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County courthouse may be reopened next week

By John A. Small
Managing Editor

into reopening after the COVID-19 pandemic shutdown, the Johnston County Board of Com-

missioners is considering whether or not to allow the public back inside the county courthouse.

During their weekly meeting Monday morning, commissioners Jacky Hallmark, Mike Thompson and T.J. Clements voted to again approve the weekly renewal of their proclamation ordering the closure for all county-owned properties in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

As previously reported, the commissioners first approved the resolution on March 23 and have voted to renew it each week ever since. This week's resolution will remain in effect until next Monday, May 4.

Before Monday's vote was taken, however, Hallmark - citing Governor Kevin Stitt's April 24 executive order setting the guidelines for his "Open Up and Recover Safely" (OURS) Plan - questioned whether the closure needed to be renewed for another week.

"Other places are opening back up," Hallmark said. "I don't see any reason why we



Johnston County Health Department workers administer COVID-19 testing to a local resident taking part in last week's drive-through testing site at the county fair barn in Tishomingo. As of press time Johnston County had still reported only three confirmed positive cases of the coronavirus, and the Board of County Commissioners indicated that it may vote to reopen the county courthouse to the public at next week's meeting. See related photo on Page 2 (Sentinel staff photo by Mary Lokey)

shouldn't. The world is going back to normal, whether we want it or not."

County Emergency Management Director Jason Bryant noted that Johnston County District Court has announced its offices plan to remain

closed until May 14. He added that Stitt's order follows federal guidelines calling for a three-phase reopening of businesses.

But Hallmark, repeating concerns he and Clements had both stated on previous occasions,

again indicated his belief that public fears about the pandemic have stemmed from media reports overdramatizing the dangers.

At one point, without
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EDITORIAL

What is the hurry?

By Tom and Mary Lokey
Sentinel Co-Publishers

On a 2-1 vote, T.J. Clements and Jacky Hallmark - our two newest county commissioners, who have not yet finished their first term in office - have chosen to move the county commissioners' office from the Johnston County Courthouse to the current location of the Johnston County Election Board.

Mike Thompson, senior commissioner and current chairman of the board of the Johnston County Commissioners, voted no.

The county commissioners in each county across this nation are the leaders of county government. All other offices of the county answer to the commissioners in some way.

In fact, this leadership role by the county commissioners here was most recently demonstrated with the commissioners voting to close the courthouse to the public during the current pandemic, with objections from other elected county officials being overridden.

While some offices of the county, such as the election board, may be able to function by not being part of the courthouse complex, the main office of the county commissioners belongs there. There are daily in-person interactions between the commissioners' office in the courthouse, the other elected county officials and the general public.

The commissioners are the leaders of your county government.

The commissioners also maintain separate offices where they carry out most of their daily duties, each having their own secretaries at their respective county barn facilities, using the courthouse offices primarily for meetings.

There are not eight or nine people crammed into the commissioners' courthouse space on a daily basis, as Commissioner Clements' statement would imply. (See related story at right on this page.)

With other re-organization and more thought put into their idea, we would think the commissioners could find the space they need within the Johnston County Courthouse.

A few years ago, additional space at the courthouse was gained by moving the election board into its current location at 705 W. Main. Some of this additional space at the courthouse the commissioners now use, and some is being used by 911.

The office housing 911, which is a very important county function, could be located elsewhere, with the space they are using being turned over to the county commissioners. Now, about the move itself.

The county commissioners voted 3-0 to move the offices starting July 1.

Several elections have had to be rescheduled from earlier this year to June 30, due to the COVID-19 outbreak. The city of Tishomingo council election and the state question on the Medicaid expansion will also be on this ballot.

Additional run-off elections and the general election must all happen between June 30 and Nov. 3 of this year.

Our new election board secretary, B.J. Wheaton, has requested if the commissioners make this move, that they do so after the general election Nov. 3.

The county commissioners' main office has been part of the courthouse complex for more than 100 years and should remain at the courthouse.

However, commissioners, if you do not get the message, at least wait until November to make the move.

Election Board relocation approved

Split vote in favor comes despite Wheaton's protest

By John A. Small
Managing Editor

Despite the protests of County Election Board Secretary B.J. Wheaton, the Johnston County Board of Commissioners voted Monday to approve plans to swap the commissioners' office with that of the election board.

The vote was not a unanimous one. District