesses, hospitals, clinics and doctors' offices.

They should be cleaned and disinfected every six months. Then, once a week, pull the air filter and spray with Lysol spray.

Just use common sense.

Sue Powell
Tishomingo

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Mill Creek Students of the Month

Mill Creek School recently announced its list of honorees as February Students of the Month. Pictured left to right are (back row) Jackson Newton, Angelina Patrick and Brea Mitchell; (front row) Kaos Hair, Brody Riddle Poe, Justin Farley, Jenah Gloria and Terriana Patrick.

Community prayer events date back to Old Testament

By Jerry Blackerby
Sentinel Correspondent

Why have a community prayer meeting?

In the days of Solomon, as he prayed his great prayer of dedication of the Temple, fire from Heaven consumed the sacrifices.

On the Day of Pentecost, as the Disciples prayed, God brought down fire from Heaven, except it came to rest on the heads of the believers as the Holy Spirit.

A new temple was dedicated, except it was the believers. Each believer is a temple unto God, both when we are assembled or individually.

"And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us." (1 John 5:14 KJV).

Some of us from different churches feel like we want to join together for prayer to help our community.

If you believe God answers prayer, come join us on the first Thursday evening of the month at 6 p.m. in the Milburn Community Center.

The next community prayer meeting will be April 2.

Several of us have felt a real blessing when we have heard some of the good reports on previous prayer requests.

On Sunday, March 29, the Milburn First Baptist Church serves communion - the Lord's Supper - as part of the fifth Sunday service.

We will also have a potluck meal in the fellowship hall following the service.

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RE-ELECT Doug Blackburn

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Tishomingo School Board

(Paid for by Doug Blackburn)

Senior services suspended due to COVID-19 concerns

By Matthew Cravatt
Sentinel Correspondent

In an emergency meeting at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, March 12, the Ravia Senior Citizens Center decided by popular vote to temporarily suspend services due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Their decision to suspend services was made by Ravia Senior Citizen Center members as their part to "flatten the curve," or slow the advance of the virus locally.

In addition, seniors who normally attend regular Thursday dinners will have lowered the risk of infection among their own numbers, as well as eliminating viral spread in the general population through the center.

"It's no small sacrifice, because for a lot of these people the weekly dinner is a large part of their social life, along with being a big part of a nutritional source," a Ravia Senior Citizen Center member said on the condition of anonymity.

"In fact, two members have postponed medical procedures so they aren't using upper resources in medical facilities during a period they are needed to treat potential COVID-19 patients," the member concluded.

Ravia Senior Citizen Center executive committee members will decide every two weeks to continue service suspension or resume services, with the first review held on Monday, March 30.

It will be based largely on the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Oklahoma State Department of Health recommendations for public gatherings.

Ravia News

As warmer weather approaches, the Ravia Cemetery mowing season will open. Mayor Ricky Kreger reminds family members who are keeping plots to be sure to pick up flowers and other decorations, and/or tend to mowing before the weather clears when mowing begins in the near future.

Ravia Town Hall officials wish to remind residents undertaking building projects to apply for permits before construction begins.

Ravia's National Weather Service based forecast summary: Ex-

pect rain and thunderstorms today (Thursday) and tomorrow, with temperatures dropping from the mid-70s to the lower 50s, and near freezing Friday night.

Skies become partly cloudy for a short break from the rain until Saturday night, when precipitation chances return with a slow warming trend into the workweek.

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.

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Milburn News

Milburn School:
The State Board passed an order Monday, March 16, that all Oklahoma schools be closed until April 6.

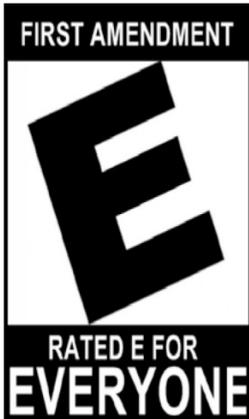
This includes instruction, grading, professional development and conferences.

Operations concerning administration, business, child nutrition and maintenance can remain active.

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Bible Trivia: Which kind of bird did Jesus say were "sold two for a farthing?"

Last week's question: Which animal is associated with the first four of the seven seals? Answer: Horse (Revelation 6). Verses 1-7 cover the first four of the seven seals. Revelation is an interesting book to study.

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"And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I



**A message from
the Johnston
County Sentinel**

am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death." (Revelation 1:17-18, KJV)

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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 jerryblackerby@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.

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Tishomingo Elementary School Principal Brandon Moreland (seated) braces himself as first grader Sullamon Rojas prepares to hit Moreland in the face with a pie. Moreland agreed to make himself a target as a means of celebrating the success of Rojas' "Pennies-With-Purpose" fundraising project. (Sentinel staff photo by Emily McCarter)

First grader's fundraiser a success

By Emily McCarter
Sentinel Intern Reporter

A youngster attending Tishomingo Elementary School wants to change children's lives.

Sullamon Rojas, a student in Lisa Northcutt's first grade class, is a 7-year-old boy who has the most loving heart.

After seeing a commercial on television, Rojas thought of the idea of raising money for children receiving treatment at St. Jude's Medical Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn.

The first person he reached out to, to make his dream a reality, was his teacher.

"She helps me a lot," Rojas said of Northcutt during his interview with the *Sentinel*.

After receiving administrative approval from her building principal and superintendent, Northcutt called St. Jude's to discuss manageable options that would allow his idea to become a reality.

The end result of that conversation was a benefit activity entitled "Pennies-With-Purpose."

Tishomingo Elementary School currently has three first grade classes. The ultimate goal behind "Pennies-With-Purpose" was to collect \$100 on a voluntary basis.

Students were asked to bring spare coins during the length of the drive. All first graders jumped on board, and ultimately raised a grand total of \$600.

As a reward, TES Principal Brandon Moreland agreed that he would take pies in the face from the winning first grade class.

However, because the fundraiser was such a success, he agreed on taking a pie in the face from every first grader. This included approximately 60 pies.

Rojas was the first student to throw a whipped cream pie. Af-

ter Moreland announced, "You only get one shot, so make it count," Rojas hit the bullseye and nailed Moreland right in the face.

With the \$600 raised, Rojas' hope is for the patients of St. Jude's to receive, in his words, "candy, smiles, teddy bears and medicine."

He also expressed his appreciation to his friends and teacher for making his dream come true.

The proceeds were taken to Simmons Bank in Tishomingo, in order to receive a cashier's check payable to St. Jude's Medical Research Hospital.

SOLS locations to close temporarily

The Southern Oklahoma Library System (SOLS) is actively monitoring the outbreak of the novel coronavirus strain COVID-19, which has been detected in numerous countries including the United States, and the state of Oklahoma.

Out of an abundance of caution for the safety of the public, all SOLS library locations will temporarily close to the public and remain closed until further notice.

Decisions like these do not come easily, as it means a temporary loss of access to the in-person learning services and gathering spaces the library is known for providing to so many in the community.

However, while the physical libraries may be closed, they will continue to provide the many digital services to access from home, such as e-books and e-audio-books through Overdrive; remote access to databases, active Wi-Fi; and more.

Libraries are a critical resource for all, so taking steps to support customers as much as possible during this temporary closure is necessary.

Library materials already checked out can be renewed online or by calling the library.

In addition to library locations being closed, the following steps will be taken to assist customers:

- The holds queue will remain active;
- Wi-Fi will remain active from parking lots of all branches;
- Due dates may be extended;
- The library is working to expand access to e-books and increase awareness of the vast ar-

ray of online resources. Contact www.southernoklibrariansystem.org;

• All branches will be sanitized before they reopen;

• SOLS staff will be available to answer questions by phone; and

• Patrons will be able to place holds from home and pick up materials curbside.

Information about COVID-19 is rapidly changing. This is an unprecedented moment

for our cities, state and country.

The libraries look forward to being able to welcome customers back into the buildings when this outbreak has run its course, and communities begin to reconvene and rebuild a sense of normalcy.

Visit www.southernoklibrariansystem.org for updates regarding the library's COVID-19 response, or call (580) 223-3164.

Community Calendar

Clean-Up Day Postponed

The Tishomingo Development Team has announced that its Spring Clean-up and Planting Day at the Tishomingo Cemetery that had been planned for Saturday, March 21, is being postponed due to concerns related to the coronavirus pandemic. The event will be rescheduled at a later date.

Troy Cemetery Clean-Up

The Troy Cemetery Association will hold its annual Clean-up Day at the cemetery Saturday, March 28. Those with family or loved ones in the cemetery are encouraged to attend. Those planning to work are asked to bring their yard and garden tools. Light refreshment will be available at noon. In the event of inclement weather, an alternate date will be announced.

Chickasaw Events Canceled

The Chickasaw Nation has announced that events scheduled for March 14-20 have been canceled due to concerns regarding the COVID-19 outbreak. These events include the Three Sisters Celebration; National Learn About Butterflies Day; and Genealogy Day. A full list of cancellations and closings is available online and will be updated as needed at: <https://www.chickasaw.net/Our-Nation/Community/COVID-19/Cancellations-and-Closings.aspx>.

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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Sooner Pharmacy Good Health Tips



People with depression have low blood levels of a substance called acetyl-L-carnitine, according to a new study published in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*. Naturally produced in the body, acetyl-L-carnitine is also widely available in drugstores, supermarkets and health food catalogs as a nutritional supplement. People with severe or treatment-resistant depression, or whose bouts of depression began earlier in life, have particularly low blood levels of the substance. Depression, also called major depressive disorder or clinical depression, is the most prevalent mood disorder in the United States and the world, affecting 8 – 10 percent of the general population at any given time, with every fourth person likely to experience the condition over the course of a lifetime. Current pharmacological treatments are effective for only about 50 percent of the people for whom they're prescribed. And they have numerous side effects, often decreasing long term compliance.

About 3 million people in the U.S. are diagnosed every year with bipolar disorder, a psychiatric condition characterized by dramatic shifts in mood from depression to mania. Currently, the standard treatment includes a combination of psychotherapy and prescription medications such as mood stabilizers and antipsychotics. However, an emerging field of research is exploring the use of probiotics—often thought of as “good bacteria”—as a potential new avenue for treatment of bipolar and other psychiatric mood disorders. And a new study reported at the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology Annual Meeting, finds that a probiotic supplement may reduce inflammation of the gut, which is known to exacerbate bipolar disorder. Probiotic organisms are non-pathogenic bacteria that, when present in the gut flora, are known to improve the overall health of the host. Presented as a service to the community by

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County offices enact COVID-19 contingency plans

For the time being, at least, it is business as usual at the Johnston County Courthouse.

Well, sort of.

Officials announced Monday that Johnston County has a contingency plan in place to continue essential services for employees and the citizens of Johnston County during the current COVID-19 situation.

While the courthouse is continuing to operate during regular business hours - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday - county officials say customers who do not wish to visit the courthouse in person due to health concerns can conduct some business over the phone. Some offices provide online payment services.

Officials are urging any residents experiencing a fever or flu-like symptoms to stay home. (A full list of county offices and contact information appears at the end of this article.)

In a separate statement, County Treasurer Rana Smith added that - while the second half of county property taxes are due by March 31 - it is not necessary for residents to come to the Treasurer's Office to pay taxes or to ask questions about them.

"In fact, I am asking you to please consider paying online, mail your payment, call our office if you have questions or need to know how much you owe," Smith said. "We all need to do our part to slow the spread of this virus. The less exposure you have to public places, the better... for you and for us."

"We love seeing you and we love visiting with you, but it is being advised that we limit ourselves to public exposure as best as we can during this time. Let's do what we can to keep each other well."

Smith added that there is a 15-day grace period for those who do not pay the second half of their property taxes by March 31.

A late penalty will not be charged until April 16, she said.

Those seeking further information can call the Treasurer's Office at 371-3082. To pay taxes online, visit johnston@okcountytreasurers.com.

Late Tuesday morning, Johnston County Court Clerk Cassandra Slover notified the *Sentinel* that the Oklahoma State Supreme Court and Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals had issued a joint order clarifying the procedures to be followed in all Oklahoma district courts in response to the COVID-19

threat.

The joint order was signed by Oklahoma Chief Justice Noma D. Gurich and Presiding Criminal Appeals Judge David B. Lewis.

The order states that all district courts in the state "shall immediately cancel all jury terms for the next 30 days and release jurors from service. No additional jurors shall be summoned without approval of the Chief Justice."

In addition, all civil, criminal and juvenile jury trials shall be continued to the next available jury dockets. Subject only to constitutional limitations, all deadlines and procedures in any civil, juvenile or criminal cases are to be suspended for 30 days.

This suspension also applies to appellate rules and procedures for the State Supreme Court, the Court of Criminal Appeals, and the Court of Civil Appeals.

On Tuesday afternoon, District Judge Wallace Coppedge released an administrative order which further clarifies the Continuity of Operations Plan for the 20th Judicial District.

The 20th District includes Johnston, Marshall, Love and Murray counties. Coppedge's order states that the 20th Judicial District "is open and will remain open unless otherwise ordered or directed by the Chief Judge, the Supreme Court of Oklahoma or the Governor."

Coppedge's order also states that the assigned judges in court proceedings in the 20th District are authorized to determine the manner in which in-person court proceedings are to be conducted.

"Further, all in-person court proceedings shall be limited to attorneys, parties, witnesses, victims, security officers, and other necessary persons as determined by the assigned judge," the order reads.

It also states that any person entering the Johnston, Marshall, Love or Murray County Courthouse is subject to the limitations set forth in the state order by Gurich and Lewis

According to that order, the following persons are prohibited from entering any courtroom, court clerk's office, jury room or other facility used by the district courts:

- Persons who have been diagnosed with or have had direct contact with anyone diagnosed with COVID-19;

- Persons with symptoms such as fever, severe cough or shortness of breath;

- Persons who have traveled to any country outside of the U.S. in the past 14 days, and those with whom they live or have had close contact; and

- Persons who are quarantined or isolated by any doctor or who voluntarily quarantine.

Anyone falling into one of these categories, and is scheduled for a court appearance or seeking emergency relief, is advised to contact their attorney.

Individuals who have no attorney, or who are seeking additional information regarding the order by Judge Coppedge or that by Judges Gurich and Lewis, are advised to call the Johnston County Court Clerk's Office at 371-3281.

Contact information for those needing other county offices is as follows:

- **Johnston County Clerk** (land re-

cords) - 371-3184, or johnstonclerk@gmail.com.

- **Johnston County Commissioners** (roads) - 371-3058 or johnston-countycomm@sbcglobal.net.

- **Johnston County Assessor** (real and personal property assessments, homestead or other exemptions) - 371-3465 or county35assessor@gmail.com.

- **Johnston County Assistant District Attorney** (court related questions) - 371-2379.

- **District Judge's Office** (court related questions) - 371-2388.

- **Johnston County Sheriff's Office** - 371-2646.

- **Johnston County OSU Extension Office** - 371-9533.

- **Johnston County Election Board** - 371-3670.

- **Johnston County 911 Office** (addressing questions) - 371-9911 or johnston911@sbcglobal.net.

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about our daily lives.

Students - stay home. Your school has not been let out so that you can gather elsewhere.

Adults - set a good example by staying home, also, as much as possible.

Other states, such as California and New York, are closing bars and restaurants completely due to the fact that people are continuing to congregate in these businesses without regard for their own or others' health.

"Americans should avoid gathering in groups of more than 10 people, eating in restaurants or taking non-essential trips," President Trump said in a statement to the nation on Monday.

Do your part - social-distance, wash your

hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, greet with a non-hand shake and, if ill, stay home. Work from home if your job allows it.

Each of us should

consider that our actions not only potentially endanger ourselves, but also our loved ones and others whom we may infect with this virus.

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PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF TISHOMINGO DECLARING STATE OF EMERGENCY RELATED TO COVID-19

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared COVID-19 (Coronavirus) to be a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a new virus that currently lacks widely available testing at pharmacies and doctor's offices which reduces the ability to effectively track community spread;

WHEREAS, while there is currently no evidence of community spread of COVID-19 in the City of Tishomingo there is little known regarding the transmission of COVID-19 by those who are infected but not yet showing symptoms;

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued the Revised Interim Guidance for Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) on March 15, 2020 recommending a number of factors be considered in postponing or canceling mass gatherings, including that larger gatherings of more than 50 people offer more opportunities for person-to-person contact and therefore pose greater risk of COVID-19 transmission;

WHEREAS, the President of the United States and Governor of the State of Oklahoma have declared emergencies due to the COVID-19 Pandemic;

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Tishomingo does hereby find that conditions affecting public order, life, health, property or the public peace have arisen within the City of Tishomingo caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a local emergency now exists in the entirety of the City of Tishomingo, State of Oklahoma;

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that the City Council of the City of Tishomingo is empowered to evoke the powers enumerated in Title 21 Section 1321.1 and Title 11 Sections 22-120 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that this Proclamation shall become effective 12:01 AM on March 17, 2020; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that events of 50 people or more in City operated facilities are prohibited and special events permits issued for events of 50 people or more are hereby revoked; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that this state of emergency shall continue until 12:01 AM April 6, 2020.

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Johnston County Milestones

Obituaries

Arbie Dale Priddy

MADILL – Funeral services for Arbie Dale Priddy, 72, of Mannsville, were held Monday, March 16, at the Watts Memorial Chapel in Madill, Brandon Henry officiating. Interment followed in the Lone Cedar Cemetery in Mannsville. The son of the late Calvin Priddy and Annie Ingle Priddy, he was born Oct. 12, 1947, in Madill, and died March 11, 2020.

He was a lifelong resident of the Greasy Bend-Mannsville area and attended Mannsville Assembly of God Church.

He is survived by two sisters, Lavona Pelham of Bridgeport, Texas, and Darwettia Thompson of Binger.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Mahota Shaw and Delma Potts; and a brother, Kenneth Priddy.

Services were held under the direction of Watts Funeral Home, Madill.

Lana Joe McMath

TISHOMINGO – No services are currently scheduled for Lana Joe McMath, 74, of Tishomingo. The family will have a private service at a later date in Roswell, N.M. The daughter of the late Mitchell Morris and Vesta (Sinclair) Morris, she was born May 31, 1945, in Roswell, and died March 8, 2020, in Durant.

She worked as a nurse's assistant for 35 years before retiring, for most of that time at the Eastern New Mexico Medical Center in Roswell. She moved to Tishomingo in 2007, and was of the Baptist faith.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Tommy Morris and Phillip Morris.

She is survived by two daughters, Nanette McMath and Jacqueline Townsend, both of Tishomingo; two grandsons; and the father of her daughters, Jack McMath.

Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Tishomingo Funeral Home.

Paid Obituary

Joyce Gwendolyn Kopczynski

Joyce Gwendolyn Willard Kopczynski, 79, passed from this life in the comfort of her own home in McKinney, Texas, on March 12, 2020. Joyce was born Dec. 6, 1940, in Milburn, Okla., to Arlton and Violet Willard. She attended elementary school at Fillmore and high school at Milburn, and went on to attend a junior college in California.



She spent her working years in a variety of professions, including bus driver, health minister and nutritionist teacher, and followed her husband's military career. Most importantly she was a homemaker and made sure everyone's needs were met before her own.

Being in a military marriage she lived a lot of places, from Oklahoma all the way to Rhode Island. In between she resided in Chicago, Baltimore, California, Virginia and Texas.

Her hobbies consisted of cooking, gardening, sewing, painting, playing the guitar and being an advocate for Christian education. She loved the Lord and wanted everyone to become a believer. She was the family historian and had a servant's heart. Joyce was a fun, loving, joyful, cheerful person, and a patriotic and adventurous woman.

Her best times were spent with her family - caring for them, laughing and singing. She was married for 60 years to the love of her life, Don Kopczynski. He said it was love at first sight, and he got a rose to love and cherish her every day.

Joyce was preceded in death by her husband, Don Kopczynski; her parents, Arlton and Violet Willard; a grandson, Jon Arlton Kopczynski Jr.; three brothers, Richard, Royce and Merle; and two sisters, Susan and Antoinette.

Those she leaves to cherish her memories are her children, Jon Kopczynski, and Jennifer Kopczynski Nixon and husband Ben; her grandchildren, Heather Jordan and husband George of Manassas, Va., Rachel Nixon of Gardendale, Texas, Samuel Nixon and wife Keisha of Midland, Texas, and Sarah Nixon Abel and husband Will of Lewisville, Texas; her great-grandchildren, Cassidy Nanna and husband Grant of Winchester, Va., Keith Perry of Fairfax, Va., Hailey Branham of Va., and Alexis Kopczynski Manassas of Park, Va.; two great-great-grandchildren, Penny Nanna and Finn Nanna; two sisters, Nakeeta Nichols of Ada and Norma Chaney of Tishomingo; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends who will deeply miss her.

Funeral services to honor and celebrate the life of Joyce Gwendolyn Willard Kopczynski were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, at the DeArman-Clark Funeral Home Chapel. Interment followed in the Condon Grove Cemetery.

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

Paid Obituary

Clyde Raymond Harrison

Clyde Raymond Harrison, 75, of Wapanucka, Okla., passed away on Thursday, March 12, 2020, in Wapanucka. He was born Friday, June 9, 1944, to James and Ruth (Hobbie) Harrison in Wapanucka.



Wapanucka was his home for most of his life.

He also lived on Lake Texoma and in Fort Worth, Texas, in his early years. A graduate of Wapanucka High School, he attended Southeastern Oklahoma State University and proudly served his country in the military in the U.S. Army in Vietnam.

Clyde worked in Fort Worth for two years for General Dynamics. He owned and operated H&H Roof Truss Company, and later moved to Coleman and owned Harrison Roof Truss Company.

He married Janet Watson and was a member of the Church of Christ of Wapanucka. He loved fishing, hunting, woodworking, and improving his property with a dozer.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Teatnie and Ruth (Hobbie) Harrison; and two sisters, Donnella Baxter and Mary Ruth Williams.

Survivors include his wife, Ruby Harrison of Devo, Philippines; two sons, Mike Harrison of Wilburton and Shane Harrison of Wapanucka; a daughter, Tina Bush of Durant; four grandchildren, Andrew Harrison, Jacob Harrison, Sharee Powel and A.J. Harrison; a brother, Terry Harrison and wife Pam of Mead; a sister, JoAnn Callen of Tishomingo; and a brother-in-law, Ray Baxter of the Wilson community; as well as nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and many dear and loved friends.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18, at the Wapanucka Church of Christ, Bro. Wendell Ingram officiating. Interment followed in the Rosehill Cemetery in Wapanucka.

Bob Treas, Drew Dennis, Tommy Brooks, Mike Harrison, Shane Harrison and Jimmy Taylor served as pallbearers. Serving as honorary pallbearers were Bob Wyrick and Jim Miller.

Services were held under the direction of Brown's Funeral Service in Atoka. Condolences may be sent to the family by e-mail to: browns@atoka.net; please reference the name of the deceased in your correspondence.

Paid Obituary

Willie Mae Tidwell

Funeral services to honor and celebrate the life of Willie Mae Tidwell were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 18, at Abundant Life Cathedral in Tishomingo. Interment followed in the Russett Cemetery.



Willie Mae Tidwell, 76, passed from this life on March 15, 2020, at Blue River Nursing Home in Tishomingo, Okla. Willie was born Aug. 16, 1943, in Fouke, Ark., to Benjamin Mann and Lorah Courtney. She was a graduate of Tishomingo High School and went on to attend Murray State College.

She spent her years always caring for others and making sure their needs were met before her own. She met and married the love of her life, Buddy Tidwell, on June 26, 1964, in Oklahoma City.

She was a talented and avid seamstress and quilter, and could make just about anything you wanted.

Willie loved gardening, birds, flowers and fishing with her husband; anything related to nature she enjoyed. She also enjoyed going to her family's cabin in Red River, N.M., and spending time up there as well. She had a talent when it came to singing and playing the piano; she did so with such grace and beauty.

Willie was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and friend who will be deeply missed by all the lives she touched.

Willie was preceded in death by her parents, Benjamin Mann and Lorah Courtney; four brothers; and two sisters.

Those she leaves to cherish her memories are her husband, Buddy Tidwell; her children, Bryan Tidwell and wife Rhonda of Ardmore, Lavena Reed of Madill, and Vonda Blue of Ardmore; her brothers, Tom Porter of Denison and David Bruce of Arkansas; four grandchildren, Chase Jewell, Kathryn Myers, Jessica Wickware and Monnie Jewell Reed; three great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends who will forever cherish her memories.

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

Paid Obituary

Osvna Taloa Fish-Boston

Osvna Taloa ("Otter Song/Sings") Fish-Boston was born with a fresh snowfall in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 25, 2013, to Chelsea Fish and Chris Boston. She was a Chickasaw-Choc-taw-Creek-Seminole warrior who loved butterflies, unicorns, and riding her bike. Her favorite color was purple, and as our mini-artist her imagination knew no limits.



She attended Brent Elementary School in Washington, D.C. During the summer she enjoyed making new friends; playing with her cousins in the Chickasaw Nation summer youth camp; and swimming in Blue River.

On March 10, 2020, she painted the sky beautiful as she journeyed on.

Osvna is welcomed with open arms by her paternal grandfather, Teddy Boston; her maternal grandfather, Noah Fish; and her maternal grandmother, Carol Imotichey. She will wait with them until she sees her momma, daddy, big sister Aiyani, brother Noah, baby sister Toh'mi, her paternal grandmother Nancy Boston and all of her loved ones.

The family wake was held Tuesday, March 17, at DeArman-Clark Funeral Home in Tishomingo from 6 to 8 p.m. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 18, at 2 p.m. at the Temple of God Church in Connerville. She was laid to rest beside her maternal grandmother in Condon Grove Cemetery, with a meal immediately following at the Milburn Community Center.

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

Paid Obituary

Helen Virginia Lindell

Funeral services for Helen Virginia (Jenkins) Lindell were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 17, at Hale's Memorial Chapel in Sulphur, Pastor Willard McCartney Jr. officiating. Interment followed in the Chute Cemetery near St. Charles, Ark.



Helen was born June 27, 1935, in Van, Ark., to the late George W. and Ethel (Poston) Jenkins, and died Tuesday, March 10, 2020, in Sulphur at the age of 84 years, eight months and 11 days.

Helen grew up in DeWitt and, following high school, moved from Arkansas to California where she spent 32 years working as a machinist for Litton Industries in Lake Tahoe. In 1978, after retiring from Litton, she moved to Oklahoma, making her home in Mill Creek. Once she was settled in Mill Creek, she went to work for Halliburton Services in Davis, retiring a second time when the Davis plant closed.

In her spare time, Helen enjoyed doing crafts. Survivors include one daughter, Janet Kathleen "Katie" Evanes of Ardmore; a niece, Gail Hudson; and three great-nieces.

In addition to her parents, Helen was preceded in death by her three siblings: and infant sister, Easter Lee Jenkins; her brother, George Harold Jenkins; and, most recently, her sister Mary McDonald on Feb. 19, 2020.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the American Alzheimer's Association.

Services were entrusted to Hale's Funeral Home of Sulphur. Online condolences may be offered at halesfuneralhomes.com.

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Hope Pregnancy Center celebrates rededication

Hope Pregnancy Center of Ardmore welcomed community members to the rededication of their center on Feb. 24.

Serving Southern Oklahoma, Hope Pregnancy Center opened for business in March 2014, becoming one of five Hope Pregnancy Center locations in Oklahoma.

Hope Pregnancy Center is a safe space to explore your options, process your emotions, and receive accurate information on each preg-

nancy choice. Hope offers confidential and free services, including pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, parenting classes, adoption referrals and abortion recovery classes.

After years of serving women and men experiencing an unintended pregnancy, Hope recently made upgrades to the center, including a full remodel providing a second counseling room. A fresh coat of paint makes the center more appealing and brighter,

creating a welcome environment.

The redesign provides more privacy and quality care for clients seeking help. Grants provided by Southern Oklahoma Memorial Foundation and Butterfield Memorial Foundation, as well as individual and anonymous donors, helped to provide these upgrades.

"The remodeled space allows our staff and volunteers to better serve women and men struggling with a preg-

nancy decision with greater confidentiality and professionalism," Gayla White, state director for Hope Pregnancy Center, said

"Our desire is for each one who comes to Hope to feel valued and respected as they receive services and education to make an informed pregnancy decision."

Staff and volunteers provided tours for guests in attendance. Several pastors and local leaders attended the rededication and shared the impact that Hope has in the community.

"I know someone who came to Hope Pregnancy Center and it was an amazing experience for her. It really changed

her life," Bruce Kirby, a community leader in Ardmore, said

Kirby explained how he learned more about Hope's services.

"I learned about Forgiven and Set Free, the post-abortion class to help women heal. I know women who can benefit from this and can now refer them here. It's incredible how many things are offered at Hope that can help people in all situations."

President of Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children Greg McNece says this remodel will change the scope of impact in southern Oklahoma.

"I hope this refreshed center brings an awareness to our services and

the ability to serve people here. This redesign is also more functional for staff, so we can focus on providing the most efficient client care possible."

Since opening its doors in 2014, Hope Pregnancy Center of Ardmore has served 1,567 clients, providing 1,258 pregnancy tests and 1,019 ultrasounds.

Each week, Hope has averaged 12 dozen diapers being sent out the door with clients who earn rewards from attending parenting classes.

For more information about Hope, Ardmore's services or volunteering, visit obhc.com/hope or call (580) 223-7232.

Tishomingo Senior Citizens Center Menus

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Chef Salad/ with Ham, Egg, Cheese	Stuffed Bell Pepper Casserole	Beef Stew	Bacon & Cheese Fritata	Cheeseburger
Cream of Broccoli Soup, Veg- gies in Salad	Refried Beans. Corn	Side Salad, Mandarin Oranges	Fruit Salad, Sauteed Spinach	Relish Tray, Tator Tots
Crackers	Chips	Combread	Biscuit	Bun
Salad Dressing	Salsa	Margarine	Margarine/ Jelly	Mayo, Mustard, Ketchup
Apricots	Cinnamon Roll	Iced Cake	Apple Turnover	Lemon Pudding
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Anoatubby closes tribal casinos

Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby recently announced that numerous Chickasaw Nation properties would close following updated guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control.

Following is Anoatubby's statement: "We are closing all casinos operated by the Chickasaw Nation as a way to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and protect the health and well-being of our citizens."

"Casinos will close tonight (Monday), March 16, at midnight, and remain closed through March 31."

"We are continuing to engage with federal and state officials to develop a coordinated plan to mitigate the health impacts, as well as the economic and social impacts, caused by the spread of this disease."

"We will continue to compensate employees during this temporary disruption to our business operations."

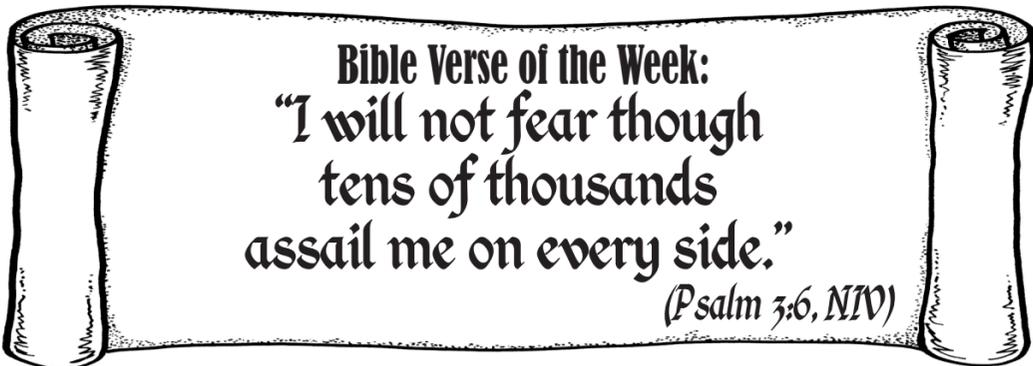
"It is encouraging that businesses,

organizations and governments across the United States are taking a proactive approach to help stem the spread of COVID-19. It is imperative we continue working together to meet the challenges this outbreak presents to the health and well-being of people across the world."

"We encourage everyone around the state and across the U.S. to make informed, conscious decisions regarding their own health and safety, and consider those people around them."



Johnston County Church Guide



Bible Verse of the Week:
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 tens of thousands
 assail me on every side."
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 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
 (Transportation available; call for ride.)
 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
 900 East Main • 371-8509
 Ivan Richeson, Jim Branch, Pastors
 Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.

Wednesday Evening.....6:30 p.m.

MT. OLIVE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
 701 East 6th Street • 371-3165
 Samuel Huff, Pastor
 Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
 Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.
 Nightly Prayer.....7:00 p.m.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
 400 South Muldrow • 371-3120
 Rev. Larry Strouse, Pastor
 Sunday Worship.....10:00 a.m.
 Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m.

Midweek Discipleship (Wednesday).....6:30 p.m.

MURRAY STATE COLLEGE BAPTIST STUDENT UNION
 801 South Murray • 371-2160
 Tuesday Evening.....8:00 p.m.
 Wednesday.....Noon.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 202 N. Neshoba • 371-2498
 Rev. Joel Thompson, Pastor
 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
 201 West 4th St. (580) 257-0180
 Charles Pitts, Pastor
 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
 Jon Hazell, 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

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.

COLEMAN BAPTIST CHURCH
 6610 OK Hwy. 48 S., Coleman, OK (580) 937-4311
 Ron Brown, Pastor
www.colemanbaptist.com
 Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
 Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.
 Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Evening.....6:30 p.m.

FOLSOM FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
 Rayden Whitmire, Pastor
 Coleman, OK
www.folsomfwfb.com
 Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
 Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.m.
 Sunday Evening.....10:45 a.m.
 Sunday Evening.....5:30 p.m.

HOPEWELL FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH
 Southeast of Coleman
 Sunday Worship.....10:00 a.m.
 Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Evening.....7:00 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.....6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Evening.....7:30 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.

SEELEY CHAPEL UMC

Rev. Gene Hancock, Pastor
 Seeley Chapel Road • 836-7142
 Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
 Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.

TEMPLE OF GOD
 Hwy 99 • 384-5569
 Tony Poe, Pastor
 Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
 Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.m.
 Wednesday Evening.....7:00 p.m.

FILLMORE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
 (580) 380-6769
 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.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
 Rev. Dusk Monetatchi, Pastor
 Breakfast.....9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
 Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.m.
 Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m.
 Second Wednesday of the Month: Fellowship Dinner (No service on any other Wednesday.)

MANNVILLE FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD
 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
 1.9 miles west of Mannville
 Rev. Judy Anglin, Pastor
 371-3442
 Sunday Fellowship...10:00 a.m.
 Sunday Morning Worship...10:45 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Worship...6:00 p.m.
 Thursday Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
 211 S. Grand Ave. • 371-2065
 Rev. Kevin Russell, 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.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
 15th and Burney
 Mat Benedick, Minister
 Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
 Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.
 Sunday Evening.....5:00 p.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 13th and Chickasaw
 Ron King, Pastor
 (580) 239-1161 (Home)
 (580) 653-2649
 Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
 Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.m.

MILBURN CHURCH OF GOD
 (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.

MILL CREEK FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
 Corner of Pontotoc & Choctaw
 Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
 Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.
 Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Evening.....6:00 p.m.

PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS

103 South Cherokee
 Darryl Patrick, Pastor
 (580) 384-5421
 Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
 Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.
 Sunday Evening.....6:30 p.m.
 Wednesday Evening.....7:00 p.m.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 622-3553
 Rev. Betty Stone, Pastor
 Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
 Bible Study...Immediately Following
 Monday Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.

PONTOTOC UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 Rev. Marsha Purtell, Pastor
 Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.
 Sunday Worship.....9:45 a.m.

REAGAN PENNINGTON UNITED METHODIST
 Hwy. 7, Indian Church Rd.
 Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
 Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.
 Wednesday Worship.....7 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.

WAPANUCKA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
 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
 5th and N St. (580) 364-2709
 Leon & Sharon Crites, Pastors
 Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
 Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.
 Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Evening.....5:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Evening.....7:00 p.m.

CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY
 Hwy. 48 North
 Frank Wallace, Pastor • 937-4430
 Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
 Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.
 Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m.
 Thursday Evening.....6:00 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.
 Thursday 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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Area MIA's remains to be returned home April 18

By Hayden Woods
American Legion
Post Commander

Army Sgt. Kenneth E. Walker of Madill was a member of Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division. He was designated as Missing in Action (MIA) December 1950 after fighting at Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. His remains will be returning home April 18 to Madill.

The funeral will be at Woodberry Cemetery at 2 p.m. that day. A rosette will be placed next to his name on the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific to indicate that he has been accounted for.

The American Legion is looking for Korean veterans who can attend the services to line up on both sides of the entrance to the cemetery to render honors as Sgt. Walker makes his final journey.

On March 22, Tishomingo American Legion Post 164 will be at the Fighting 22 Car Show to

raise funds for local VFW 4574 of Ardmore.

VFW Post 4574 helps veterans and civilians in and around the Carter County area. They perform supply drives and "Trunk or Treat" activities; provide meals; offer scholarships for students; help families in need; assist veterans through the VA system; provide escort for funeral services; and a great deal more.

The VFW also helps those who sacrificed everything for our freedom, and brings veterans' organizations together to fight the battle of suicide awareness.

Vietnam-era and pre-9/11 veterans are a step closer to a program designed to pay their spouses or other family support for in-home care, even as rules tighten for who can enroll.

No start date was given for the proposed changes. Their rollout, however, is tied to an already delayed IT upgrade needed to handle the anticipated influx of applicants.

The VA's caregiver

Veterans' Corner

stipend program has long been available only to caregivers of post-9/11 veterans. Advocates for veterans described the program as unfair, because it did not allow pre-9/11 veteran access.

A 2018 law, known as the VA Mission Act, laid the groundwork to open enrollment for the program to veterans of other eras.

Qualifying veterans will benefit from the expanded access; the changes could drastically impact those who are currently enrolled. While the proposal includes a grandfather clause that would protect their enrollment for a year, some caregivers may find they no longer qualify under the new, tightened regulation.

Currently, veterans qualify for the program by needing assistance with "activities of daily living" identified by the VA.

Those include dressing and undressing; bath-

ing; grooming; adjusting special prosthetics or orthopedic appliances; toileting; feeding; and mobility. But the current rules do not specifically dictate how often that assistance is required.

Upcoming meetings:
American Legion Post 164 will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14, at the American Legion

Hall, located at 201 S. Capitol Ave. in Tishomingo.

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet at the Legion Hall at 6 p.m. on Monday, April 13.

VFW Washita Memorial Post 4869 will hold its next meeting Thursday, April 2, at 6:30 p.m. in the American Legion Hall.

The Johnston County Veterans Center (JCVC) Committee will also hold its board meeting on April 14.

The next JCVC public meeting will be held Thursday, March 26, at 6:30 p.m. in the Aggie Dining Room at Murray State College.

Stay in touch with what veterans are doing by visiting all of our Facebook groups and pages and liking us; and by visiting our web pages: www.americanlegion-tishomingo.org and www.johnstoncountyveteran-center.org.

CJ's Dispensary owners self-fund its operations

This week's Member Spotlight is on CJ's Dispensary, owned by Jeremy and Charlotte Pope.

Medical marijuana is truly in its infancy in the state of Oklahoma. Within less than one year of its legalization by the residents of our great state, CJ's Dispensary was founded. They opened their doors on May 1, 2019.

After serving in the military and as a state trooper, Jeremy decided to serve the people of his hometown in a different way - by providing honest service and medication for patients at an affordable cost.

As a disabled veteran with a range of qualifying conditions for the issuance of a medical marijuana card, Jeremy says he can personally attest to the benefits.

While most medical marijuana businesses have multiple investors with out-of-state cash flow focused solely on expanding portfolios and their portions of the profit, CJ's is self-funded by its founders. Their intentions from the beginning and to this day have been to put the patron first and reinvest into the local economy.

At CJ's, staff strive to provide customers with the highest quality products available at the lowest cost possible.

As this industry is rapidly evolving, so is their product line. They currently dispense medical marijuana in multiple edible, concentrate, and traditional flower options.

They offer a referral program, a

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Jordyn Frazier
JCCC Executive Director



store credit program with no cap or spending limit, and multiple discounts for all walks of life.

CJ's Dispensary is proud to support local fundraising events that ultimately better the community and the lives of those who live in it.

"An often forgotten fact is that unlike most businesses, we in the medical marijuana industry cannot claim deductions for charitable donations. Even though a stigma lurks around our industry, we are always glad to give back to our community, regardless of recognition," Jeremy said.

CJ's is run by veterans, former educators, and former law enforcement personnel.

"It's our background in these multiple fields that ensure proper state compliance and quality of service," the Pops said.

CJ's Dispensary is located at 1533 W. Main Street in Tishomingo, and can be reached at (580) 257-2167.

Read next week for a Spotlight on Complete Home Health.

"If you want to touch the past, touch a rock. If you want to touch the present, touch a flower. If you want to touch the future, touch a life." - Author Unknown

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Students attend NASA event

Two East Central University (ECU) students were among 18 present and future educators to attend the NASA Oklahoma Space Grant Consortium's "Mission to Planet Earth" trip to the Johnson Space Center and the Space Exploration Educators Conference in Houston.

Over the course of six days, educators traveled to and from Houston; took a VIP tour of

the spacesuit engineering lab; actively participated in a three-day international aerospace conference; and presented at least one hands-on, inquiry-based session that linked current NASA missions to classroom applications.

Participants included preservice educators from four of NASA OKSG's affiliate universities, which includes ECU, as well as in-ser-

vice educators from six Oklahoma secondary schools.

Katelynn McCarn and Anna Turlington represented ECU at the event. Both are majoring in early childhood education.

"This trip was an experience parallel to none and allowed me to become acquainted with so many wonderful educators around the world," Turlington said.



ECU Early Childhood Education majors Katelynn McCarn (back row, fourth from left) and Anna Turlington (back row, second from right) were among a group of present and future educators to attend the NASA Oklahoma Space Grant Consortium's "Mission to Planet Earth" event in Houston.

Hours: M-F 8:00-6:00 Sat 9:00-1:00



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IN HONOR OF OUR BRAVE VETS

Johnston County Veterans Memorial "Walk of Honor"

Join hundreds of Johnston Countians in honoring friends, family members, and relatives who have served their country by making sure your loved ones are included in a fitting and lasting tribute to their military service.

Whether National Guard, Reserve or regular component, wartime or peacetime, now you can recognize those who served our nation well by purchasing a distinctive red brick bearing their name, rank and military branch of service. Each brick purchased will become a permanent part of the Johnston County Veterans Memorial "Walk of Honor" on historic Capitol Ave. in Tishomingo, Okla.

Not only will your \$30 honor someone of your choice who served in the military, but it will also help preserve and enhance the memorial commemorating all service personnel from Johnston County who died during wartime.

What better way to say "Thank You" from a grateful people and country to our veterans.

(Please allow at least six to eight weeks after payment before brick placement. Bricks are ordered in groups to reduce cost. Thank you for your patience.)

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Yes, I want to honor those who served, and enclose \$30 for each individual service member recognized. Please reserve a brick for the following:

First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Rank Make checks payable to Johnston County War Memorial Service Branch

Please return with payment to:
Walk of Honor, 1308 West Ray Branum Road, Tishomingo, OK 73460

Crime News

Police Phone Log

MONDAY, MARCH 9:

6:41 p.m. - Alarm call.
10:45 p.m. - Caller reporting suspicious activity.

TUESDAY, MARCH 10:

10:46 a.m. - Caller reporting animal shot.
12:11 p.m. - Caller requesting welfare check.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11:

4:24 p.m. - Caller requesting welfare check.
6:26 p.m. - Alarm call.
11:25 p.m. - Caller reporting suspicious vehicle.

THURSDAY, MARCH 12:

6:08 a.m. - Alarm call.
7:18 p.m. - Caller reporting aggressive dog.
8:52 p.m. - Caller reporting unwanted person.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13:

1:02 a.m. - Medical call.
3:50 p.m. - Animal control call.

SATURDAY, MARCH 14:

11:21 p.m. - Caller reporting suspicious person.

SUNDAY, MARCH 15:

12:00 p.m. - Caller reporting power line down.

Sheriff's Phone Log

MONDAY, MARCH 9:

7:43 a.m. - Caller in Coleman reporting break-in.
10:02 a.m. - Caller in Coleman reporting break-in.
8:46 p.m. - Caller reporting dead animal on Highway 22 south of Nida Point.

TUESDAY, MARCH 10:

2:34 p.m. - Caller in Mill Creek reporting missing property.
6:45 p.m. - Caller in Butcher Pen reporting suspicious item.
8:48 p.m. - Caller in Milburn reporting suspicious vehicle.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11:

12:12 a.m. - Caller in Butcher Pen requesting extra patrol.
2:38 a.m. - Caller reporting suspicious person on Highway 1 north of Ravia.
7:50 p.m. - Caller in Butcher Pen requesting extra patrol.

THURSDAY, MARCH 12:

9:15 a.m. - Medical call in Mill Creek.
2:37 p.m. - Caller in Mannsville reporting dispute.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13:

1:23 p.m. - Caller reporting suspicious person, location not listed on log.
8:30 p.m. - Caller reporting vehicle accident on Highway 7 north of Reagan.

SATURDAY, MARCH 14:

1:25 p.m. - Caller in Ravia reporting suspicious activity.
4:59 p.m. - Caller on State Highway 78 east reporting runaway.
6:21 p.m. - Caller in Connerville reporting disturbance.

SUNDAY, MARCH 15:

11:57 a.m. - Caller in Ravia reporting unwanted person.
1:16 p.m. - Caller in Ravia reporting suspicious activity.
4:17 p.m. - Caller on South Bullard Chapel Road reporting dispute.
5:04 p.m. - Caller in Milburn reporting theft.
8:20 p.m. - Caller on State Highway 22 west reporting vandalism.

Woman accused of felony child endangerment

An Ardmore woman has been charged in Johnston County District Court with a felony count of child endangerment by driving under the influence.

According to documents on file at the Johnston County Court Clerk's office, the count against 53-year-old Cynthia Ann Stubbs stems from a March 6 incident in which Stubbs was allegedly driving a 2018 Chevrolet Suburban at Highway 1 and Russett Road while under the influence of marijuana.

The court documents state that Stubbs was transporting a minor child in the vehicle at the time.

Stubbs made her initial appearance in Johnston County District Court on March 11. Associate District Judge Laura Corbin scheduled a status conference in the case for April 27 at 9:30 a.m.

A preliminary hearing is expected to be set at that time. Court records show that Stubbs was released on \$850 bond.

If convicted, Stubbs faces a possible sentence of imprisonment for up to four years and/or a fine of \$5,000.

She has also been charged with a misdemeanor count of driving under the influence of drugs.

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The following cases were filed in the Johnston County Court Clerk's office in Tishomingo during the week of March 6-12.

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

Justin Wade Clark - Kidnaping; aggravated assault and battery; domestic assault and battery with a dangerous weapon; assault and battery with a deadly weapon.

Cynthia Ann Stubbs - Child endangerment by driving under the influence.

Michael Edward Sullivan - Burglary, second degree.

John Roger Bird - Aggravated assault and battery.

Misdemeanors

Jimmy Dale Arles - Driving under suspension.

Floyd Michael Drinnon - Possession of controlled dangerous substance (methamphetamine).

Cynthia Ann Stubbs - Driving under the influence of drugs.

Traffic

Tommie Jean Postoak, Connerville - Failure to pay all taxes due state.

Christina Deanna Drinkard, Tishomingo - Speeding, 85/65.

Jacob Isaac Green, Ada - Speeding, 65/55.

Robert Allen Martinez, Milburn - Speeding, 65/55; failure to comply with compulsory insurance law.

Adrianna Vasquez, Dallas, Texas - Speeding, 75/65.

Rebecca Dawn Turner, Mannsville - Speeding, 65/45.

Jessica Mae Hawthorne, Biostow - Inattentive driving resulting in collision.

Jimmy Dale Arles, Sulphur - Failure to pay all taxes due state; operating motorcycle without "M" endorsement.

Robert Dustin Bolin, Ada - Speeding, 65/55.

Rickey Joe Gammon, Ada - Inattentive driving resulting in collision; operating vehicle with defective brakes.

Jacob Dilynn Pittman, Calvin - Operating vehicle at a speed greater than reasonable and

proper.

Marissa Raylene Patrick, Tishomingo - Failure to carry insurance security verification; operating vehicle with expired registration; speeding, 69/50.

Donita Leigh Arnold, Milburn - Failure to comply with compulsory insurance law.

Floyd Michael Drinnon, Stuart - Operating motor vehicle with expired driver's license.

Wildlife

None.

Civil

Portfolio Recovery Associates vs. Tim Jacobs - Indebtedness.

Small Claims

Peggy Martin vs. Jerry Garza - Eviction, court cost and damages.

Marriages

Roy Wayne Blevins, 51, Milburn, and Shannon Kathleen Sullivan, 51, Durant.

Divorces

Brandon Michael Ingram vs. Desiree Marie Ingram.

Kidnapping, assault counts filed

A 34-year-old Mill Creek man faces the possibility of life in prison after being charged with a variety of felony counts related to the alleged kidnapping and assault of his ex-girlfriend.

According to documents on file at the Johnston County Court Clerk's office, Justin Wade Clark has been charged with a total of four felony counts in connection with the alleged incident.

Those charges include kidnapping; aggravated assault and battery; domestic assault and battery with a dangerous weapon; and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

The charges reportedly stem from an investigation that began on the evening of March 4, when the reported victim visited the Johnston County Sheriff's Office to report the domestic incident that was said to have occurred on the

evening of March 3.

An affidavit by Johnston County Undersheriff Gary Dodd states that the victim had originally gone to the Pontotoc County Sheriff's Office to report the incident.

She reportedly came to the local sheriff's office after it was determined that the incident had occurred in Johnston County in the northern part of the Mill Creek-Connerville-Ponotoc area.

According to Dodd's affidavit, the victim reported that Clark had held her against her will in a vehicle, driving around the northern part of the county while physically beating on her.

The victim also reportedly stated that Clark was in possession of a .22 caliber handgun, which he allegedly used to hit her in the face several times, resulting in a broken nose.

At one point, the vic-

tim reportedly stated, Clark pulled the car into the Mill Creek Cemetery and forced her out of the car and fired one round next to her head.

The affidavit cites the victim as reporting that Clark exited the car and apologized, then made her get back into the vehicle.

Once back in the car, the affidavit states, Clark allegedly continued driving on back roads while still beating on the victim until she finally convinced him to let her out along the highway in Connerville some five to six hours after the ordeal began.

After exiting the vehicle, the victim reportedly walked north to her mother's residence in Pontotoc, hiding in ditches each time a car passed by due to fear Clark was coming back for her.

Dodd's affidavit states that Clark was considered "a serious

threat" not only to the victim and her family, but also to the public at large.

The affidavit also states that the victim reported Clark to have also been in possession of three rifles, a 12-gauge shotgun and possibly a .357 revolver during the incident.

Clark was taken into custody and booked into the Johnston County Jail. He made his initial appearance in Johnston County District Court last Wednesday, March 11.

Associate District Judge Laura Corbin set bond at \$150,000 and scheduled a status hearing in the case for April 13 at 1:30 p.m. A preliminary hearing date is expected to be set at that time.

Corbin also ordered that Clark is to have no contact with the victim. He was still being held in the county jail at last report.

Mannsville man charged with burglary

A recent break-in at Mannsville School has resulted in a second degree burglary charge against the individual taken into custody for the crime.

Documents on file at the Johnston County Court Clerk's office state that 36-year-old Michael Edward Sullivan of Mannsville has been charged in connection with the March 7 incident. He faces a possible sentence of imprisonment for up to seven years if convicted.

According to an affidavit by Deputy Gabe Alexander of the Johnston County Sheriff's Office, Alexander was dispatched to respond to an alarm call at the school around 7 p.m. on March 7.

While en route, the affidavit states, Alexander received additional information citing Sullivan as a possible suspect. Alexander reported that he arrived at Sullivan's residence and found Sullivan sitting on the front porch with his wife.

Upon questioning, the affidavit states, Sullivan said that he was drunk and that he did not know what had happened.

The wife, who works

at the school, reportedly stated that Sullivan had been out riding on a four-wheeler and had called her to come get him.

According to the affi-

davit, the wife found the four-wheeler outside the school and picked up the vehicle's owner in order

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New count filed against defendent in assault case

A Milburn man already facing possible imprisonment in connection with a reported domestic assault incident earlier this year has now been charged with an additional felony count of aggravated assault and battery.

According to documents on file at the Johnston County Court Clerk's office, the new charge against 27-year-old John Roger Bird stems from a Feb. 28 incident in which Bird allegedly assaulted a Ravia man by punching him in the face and hitting his head into

a wall.

As first reported in the Jan. 30 edition of the *Johnston County Sentinel*, the earlier charges against Bird include domestic assault and battery by strangulation; possession of a sawed-off shotgun; and two counts of possession of a firearm after a former felony conviction.

Those charges stemmed from a Jan. 10 incident in which Bird allegedly assaulted a woman whom he had forced to ride along with him.

Bird was later taken into

custody on Jan. 19 after deputies received a report that Bird had been sighted on Old Bee-Emet Road and Old Emet School Road.

Court records regarding the earlier incident state that Bird was taken into custody after a chase that ended with a deputy deploying his taser unit and hitting Bird in the back.

As previously reported, Bird had been convicted in Johnston County District Court in 2016 on felony counts of domestic abuse by strangu-

lation and feloniously pointing a firearm.

He made his initial court appearance on the latest charge against him on March 11. Associate District Judge Laura Corbin set bond at \$25,000 and scheduled a status hearing for March 23 at 9 a.m.

A preliminary hearing date is expected to be set at that time. Corbin also ordered that Bird is to have no contact with the victim in the new assault case.

If convicted on the new charge, Bird faces a possible

sentence of up to five years in the state penitentiary or up to one year in the county jail, and/or a fine of up to \$500.

If convicted on the assault charge filed in January, Bird faces a possible sentence of three to 10 years in prison and/or a fine of \$20,000.

The sawed-off shotgun charge carries a possible sentence of up to 10 years or a fine of up to \$1,000.

Both of the firearm possession after former conviction charges are punishable by one to 10 years in prison.



Ravia School honors third grade readers

Ravia School and a local business awarded the school's Third Quarter Reading Goal Achievers with a certificate commending their accomplishment. Pictured left to right are: (front row) Niveah Pickens, Peyton Mulder, and Kellin Miller; (middle row) Dyson Coleman, Bryler Akins, Shaylee Thayer, Aubrey Bullard, Conner Sanders, Christina Duncan, Dax Akins, Triston Branscum, Blaze Hesbrook, Brair Lackshaw, Emma Woodrum, Lillie Hinton, and Piper Worcester; (back row) Maddy Barnes, Kristi Woodrum, Karsyn Morris, Rylea Duncan, Austin Holt, Shaelynn Miller, Breanna Barnes, Jacelyn Studdard, Katie Blackshear, Ava Boyd, Annabeth McDaniel, Andrew Burton, Ethen McDaniel, Jake Phillips, Daylan Thayer, Jarrett Callen, and Zane Bullard.

State warns of unapproved voter applications

State Election Board Secretary Paul Zirriax cautioned Oklahomans last week about unapproved voter registration applications.

In a statement released last Friday, March 13, Zirriax said the unapproved applications are being generated from a website called *Register2Vote.org*.

Under Oklahoma state law, only the official National Mail Voter Registration Application and the Oklahoma Voter Registration Application are accepted in this state.

But Zirriax added that a solution is in the works, noting that he has spoken with the director of

Register2Vote.org.

"I now believe the organization had good intentions and did not deliberately seek to provide Oklahomans with forms that are not valid under our law," Zirriax said.

"Oklahoma election officials will work with *Register2Vote.org* to ensure that in the future, any voter registration applications provided to Oklahomans are valid and approved for use in our state."

Oklahomans who submitted an unapproved application generated by *Register2Vote.org* to their County Election Board will be mailed a letter from the Secretary

of the County Election Board, explaining why the application was rejected.

They will also receive an official Oklahoma Voter Registration Application to ensure that they can still register to vote.

Zirriax said voters who believe they submitted an unapproved form or need to register to vote can also download a valid application from the State Election Board website at *elections.ok.gov*.

Voters with questions should contact the Johnston County Election Board at 371-3670; or the State Election Board at (405) 521-2391 or *info@elections.ok.gov*.

East Central launches varsity e-sports program

Game on! East Central University (ECU) has joined the universe of competitive college e-sports, fielding a varsity team and forming a campus club.

"We have one official team, the ECU Tiger E-sports Varsity Overwatch team," Wendy Streater, director of the Tommy Hewett M.D. Wellness Center, said.

"We also have an e-sports club with teams playing *Counterstrike* and *Rocket League*. We can accommodate other game titles as interest

arises."

E-sports is the name for organized, multi-player video game competition among teams or individuals. *Overwatch*, *Counterstrike* and *Rocket League* are video game titles.

ECU established a temporary e-sports lab in the Physical and Environmental Science (PES) building on the north side of the campus, located in Ada.

The lab is open to ECU e-sports teams only, and will be located in PES 132 until renovations for the permanent

e-sports lab are complete on the second floor of the Bill S. Cole University Center.

There will be a designated area for public (student) use equipped with the same gaming technology in the renovated space.

ECU will host an open tournament for high school and college students on April 11, and participants may be invited to tryout a couple of weeks later for the Fall 2020 team. There are e-sports scholarship opportunities, as well.

"This is an exciting

new sport on campus," Streater said.

"Not only that, we are in the process of implementing e-sports specific projects into our current coursework across several academic disciplines, with plans to bring in an e-sports curriculum in the near future."

Interested students can follow ECU Tiger e-sports on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Discord, Streater said.

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to retrieve it.

It was at that point, the affidavit states, that the wife noticed that the cafeteria door was open and Sullivan was inside.

The wife reportedly contacted Mannsville School Superintendent Brandi Price, who according to the affidavit stated that she wanted to press charges.

Sullivan was taken into custody and transported to the county jail. A review of surveillance video showed Sullivan making his way into the building, the affidavit says.

During Sullivan's initial appearance in Johnston County District Court on March 11, Associate District Judge Laura Corbin set bond at \$25,000 and scheduled a status hearing in the case for April 13 at 1:30 p.m.

A preliminary hearing date is expected to be set at that time. Court records show that Sullivan was released on bond.

NRCS accepting ACEP applications

Oklahoma's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) State Conservationist Gary O'Neill has announced the agency is accepting applications for its Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) - Wetland Reserve Easement (WRE) component.

Applications submitted by March 27 will be considered for FY2020 funding. NRCS will prioritize applications that protect, restore and enhance habitat for wildlife on their lands, and reduce damage from flooding and recharge groundwater.

"USDA is committed to restoring and protecting vital sensitive wetlands that provide important wildlife habitat and improve water quality," O'Neill said.

Land eligible for easements includes cropland, rangeland, grassland and pastureland owned by private individuals or Native American Tribes.

Wetland Reserve Easements provide habitat for fish and wildlife, including endangered species; improve water quality by filtering sediments and chemicals; reduce flooding; recharge

groundwater; protect biological diversity; and provide opportunities for educational, scientific and limited recreational activities.

ACEP has two components, one for Agricultural Land Easements (ALE), and one for Wetland Reserve Easements (WRE).

Applications for both ALE and WRE are accepted on a continuous basis.

Under the ALE component, funds are provided to eligible entities to purchase permanent agricultural land easements that not only protect the future of the nation's food supply, also support environmental quality, wildlife habitat, and historic preservation and protection of open spaces.

Eligible landowners may choose to enroll in a permanent or 30-year easement. Eligible lands include farmed or converted wetlands that can be successfully and cost-effectively restored.

To apply for a Wetland Reserve Easement, landowners should contact their local NRCS field office to be considered in the current batching period ending March 27.



Students at East Central University in Ada take part in the school's new Tiger E-sports program.

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Children need support facing COVID-19 concerns

Parents struggling with the question of how to prepare children for the COVID-19 threat probably already have plenty of experience to tap into, Oklahoma State University professor Laura Hubbs-Tait said.

"The situation is similar to how Oklahomans have learned to prepare for tornadoes or other tragedies," Hubbs-Tait, regents professor and Extension parenting specialist at OSU's Department of Human De-

velopment and Family Science, said.

"Our children recognize that something potentially horrible is coming and that it's frightening.

"But then as parents, we talk about it with them and reinforce a very important message: 'Always remember, I will be with you. It's going to be OK,'" she said.

Since the severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) was first

recognized in China at the end of 2019, it has spread to pandemic proportions.

Society continues to adapt responses such as self-quarantines, but children are not always privy to details from the government and news media about viral transmission and health outcomes.

That lack of information can heighten anxieties. In short, COVID-19 becomes a faceless, scary bogeyman.

"Parents are vital emotional filters," Hubbs-Tait said. "They need to manage some of the images and messages that affect children negatively, while increasing their emotional support."

Even if it seems a child is coping well, she said, it is important to reduce troubling stimuli anyway.

"Always listen attentively and answer truthfully," Hubbs-Tait said. "That sort of feedback helps children develop a sense of control, as do

reminders of other bad incidents that they successfully navigated."

The same parallel wisdom and preparation can be used to address a big follow-up anxiety: What happens if mommy or daddy gets sick from COVID-19?

"Ask them, 'Remember when that tornado happened or the storm floods damaged the house and you had to go stay with Aunt Dorothy?' Remind them that there are plans in place to make sure everything works out," Hubbs-Tait

said.

For more information, Hubbs-Tait suggested turning to some reputable online resources, including:

- National Child Traumatic Stress Network – www.nctsn.org;

- Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood – www.misterrogers.org/families; and

- "The Help Kids Cope" application developed by the Ozark Center and the National Child Traumatic Stress Network, available at app stores such as iTunes.

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the city is asking all Tishomingo residents to adhere to all health department guidelines and preventative measures. She added that all city board and commission meetings have been canceled until further notice.

"We are implementing procedures at City Hall in identifying preventative measures and proactively protect employees to continue to provide core services to our community within the City of Tishomingo," Cain said. "We are asking all utility customers to use our drop box for payments when possible. Some services can be worked through calling the office, and the City Hall staff will discuss how to resolve or handle any utility issues.

"Municipal Court will be reviewed and the next court date of April 8 will be postponed. The City will make efforts to get information out as much as possible."

Cain added that the City will continue to update the public as the situation changes. She concluded by stating, "We asked all our employees and citizens to stay healthy, practice good hygiene, healthy eating habits and exercise."

Monday night's vote to approve the resolution was made under the agenda heading of "new business." The issue arose when Councilwoman Laura Wood announced that a planned clean-up day at Pennington Park and other areas around the city was scheduled to take place this Saturday, March 21, starting at 9 a.m.

Wood's report prompted Mayor Sue Robins to question how many volunteers the Tishomingo Development Team and other participating groups were expecting to turn out for the event. Wood responded that the volunteers would be working in more than one location, but that as many as 50 or more were expected to participate.

Robins expressed concern over the projected turnout, citing recent recommendations regarding limitations on public gatherings. When Cain noted that the CDC had recommended that such gatherings be limited to no more than 50 people, Robins and Councilman Tom Lokey countered that President Trump has recommended gatherings of no more than 10.

Wood - who is also an employee of the Johnston County Health Department (JCHD) - at that point shared information from a question-and-answer sheet about COVID-19 issued by the JCHD.

She had shared the same information during the legislative forum held at Murray State College on March 13 (see related story on Page 1).

"The important thing to keep in mind is don't panic," Wood told her

fellow council members. But Robins held firm to her belief that large scale events such as the planned clean-up day on Saturday should be postponed indefinitely.

"I'm proposing that there should be a halt to large gatherings like this within the city limits," Robins said. "We need to not have fear, but we do need to be vigilant."

Lokey was quick to concur, adding his belief that the city should show the proper kind of leadership with regard to protecting public health and safety.

"I'm not sure that Oklahoma has taken a proper lead on this, quite frankly," Lokey said.

The comment was a thinly veiled reference to last Saturday's much-criticized tweet by Gov. Kevin Stitt in which the governor shared a photo of his family and himself at a crowded restaurant, despite growing concerns about the growing number of coronavirus cases in the state.

The very next day, Stitt had issued a statewide declaration of emergency.

It was Lokey who made the motion Monday night to pass the the city's resolution. Vice Mayor Woody Jumper seconded the motion; Wood joined the rest of the council in voting in favor of passage but added, "I'm still standing by the idea that we do not need to panic."

In his now-deleted tweet, Stitt encouraged people to eat out amid the coronavirus spread. That post ran counter to the warnings of public health officials, who are encouraging the public to stay home and practice social distancing as a way to contain the spread of the virus.

Stitt earned swift backlash over his comments, with critics continuing to respond even after the governor's post had been deleted.

Even President Trump responded, stopping short of criticizing the governor while publicly disagreeing with him about dining out. Also taking the governor to task was late night talk show host Stephen Colbert, who referred to Stitt's tweet during his monologue Monday night.

"His tweet went viral - of course, not as viral as everyone else at that restaurant did," Colbert joked.

Stitt's tweet has also brought renewed attention to a 2018 speech he gave calling for vaccination to be a "choice."

In the speech - which was reported by *The Daily Beast* - Stitt says, "We've got six children and we don't vaccinate, we don't do vaccinations on all of our children. So we definitely pick and choose which ones we're going to do. It's got to be up to the parents, we can never mandate that."

Food Bank of Oklahoma takes precautions for virus' impact

In an abundance of caution regarding the potential impact of the COVID-19 virus, the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma is canceling all large volunteer shifts at its main volunteer center facility, effective March 15, until further notice.

In addition, the organization is canceling all events scheduled for March, including its annual Chefs' Feast that was scheduled for March 26.

"The well-being and safety of volunteers, supporters, partner agencies, our staff and the Oklahomans we serve is our utmost concern," Deb Bunting, interim chief executive officer of the Regional Food Bank, said.

"Volunteers are the lifeblood of our organization. Their efforts en-

able us to serve the one in six Oklahomans who are food insecure."

Based upon the very nature of the Regional Food Bank's work, the nonprofit follows rigid federal and state food safety regulations each and every day.

The Regional Food Bank is taking all possible precautions in the event the virus begins to widely impact the 53 counties it serves in central and western Oklahoma.

In what would have been the 33rd consecutive Chefs' Feast, guests would have enjoyed food prepared by Oklahoma chefs and participated in a raffle and silent auction, with all proceeds going to support the Regional Food Bank's Food for Kids programs.

"Each year, Chefs' Feast helps us raise much-needed funds for the one in four Oklahoma children who live with hunger," Bunting says. "With the potential impact of COVID-19, we were concerned with hosting an event for nearly 800 guests."

For guests seeking a refund, please contact Natalie Wood at nwood@rfbo.org.

If guests are not seeking a refund, 100 percent of the costs for tickets will be applied as a fully tax-deductible donation toward the Food for Kids programs.

The Regional Food Bank staff is in daily communication with the appropriate local, state and federal health agencies, and will continue to evaluate the organization's day-to-day operations.

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Larsens create new set of Chickasaw elder portraits

Chickasaw artist Mike Larsen honored 28 Chickasaw elders as part of an ongoing portraiture project, unveiling 24 paintings at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur.

"Listening to Our Elders" is on display in the Aaitafama' Building on the campus of the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur.

"Our elders are a national treasure, and this project is one way we can celebrate and honor them," Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby said at the beginning of the commissioned project.

"Mr. Larsen is doing a tremendous job of capturing the strength of character, intense spirituality, superb sense of humor and other honorable characteristics exhibited by these unique individuals."

Larsen and his wife, Martha, spent two years producing this third set in the series, which began nearly 15 years ago and now includes 72 portraits.

"I want people to recognize this incredible heritage we have right here. That's why we have been so excited about doing these paintings," Larsen said.

"I have these people for such a short time. An hour is not long. But now we have these to look at, so you can have as long as you want. You can see them, read about them, and make some contact with these people."

"Listening to Our Elders" showcases portraits of Chickasaw elders Brenda Kingery, Stan Smith, Mary Smith, Neal McCaleb, Sue Simmons, Floyd Parnacher, Mary Jo Green, Shirley Stark, Dawatha Easterling, Charles Tate, Ruby Horse, Pauline Brown, Sam Johnson and Tim Colbert,

Also, Margaret Roach Wheeler, Russell Anoatubby, Gene Anoatubby, Ted Anoatubby, Othalee Manning, Lilian Underwood, Rose Jefferson Shields, Towana Spivey, William Paul, Homer Paul, Nathaniel Thomas, Linda Briggs, Willarene Amos, Winnie Mc-Neeley and Geraldine Brown.

Larsen said each painting takes approximately two weeks, including travel, spending time with each elder, planning the painting from rudimentary sketches and stretching his own canvas – all before charcoal and paint

emerge to begin the work.

During visits, Larsen sketches on paper while conversing. Martha takes record of the elder's words and captures photographs. The goal is to thoroughly explore their stories, then accurately portray them so future onlookers can know them as well.

"You capture a person's soul in their portrait. You can paint some of these people off looking at things, doing other things. But you look into their eyes – which is the first thing I draw when I'm sketching somebody – that's where your personality is, your persona, your being," Larsen said.

From the onset, Larsen was determined to feature living elders. He wanted to be able to create a portrait which looked exactly like the person. This required getting to know them.

Such an endeavor came to have a deeper, personal meaning for Larsen. He could uncover his own heritage.

"It's a very personal thing that they allowed me into their homes, into their thoughts, into their history," Larsen said. "I gather so much from these paintings. It's difficult to explain. It is a gathering together, like in a basket, what my history is."

Larsen said he was not raised as a Chickasaw – the result of his father's rejection of his own heritage.

"It wasn't until Martha and I came here and started getting involved with Chickasaw people that I realized what I had. Doing these paintings really is an aid to me, to get me involved, get me immersed, get me into my history," he said.

"The memorable part of this adventure is being so close to history and being able to present it in a way that everyone can see it," Larsen said.

"I look at these paintings and revisit the short time we were able to be with these people and listen to my own history."

While revisiting the portraits on the Chickasaw Cultural Center campus for the first time since completing them, Larsen perused the exhibit and recalled his experiences with the subjects of his paintings.

"We interviewed Lilian Underwood outdoors in a shady area; it was

really nice. She was fanning herself because it was summer. I just asked her, if we were your grandchildren, what would you tell us?"

"She bowed her head, fanned herself, looked up and said, 'Listen to your elders.' She was so perfect. It was a wonderful interview and turned into a really fine painting."

Underwood's advice inspired the collection's title.

With his time getting to know his fellow Chickasaw elders, Larsen uncovered some commonalities.

He said they all went through the same period of time in history. They were all poor in early life; they all expressed a great faith, and, when in their

presence, there is a feeling of absolute peace.

"So many of these people didn't have that for a large portion of their life until they became older," Larsen said.

"That's not a shame, just the way things are. I would wish for something different for them, but they lived through it, survived it, they prospered and became wonderful parents and grandparents. Why ask for more?"

He also noticed a repeating phrase while speaking with them. "I am so proud to be Chickasaw." They all say that. It is a great thing which gives them confidence, and that confidence comes through in the paintings."



Mike and Martha Larsen recently unveiled 24 paintings at the Chickasaw Cultural Center as part of an ongoing portraiture project called "Listening to our Elders." The 24 portraits of Chickasaw elders will be on display at no charge on the Chickasaw Cultural Center campus and is currently in the Aaitafama' Building.

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East Central announces coronavirus response plan

East Central University (ECU) in Ada is taking the necessary steps to keep its students, faculty and staff protected from exposure to the coronavirus (COVID-19).

ECU announced its COVID-19 Response Plan recently, which is geared toward avoiding the facilitation of large gatherings on campus.

Because the virus is contagious, reducing the number of gatherings should help prevent any potential spread.

“The response from faculty and staff across the university has been remarkably positive, and it makes me incredibly proud of the calm efficiency that has been displayed by everyone,” Dr. Katricia Pierson, ECU president, said.

“In addition, our students have reacted with professionalism and steadiness. We are living the ECU values of being adaptable and open to new ideas, as well as solving problems.”

Notably, the Pontotoc County

Health Department advised ECU there were no confirmed COVID-19 cases in the county, in the city of Ada, or on the university’s campus as of the close of the business day last Thursday.

“We are blessed to have the expertise of our community partners at the Pontotoc County Health Department, who have provided excellent guidance along the way,” Pierson said.

Key points of ECU’s COVID-19 Response Plan include:

- An extra week of Spring Break for students;
- Transitioning to online/virtual instruction;
- Suspension of university-sponsored/funded travel out of state; and
- Suspension of campus-related events, including athletics.

To view more details of the ECU COVID-19 Response Plan, which may evolve along with the situation, visit www.ecok.edu/covid-19info.

Deadline draws near for absentee ballot applications

Voters in Johnston County who want to have absentee ballots mailed to them for the April 7 Mannsville School Proposition, Mill Creek Board of Education, and Tishomingo Board of Education election should apply now, County Election Board Secretary B.J. Wheaton said.

Although the County Election Board can accept applications for absentee ballots until 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1, Wheaton urged voters who want to vote by absentee ballot to apply early.

Absentee ballot application forms are available at the County Election Board office located at 705 W. Main, Tishomingo.

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

Ballots must be in the hands of County Election Board officials by 7 p.m. on April 7 (Election Day) to be counted.

Wheaton said any registered vot-

er may vote by absentee ballot in any election in which he/she is eligible to vote. However, a voter must be registered and reside at an address within the geographical boundaries of a school district or a municipality to be eligible to vote in school district or municipal elections. It is not necessary to give a reason for voting absentee.

“While anyone can vote absentee without giving a reason, the law still provides several advantages to absentee voters in some categories,” Wheaton said.

By stating one of the following reasons on their applications, absentee voters can activate special conditions that make it easier for them to use absentee ballots. The reasons are:

- Voters who are physically incapacitated and voters who care for physically incapacitated persons who cannot be left unattended may vote absentee.

They may apply only by mail, by fax, by e-mail, online or via an agent who is at least 16 years of age and who is not employed by or related within the third degree of consanguinity or affinity to any person whose name appears on the ballot.

• Voters who are confined to nursing homes in the county may vote absentee. An Absentee Voting Board actually goes to the nursing home a few days before the election, sets up a small polling place, and allows these persons to vote under circumstances similar to those at a regular precinct polling place.

They may apply only by mail, by

fax, by e-mail, online or via an agent who is at least 16 years of age and who is not employed by or related within the third degree of consanguinity or affinity to any person whose name appears on the ballot.

• Military personnel and residents of the county living overseas and the spouses and dependents of each group are eligible to receive absentee ballots.

These voters may apply only by mail, fax, or by e-mail. Military personnel should contact the Voting Service Officers in their units for application forms and additional information, or visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program website www.fvap.gov/oklahoma for more information and instructions.

Residents of Oklahoma living overseas can obtain the same materials from any United States military installation and from United States Embassies and Consulates, as well as on the FVAP website.

Best of Chickasaw Country award winners announced

Chickasaw Country officials recently announced the 14 winners of its eighth annual Best of Chickasaw Country awards.

Just in time for spring break and summer travel planning, many of the winning dining spots, hotels and entertainment venues are ideal locations for long weekends or day trips.

Thousands of fans made their voice heard from the nomination process to the voting process, as favorite businesses across the 13-county region in south central Oklahoma made up the nominees and finalists.

“The unique variety of businesses within the region continue to set Chickasaw Country apart,” Paige Williams Shepherd, Chickasaw Nation director of corporate development and tourism, said.

“From locally owned shops, luxurious spas, or countless family friendly activities, these destinations celebrate the best of the best in south central Oklahoma. It’s

a fun and engaging way for fans to recognize their favorite businesses and stay up to date on some of the region’s top offerings.”

Winners in 14 categories are selected based on total number of votes. The business with the highest total percentage of the vote wins the category.

Best of Chickasaw Country 2020 winners are:

- Best Attraction**
 - Turner Falls Park – Davis
- Best Golf Course**
 - WinStar Golf Club – Thackerville
- Best Barbecue Restaurant**
 - Smokin’ Joes Rib Ranch – Davis
- Best Lake**
 - Lake Texoma – Kingston
- Best Boutique**
 - White Feather Boutique – Pauls Valley
- Best Live Performance Venue**
 - WinStar Global Event Center – Thackerville
- Best Casino**
 - Chisholm Trail Casino – Duncan

- Best Lodging**
 - Lake Texoma Lodge and Resort – Mead
 - Best Family Friendly Venue**
 - Lake Texoma Lodge and Resort – Mead
 - Best Museum**
 - Chickasaw Cultural Center – Sulphur
 - Best Festival**
 - Footloose Festival – Elmore City
 - Best Wedding Venue**
 - Arbuckle Wedding Chapel – Davis
 - Best Overall Dining**
 - Aces Sports Grill – Duncan
 - Best Run or Ride**
 - Chigger Chase – Ardmore
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THIS HOME HAS IT ALL! This 2-story/split level, log, frame home has approx. 2,000 sq. ft. and sits on 5 well groomed acres with a large pond. It has a kitchen, dining, laundry, 2 bed, 1 bath downstairs and 2 bed, 2 bath upstairs. CH&A. Closets and storage is not a problem with this one. Also it has 3 nice outbuildings. As if that's not enough, there is a mobile home with personality plus, with all the amenities. Kitchen, dining, 2 bed, 1 bath, laundry. Could be a mother-in-law house or a rental. This option provides many opportunities both for business or simply guests. This property is a must see. Listed at \$349,000. This showpiece has all the feel of country living but sits on the edge of city limits. Don't miss out on this 5 acre showplace!

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ATTRACTIVE BRICK HOME WITH ATTACHED MOTHER-IN-LAW HOUSE. Main house has 3 bdrm., 2 baths, pier and beam foundation, CH&A, metal roofing, has approx. 1,392 sq. ft. of living area, covered front carport, kitchen appliances remain with house, Mother-in-Law house has 2 bdrms., 1 bath, metal roofing, pier and beam foundation, approx. 816 sq. ft. There is an open covered breezeway connecting both houses. The 2 bdrm. could also be used as a rental property. The place has 2 large city lots in Ponotoc, OK, covering 28,000 sq. ft. or 140x200. The property has 3 storage sheds. There is a 242 sq.ft. cinder block building that was a former beauty shop. Lots of possibilities with this place. Asking only \$125,000. Call Mike Lovett for your showing, (580) 371-1720.

JUST ONE MILE FROM THE NEW CASINO IN WILLIS. 3 bdrms., 1 and 3/4 bths., frame metal roof, beautiful tile flooring, ceiling fans, solid foundation, city water, septic tank, system, vaulted ceiling in living room, cathedral ceiling upstairs, laundry utility room, many other extra's, set on approx. 1 acre, has older mobile homes, one used for storage and the other is rentable, two car garage, located at 5472 S. Hwy. 377. Asking \$230,000. Call for your showing, (580) 371-9885

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY IN DOWNTOWN CONNERVILLE. Cement block building formally a quick stop type of operation. 2 gas pumps, building has approx. 1,064 sq. ft. in it, located next to Connerville Fire Dept., setting on 3 city lots, corner lot location fore easy access for customers, needs work on the inside and some on the outside, priced at only \$50,000. Call for showing. **3 BDRM, 1 BTH.** frame, metal roof, propane heat, window unit cooling, city utilities, approx. 1,257 sq.ft., enclosed back porch area, utility room, carport, fenced yard, large lot area, older frame shed, located in Bromide, OK, 308 S. Main, asking \$38,000, call for your showing.

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2-bedroom, 2-bath, fenced backyard, very clean, located at 404 N. Kemp. \$725/mo, \$725 deposit. Call (580) 836-7171. (TFN-611800)

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HOUSE FOR SALE

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LAND FOR SALE

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Lots for Sale: Lots 1 and 2, Block 143, Tishomingo. 150x140 ft. deep, located at the southeast corner of Sixth and Fisher. \$22,000 or best offer. (580) 740-0373. (319)

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Sportsman's Paradise - 350 Acres The ranch has been managed for several years for wildlife with established food plots. There are six ponds on the ranch which have been stocked with bass and/or catfish. Because the property has been used for hunting primarily for the last several years the white-tail deer, turkey and wild hogs are plentiful. There is rural water and electricity along with two equipment sheds, two solar water wells. Asking \$2,800 an acre.

Rental Property Three homes located at 605, 607 and 609 Parkway, Tishomingo. All 3 homes are being offered at an asking price of \$85,000. Seller may consider dividing the properties. Great investment opportunity. Shown by appointment.

Country Setting 1800 +/- sq ft brick home, 3 bdrm, 1 3/4 bath, sitting on 2 acres. There is a 20 x 25 patio with hot tub, large chain link fenced backyard, a 30 x 40 metal shop with office and bathroom, insulated. A 25 x 18 RV carport, with water, electricity and sewer hookup. 16 x 20 garage with equip, storage off two sides, 10 x 20 storage building and children's playhouse. A must see to appreciate everything this property has to offer. 1120 W. Oak Hill Lane, Tishomingo. Asking \$250,000 Shown By Appointment only

Country Comfort. This 3,000 +/- sq. ft. 5-bedroom, 2 bath home sitting on 25 beautiful acres, has a lot to offer! Spacious bedrooms, large living, sunroom, country kitchen, large deck, shop, 30x40 barn, 3-car carport, pecan trees, beautiful stocked ponds. 4720 S. Wiley Road. Asking \$265,000 reduced to \$225,000.

315+/- acres with a 3 bdrm, 2 bath mobile home, livestock corrals, cellar, active wet weather creek with large granite outcroppings. The deer, turkey and wild hogs are plentiful, and the property has 3 ponds for the fisherman to enjoy. Asking \$2,400 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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SALES

Cancelled: Yard Sale Lebanon area annual yard sales on Saturday, March 21 has been cancelled for this year. (319)

Postponed: Moving sale at 3500 Deer Pond Lane in Tishomingo. Saturday, March 21, has been postponed until further notice. (319)

Legal Notices

(Published March 12 & 19, 2020)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

AGENCY: BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, EASTERN OKLAHOMA REGION

ACTION: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED KINGSTON CASINO RESORT PROJECT

SUMMARY: This Notice advises the public that the Draft Final Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed Kingston Casino Resort Fee-to-Trust Project is available for public review. The Project involves the acquisition of approximately 61.7 acres in Marshall County, Oklahoma, into federal trust status for the Chickasaw Nation (Nation). The Nation subsequently proposes to develop the

trust property with a casino resort. The proposed trust property is located south of U.S. Highway 70, directly west of Lake Texoma, and approximately 3.0 miles east of the town of Kingston, Oklahoma. This Notice is furnished as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations, Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 1506.6(b), to provide public notice and to inform those persons and agencies who may be interested or affected.

DATES: The public comment period for the draft EA will be open for 30 days, beginning on March 12, 2020 and ending on April 13, 2020.

ADDRESS FOR SUBMITTING COMMENTS: Written comments should be addressed to: Regional Director, BIA, EORO, P.O. Box 8002, Muskogee, Oklahoma 74402-8002.

LOCATIONS WHERE EA CAN BE VIEWED: Copies of the EA are available for viewing at the following locations: BIA EORO, 3100 West Peak Boulevard, Muskogee, Oklahoma, 74401; and the Madill City County Public Library, 500 West Overton, Madill, Oklahoma, 73446. An electronic copy of the Draft Final EA is also available for review on the internet at: <https://www.kingstoncasinorea.com/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or to obtain a CD copy of the EA, please contact Mr. Mosby Halterman, Division Chief, Division of Environmental and Cultural Resources Management, BIA, EORO, P.O. Box 8002, Muskogee, Oklahoma 74402-8002, Telephone Number: (918) 781-4660.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: The following

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 Natasha Gray, Sales Associate
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 "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."
 Joshua 24:15



EASY ESCAPE! Located on 10 beautiful acres is this cedar home. Features 3B/1B/2, 1/2B, cathedral ceiling, rock fp, new stainless appliance, sunroom, garage, & deck. 3 barns, shop, utility bldg., pond, granite outcropping, & good fencing. 1700 W. Blue River Rd. \$229,000

WELCOME HOME! Located on 10+/- Fleetwood manufacture home, 3 bdrms, 2 baths, appliances + storage bldg. 130 E. 5th St. Stonewall, Ok. \$50,000

SOMETHING ENTICING! Old service station includes 5 lots with highway frontage. This is an opportunity to open restaurant or business. 200 W. Grand, Ravia \$25,000.

CATCH OF THE DAY! Private setting offers 3B/2B brick, master has jetted tub, screened porch, + detached garage. 3s tall barn w/tack room, fenced with pond. 406 S 8th, Milburn \$80,000

SMALL TOWN SPIRIT! Very cute & cozy, 2006 Modular home features 3B/2B, open concept, ch&a, Large back yard. 105 W. 2nd St., Wapanucka \$58,000
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 OPPORTUNITES! 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

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

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FIXER TO FABULOUS! 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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OWN A PIECE OF HISTORY IN THE HEART OF DOWNTOWN! 2 adjoining bldgs feature bar, 4 baths, new roof, patio for extra seating, & ch&a. Offers a variety of options for your choice of business. Would make great restaurant with overflow dining. Approximately 3,000 sq ft. 310 W Main, reduced to \$285,000.



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alternatives are discussed in the EA: A. Proposed Fee-To-Trust Action / Casino-Resort; B. Reduced Intensity; C. No Action. Environmental issues addressed in the EA include land resources, water resources, air quality and greenhouse gases, biological resources, cultural resources, socioeconomic conditions/environmental justice, transportation, land use, public services and utilities, visual resources, noise, and hazardous materials. Approval of the Fee-to-Trust gaming acquisition for the proposed casino-resort constitutes a Federal action under the governing regulations for compliance with Section 102(2) of NEPA and requires a concise public document to be prepared that analyzes environmental impacts to the human environment.

Eddie Streater
 Date 3/3/2020
 Regional Director
 Eastern Oklahoma Region
 Bureau of Indian Affairs
 U. S. Department of the Interior

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NOTICE TO SELL COUNTY PROPERTY ACQUIRED AT RESALE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the receipt of bid, that I, Rana Smith County Treasurer of Johnston County, Oklahoma, will on the 30th day of March, 2020, beginning at 10:00 A.M. at my office in Tishomingo, Oklahoma sell separately the hereinafter described tracts, parcels, or lots of land, all situated in Johnston County, Oklahoma and heretofore acquired by said county at the resale authorized by 68 O.S. § 3125. Following the description of each property separately offered for sale is the name of the bidder and the amount of bid as follows:

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DESCRIPTION
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BIDDER
 STEPHEN HILL

AMOUNT BID
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DESCRIPTION
 LOT 33 BLOCK C - HOLIDAY HAVEN

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AMOUNT BID
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DESCRIPTION
 LOT 34 BLOCK C - HOLIDAY HAVEN

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AMOUNT BID
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DESCRIPTION
 LOT 35 BLOCK C - HOLIDAY HAVEN

BIDDER
 STEPHEN HILL

AMOUNT BID
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DESCRIPTION
 LOT 36 BLOCK C - HOLIDAY HAVEN

BIDDER
 STEPHEN HILL
AMOUNT BID
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The said properties will be separately sold to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, or to the original bidder at the amount bid if there be no higher bid offered, subject to the approval of the Board of County Commissioners.

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Witness my hand this 2nd day of March, 2020

/s/ Denise Hook
County Treasurer

(Seal)

(Published March 12, 19 & 26, 2020)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JOHNSTON COUNTY, TWENTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, STATE OF OKLAHOMA

CASE NO. CV-2020-03

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE OF HEARING ON INTERPLEADER

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO AUDREY GAGE, CHARITY MOORE, JUSTIN GAGE, DILLON GAGE, DALTON GAGE, OKLAHOMA TAX COMMISSION, AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, EXECUTORS, TRUSTEES, SUCCESSORS, AND ASSIGNS OF MARVIN GAGE, DECEASED, THAT A HEARING TO DETERMINE THE RIGHTFUL CLAIMANT OF EXCESS RESALE FUNDS FROM THE RESALE OF REAL PROPERTY OF THE RECORD OWNER, MARVIN GAGE, DECEASED, WHICH SOLD ON JUNE 10, 2019 IN JOHNSTON COUNTY DESCRIBED AS:

Lots 33, 34 35, and 37 Block D, Holiday Haven, Johnston County Oklahoma, Parcel #s 0045-00-00D-033-0-020-00, 0045-00-00D-034-0-021-00, 0045-00-00D-035-022-00, and 0045-00-00D-037-0-022-00 or in the proceeds of the sale.

THE HEARING ON THE PETITION IN INTERPLEADER WILL BE HELD ON THE 21st DAY OF APRIL, @ 9:00 A.M., 2020 IN THE SECOND FLOOR COURTROOM A OF THE JOHNSTON COUNTY COURT HOUSE, 403 W. MAIN STREET, TISHOMINGO, OKLAHOMA 73460, BEFORE THE HONORABLE LAURA J CORBIN, ASSOCIATE DISTRICT JUDGE. ANY PERSON HAVING AN INTEREST IN THE PROCEEDS OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY MUST APPEAR AND BE HEARD AT THE TIME AND PLACE HEREIN DESCRIBED.

CASSANDRA SLOVER
COURT CLERK

BY: /s/ Marci Sneed
DEPUTY COURT CLERK
(SEAL)

DATE: 02-25-2020

PREPARED BY FERN L. SMITH #8347
ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY
ATTORNEY FOR RANA SMITH
JOHNSTON COUNTY TREASURER
403 WEST MAIN STREET
TISHOMINGO, OKLAHOMA 73460

(Published March 12 & 19, 2020)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JOHNSTON COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF OTHO KEITH, Deceased

Case No. PB-2020-07

COMBINED NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: All persons interested in the Estate of Otho Keith, deceased.

You are hereby notified that on the 28 day of February, 2020, the Petitioner, Pennie Kay Smith, pro se, 16317 South Midwest Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73165, filed in the District Court of Johnston County, a Petition for Summary Administration. The Petitioner has alleged that Otho Keith, 65 years of age died on October 26, 1997, domiciled in and residing at 206 Mill St., Ravia, Johnston County, Oklahoma, and that the total value of the decedent's property in Oklahoma is less than \$175,000.00.

In an Order for Combined Notice entered herein, the Court found that it should dispense with the regular estate proceedings prescribed by law and order notice to creditors and issue an order for hearing upon the Petition for Summary Administration and the Final Accounting and Petition for Determination of Heirs, Legatees and Devises, and Distribution.

Pursuant to the Order for Combined Notice, all creditors having claims against Otho Keith, deceased, are required to present same, with a description of all security interests and other collateral, if any, held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to the Petitioner, Pennie Kay Smith, 16317 South Midwest Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

LPXLP

73165, on or before the 7th day of April, 2020, or the same will be forever barred.

Notice is hereby given that a hearing will be held on the 1st day of May 2020, at 11:00 a.m. at the Johnston County Courthouse, 403 West Main Street, Tishomingo, Oklahoma, before Judge Laura Corbin. At the hearing, the Court will decide whether to approve the Petition for Summary Administration and the Final Account and Petition for Determination of Heirs, Legatees and Devises and Distribution of the Petitioner. The Final Account and Petition for Determination of Heirs, Legatees and Devises and Distribution will be filed herein on or before the 9th day of April, 2020.

You are hereby advised that you must file objections to the petition for Summary Administration and Appointment of Special Administration and the final account and petition for determination of heirs, legatees and distribution at least ten (10) days before the hearing and send a copy to the Petitioner Pennie Kay Smith, 16317 South Midwest Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73165, or you will be deemed to have waived any objections.

If you have no objections, you need not appear at the hearing or make any filings with the Court.

/s/ Laura J. Corbin
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

(Seal)

PENNIE KAY SMITH, PRO SE
PETITIONER

/s/ Pennie Smith
16317 South Midwest Blvd.
Oklahoma City, OK 73165
(405) 476-5097

NOTICES AND PLEADING SHOULD BE SENT TO THIS ADDRESS ONLY

NO APPEARANCE IS ENTERED AS COUNSEL OF RECORD DOCUMENT DRAFTING ASSISTANCE PROVIDED FOR PETITIONER BY:

NEIL P. MCGUFFEE, OBA #6002

/s/ Neil P. McGuffee
209 Southwest 89th, Suite F
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73139

(405) 636-0689
(405) 636-0789 (fax)
Email: neil@mcguffeelaw.com
NO NOTICES OR OTHER PLEADINGS SHOULD BE SENT TO THIS ADDRESS

CASSANDRA SLOVER
COURT CLERK

BY: /s/ Marci Sneed
DEPUTY COURT CLERK
(SEAL)

DATE: 02-25-2020

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO USE STREAM WATER

Notice is hereby given that Katrina Lee and Will Grote whose address is PO Box 7, Bennington, OK 74723 have filed an application, #2019-056, with the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (Board) for a permit to use a total of 380.3 acre-feet of stream water per year at a diversion rate not to exceed 1,000 gallons per minute from one point of diversion on the Blue River located as follows: SE NW SW of Section 35, T3S, R7E1M, Johnston County. The water is proposed to be used for irrigation of 145 acres located within the W2 NW and N2 SW of Section 35, T3S, R7E1M, Johnston County, as more specifically described in the application. Use of stream water is governed by Sections 105.1 and following of Title 82 of the Oklahoma Statutes and rules of the Board, Oklahoma Administrative Code (OAC), Title 785, Chapter 20.

Protests to the application must be in writing and received by the Board at the address listed below and by the applicant at the address listed above no later than April 6, 2020, and contain the following: (1) name, address, and telephone number of the interested person; (2) the particular application number to which the protest relates; (3) specific information to show how approval of the application proposed may directly and adversely affect legally protected interests of the person filing the protest; and (4) a statement of the relief sought by the interested person. A person who sends a letter containing only a general objection or comment will not be deemed to be a party, but the letter will be made part of the permanent record.

If a protest that meets the requirements listed in the paragraph above is filed with both the applicant and Board, a hearing on this application will be scheduled and the applicant and protestant(s) will be advised of the hearing date. Protestants or their representatives must appear at the hearing and present the protest to be considered. Hearings are governed by Section 309 of Title 75 and Section 105.11 of Title 82 of the Oklahoma Statutes, and the rules of Board, OAC Title 785, chapters 4 and 20. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Nell Brueggen at (405) 530-8800. Board mailing

address: Oklahoma Water Resources Board, Planning & Management Division, 3800 N. Classen Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73118-2881. Board fax number: (405) 530-8900.

All stream water use permits issued by the Board contain the condition and limitation that the use of stream water shall not interfere with domestic uses or existing appropriative rights.

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

LANDGRAF FERTILIZER, INC.,
An Oklahoma Corporation,

Plaintiff,

vs.

RICK ORR,

Defendant.

Case No. CS-2014-21

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that on the **21st** day of **April, 2020**, at **10:00** o'clock a.m., the Johnston County District 2 County Barn on Oklahoma Hwy 48 in Milburn, Johnston County, State of Oklahoma, the undersigned Sheriff of said county will offer for sale and sell for cash or terms made prior to sale, at public auction to the highest and best bidder, the said equipment in Johnston County, State of Oklahoma, described as follows, to wit:

Caterpillar D-5 Dozer.

Sale will be made pursuant to a Default Judgment entered on May 5, 2014 in CS-2014-21, wherein Landgraf Fertilizer, Inc., is plaintiff and Rick Orr is the defendant, to satisfy said judgment of plaintiff rendered in its favor against Rick Orr in the amount of \$9,248.50, together with all interest and late fees as of December 11, 2013, in the amount of \$648.66, as demanded in the petition, together with interest thereon at a rate of 9.000% per annum. Further judgment was awarded over and against the Defendant, Rick Orr, for costs accrued in the amount of \$305.70 and accruing herein and attorney fees in the amount of \$800.00

WITNESS my hand this 6th day of March, 2020.

JON SMITH, SHERIFF,
Johnston County, State of Okla.

By: /s/ Jon Smith
Deputy

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ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF

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Bid Notice

Johnston County EMS will be taking bids on a 54" cut Dixon ZTR Mower That can viewed at HQ. Bids should be mailed or delivered to JCEMS 604 E. 24th Street. Tishomingo Oklahoma 73460. Bids are sealed and marked "mower bid" on outside of envelope. Bids will close April 03, 2020 at 3pm, and will be opened April 08, 2020 at 6:30 pm at the JCEMS Board meeting at Headquarters in Tishomingo.

(Published March 19, 2020)

NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF DRAFT TIER II PERMIT

POLLUTANT DISCHARGE APPLICATION NO. OK0034011

Notice is hereby given that the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has issued a draft permit to the **Wapanucka Public Works Authority (PWA)**, P.O. Box 163, based on a Tier II application filed on October 18, 2019, for a renewal permit with the DEQ. A final permit, if issued, would allow the Wapanucka PWA Wastewater Treatment Facility to discharge treated municipal wastewater from their facility, the Wapanucka PWA, P.O. Box 163, which is located in the NW1/2 of the SE1/4 of the SE1/4 of Section 14, Township 2 South, Range 8 East, I.M., Johnston County, Oklahoma. The Wapanucka PWA Wastewater treatment Facility is a municipal facility that accepts domestic wastewater. The proposed discharge consists of treated effluent from the Wapanucka PWA Wastewater Treatment Facility. The discharge will be to an unnamed tributary of Sandy Creek of the Lower Red River. The discharge from Outfall 001 is located at latitude 34° 22' 43.596" N, longitude 96° 25' 42.331" W (GPS: NAD-83 CONUS) in Johnston County, Oklahoma. The sludge/biosolids generated by the facility is self-contained within the lagoon treatment system.

A copy of the draft permit, fact sheet, application, and other relevant documents may be reviewed at the office of the DEQ, Water Quality Division, 707 N. Robinson, Oklahoma City, OK 73102, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. A copy of the draft permit, fact sheet, and application may be reviewed at the Wapanucka City Hall, 211 S. Choctaw Avenue, Wapanucka, OK 73461, between the hours of 8:00 am to 3:00 pm Monday through Wednesday. A copy of the draft permit

may be reviewed on the DEQ website at <https://www.deq.ok.gov/permits-for-public-review>.

Pursuant to 27A O.S. Sec. 2-14-302, persons wishing to make comments concerning the draft permit may do so by sending the comments in writing to the Contact Person for the DEQ, at the address listed below, within 30 days after the date of publication or mailing. Comments should include: (1) name and address of the interested person, (2) the application name to which the request relates, (3) the nature and basis of the inter-

est of the person affected, and (4) a statement of the objection or comment, the basis of the objection or comment, and any requested action by the DEQ.

The contact person for the DEQ, to schedule a date and time to review the draft permit at the office of the DEQ is:

Cailyn Prather
Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 1677
707 N. Robinson,
8th Floor
Oklahoma City, OK 73101-1677

(405) 702-8238
Email: cailyn.prather@deq.ok.gov

The contact person for the Wapanucka PWA is:

Doyle Traylor
Wapanucka PWA
P.O. Box 163
Wapanucka, OK 73461
(580) 258-8048

Pursuant to 27A O.S. Sec. 2-14-302, persons wishing to request a public meeting concerning the draft permit may do so by filing the request in writing to the Contact person for the DEQ, at the address listed above,

Commissioners Proceedings

(Published March 19, 2020)

Monday, March 9, 2020

Chairman Mike Thompson called regular meeting of 3-9-20 to order at 9:25 a.m. Answering aye was Thompson, TJ Clements, Jacky Hallmark. Others present Ross Naylor, Angie Oxley, Shannon Smith, Debbie Arnold, Kim Canaday, Kathy Ritchie, Jon Smith, Gary Dodd, Kenny Power, Jason Bryant, Sharline Pitmon, John Small and Kathy Ross.

Hallmark moved to approve minutes of 3-2-20, second by Clements, vote aye Hallmark, Clements and Thompson.

Board took no action on LED Lighting Quotes for Jail Lighting Project, Sheriff is still waiting on the final approval from OG&E representative.

Clements moved to approve Bid Proposal for \$1,630.00 from Ramsey Ward Electric for LED Project at Health Department, second Hallmark, vote aye Hallmark, Clements and Thompson.

No action on Updates of the OPEH&W Health Plan for 2020-21. Ross Naylor spoke on behalf of OPEH&W and explain new features and 3% across the board rate increase for all members.

Hallmark moved to approve to remain on the Diamond Preferred with the Enhanced Dental, Enhanced Vision and \$30,000.00 Group Life Insurance for Eligible County Employees for OPEH&W Health Plan Insurance for 2020-21 Year, second Clements, vote aye Hallmark, Clements and Thompson.

Board took no action on Appointing New E911 Board Member. The Board has a couple of representatives that they will check with and report at a later date.

Board Discussed Time and Leave of Employee on FMLA that if they should Receive Sick and Annual while on FMLA. This is an area that can not be discriminated against and time will be adjusted for the 12 weeks of FMLA.

Board discussed what benefits a full-time employee receives weather full-time is 130 hours or salaried. Ross Naylor, OPEH&W states that with the Affordable Care Act that you have to offer insurance for any employee that works 130 hours or more per month. Also, there is no question on the retirement requirements. The question is on the benefits of Sick, Annual Leave and Holidays. This is to be put on the agenda next week 3-16-20 and will seek the ADA opinion.

Monthly Appropriations: Highway \$268284.98, CBRI 105 \$25222.64, 911 \$9216.31, Assessor Revl \$140.00, County Clerk \$330.00, RM&P \$1250.00, BOJ \$00, Resale \$7137.12, Sheriff Commissary \$549.54, Sheriff \$7901.72, CMT \$75.00, Lodging Tax \$737.50, Jail 1 Cent \$16112.22, Fire ¼ cent \$16151.22, Em Comm \$32246.72, Court Clerk Revl \$1889.89, Court Pres 355.21, Co Clk Legal Suit \$.23, Bev Tax \$10738.27, Transfers: None, Monthly Blankets: Health, Monthly Report: Treasurer, Assessor, Claims: 911 217, MILLER OFFICE EQUIPMENT, 35.72, 218, AT&T, 856.25, 219, AT&T, 57.09,

½ Comm 186, ADA PAPER COMPANY, 32.54, 187, MIDWEST DRUG TESTS, 37.00, General 1855, USPO, 4.10, 1836, MILLER OFFICE EQUIPMENT, 237.69, 1843, AT&T, 41.73, 1844, USPO, 70.00, 1845, USPO, 100.00, 1832, US ALERT SECURITY, 270.00, 1829, TISHOMINGO WATER DEPARTMENT, 65.88, 1835, TISH LUMBER, 6.00, 1837,

TISHOMINGO WATER DEPARTMENT, 123.26, 1838, SOONERS, 28.04, 1839, USPO, 600.00, 1848, HEARTLAND, 11.48, 1849, QUILL, 291.96, 1850, ADA PAPER COMPANY, 89.33, 1854, TISHOMINGO WATER DEPARTMENT, 279.10, 1833, ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE, 3922.13, 1851, MILLER OFFICE EQUIPMENT, 4906.00, 1856, COMDATA, 212.88, 1846, TISHOMINGO MOTOR SALES, 124.80, 1857, WILCO PLUMBING, 6161.85, 1847, SOUTH-EASTERN ELEC. COOP., 110.12, 1834, PEC, 400.42, 1852, JOHNSTON COUNTY RWD #3, 24.80, 1853, PEC, 197.01, 1830, PEC, 27.82, 1831, JOHNSTON COUNTY RWD #3, 24.80, 1840, S.O.R.D., 61.50, 1841, VARNER, KEEGAN, 378.24, 1842, PITMON, SHARYNE, 29.79, Health 159, REVELS, CYNTHIA, 347.36, 160, MORRISON, ARLUS, 47.73, 161, TILLER, LECIA, 17.25, 162, REEVES, CHELSEA, 155.71, 163, WALTERS, SHAYNA, 487.90, 164, FITCH, KERRY, 36.80, 165, WOOD, LAURA, 472.14, 166, REEVES, CHELSEA, 78.43, 157, QUILL, 348.99, 158, TISH LUMBER, 166.59, 167, SWINK HEAT AIR/ELECTRIC, 218.75, 168, ARBUCKLE COMMUNICATIONS, 218.75, Highway 1261, JOHNSTON COUNTY RWD #3, 24.80, 1262, PEC, 184.60, 1263, S.O.R.D., 82.00, 1264, MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS, 52.50, 1265, SCOTTS BLUE RIVER ONE-STOP, 195.00, 1266, C.L. BOYD, 384.61, 1267, K-B HYDRAULIC REPAIR SERVICE, 921.80, 1269, SOUTHEASTERN ELEC. COOP., 336.29, 1270, WINDSTREAM, 248.48, 1271, PITMON OIL, 1776.00, 1272, JOHNSTON COUNTY RWD #3, 25.81, 1273, DAVIS FLEET PARTS, 52.40, 1274, DAVIS FLEET PARTS, 368.04, 1275, DIRECT DISCOUNT TIRE, 484.50, 1276, TISHOMINGO MOTOR SALES, 134.88, 1278, DEERE & COMPANY, 29946.06, 1268, SIMMONS BANK, 1773.26, 1283, CLEMENTS, THOMAS, 111.67, 1277, SPRING HOUSE WATER, 10.00, 1279, RAVIA PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY, 24.82, 1280, SOONERS, 58.94, 1281, TISH LUMBER, 148.40, 1282, TISHOMINGO MOTOR SALES, 364.23, 1284, ABC OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY SERVICE, 84.15, F-F 43, AT&T, 62.60, CMT 35, TRANS UNION RISK AND ALTERNATIVE DATA SOLUTIONS, 50.00, Fire-ST 47, MILLER PETROLEUM, 1.00, 48, PEC, 75.10, 49, TISHOMINGO MOTOR SALES, 242.42, B-Comm 19, AUTO-CHLOR, 197.90, BSF 256, BRACKET MUFFLER, 26.00, 257, COURTESY P.C., 6.00, 260, COURTESY P.C., 56.99, 261, PEC, 25.00, 259, TISHOMINGO CHEVROLET, 230.72, 258, SOONERS, 146.66,

Report gave by Commissioners Secretary, Business: None, Public Hearing: None

Hallmark motioned to adjourn meeting at 10:40 a.m., second by Clements, vote aye Hallmark, Clements and Thompson.

Approved on 16th of March, 2020

(Seal)

Attest: /s/ Kathy Ross, County Clerk

Chairman: /s/ Mike Thompson
Vice Chairman: /s/ Jacky Hallmark
Member: /s/ T.J. Clements

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within 30 days after the date of publication or mailing. Requests for the public meeting should include: (1) name and address of the interested person, (2) the application name to which the request relates, (3) the nature and basis of the interest of the person affected, and (4) a statement of the objection or comment, the basis of the objection or comment, and any requested action by the DEQ. A copy of the request must also be sent to the applicant, through the contact person listed above. A formal public meeting may be scheduled if there is a significant degree of public interest. Notice of the date, time and place of the public meeting will be given to all parties of record. A request for a public meeting may be combined with a submission of written comments.

If a public meeting is held, oral or written comments will be accepted at the meeting. The DEQ shall, within ninety (90) days of the date the public comment period closes (or longer if extended by the Executive Director of the DEQ), issue responses to all public comments received.

and that the heirs, devisees and legatees of John R. Hampton, deceased, be determined.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that said Petition be and the same is hereby set for hearing on the 15th day of April, 2020, at the hour of 2:30 o'clock P.M. in District Court Room A, in the Courthouse of Johnston County, in Tishomingo, Oklahoma, when and where all persons interested may appear and contest the same, and that notice thereof be given by publication and by mailing to all of the heirs, devisees and legatees at their last known place of residence as required by law at least ten (10) days from the date of publication before said date of hearing.

/s/ Laura J. Corbin
Hon. Laura J. Corbin
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

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PROCLAMATION AND NOTICE OF ELECTION

Under and by virtue of Section 26, Article X of the Oklahoma Constitution and Title 70, Article XV, Oklahoma Statutes 2011, and other laws supplementary and amendatory thereto and a Resolution of the Board of Education of Elementary School District Number 7 of Johnston County, Oklahoma, adopted on the 29th day of January, 2020, an election is hereby called to be held in said School District on the 7th day of April, 2020, for the purpose of submitting to the registered, qualified electors thereof the following proposition:

PROPOSITION

Shall Elementary School District Number 7 of Johnston County, Oklahoma, incur an indebtedness by issuing its bonds in the sum of Three Hundred Fifty Five Thousand Dollars (\$355,000) to be issued in one or more series to provide funds for the purpose of constructing, equipping, repairing and remodeling school buildings, acquiring school furniture, fixtures and equipment and acquiring and improving school sites, and levy and collect an annual tax, in addition to all other taxes, upon all the taxable property in such District sufficient to pay the interest on such bonds as it falls due and also to constitute a sinking fund for the payment of the principal thereof when due, said bonds to bear interest not to exceed the rate of ten (10%) percentum per annum, payable semi-annually and to become due serially within ten (10) years from their date?

The ballots used at said election shall set out the proposition as above set forth and shall also contain the following words:

- For the above Proposition
- Against the above Proposition

The polls shall be opened at seven o'clock A.M. and remain open continuously until and be closed at seven o'clock P.M.

The number and location of the polling places and the names of the persons who shall conduct said election shall be designated by the County Election Board(s). Such officers shall also act as counters.

The specific projects for which at least eighty-five percent (85%) of the proceeds of the aforesaid Bonds shall be expended and the dollar amounts for each project shall be as follows:

to perform security improvements district-wide, as needed \$75,000.00

to acquire and/or install technology equipment district-wide, as needed \$50,000.00

to renovate, repair and/or remodel and acquire equipment district-wide to include, but not be limited to: flooring, ceiling repairs, HVAC and address district maintenance issues \$230,000.00

TOTAL: \$355,000.00

WITNESS our hands as President and Clerk of the above Board of Education and the seal of said School District this 29th day of January, 2020.

Roy Justice
President, Board of Education

ATTEST:

Tracie Chapman
Clerk, Board of Education

(SEAL)

(Published March 19 & 26, 2020)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JOHNSTON COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

In the Matter of the Estate of BRICE SCOTT MORSE, Deceased.

PB-2017-11

NOTICE OF HEARING FIRST AND FINAL ACCOUNT, PETITION FOR DECREE OF DISTRIBUTION, AND DISCHARGE OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested in the Estate of BRICE SCOTT MORSE, Deceased, that on the 16th day of March, 2020, there was filed with this Court the First and Final Account, Petition for Decree of Distribution, Approval of Attorney Fees, Costs, and Expenses, and



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Johnston County, Oklahoma, and all persons interested may appear and contest the same.

Witness, the undersigned, Judge of the District Court of Johnston County, State of Oklahoma, this 16th day of March, 2020.

/s/ Laura J. Corbin
Judge of the District Court

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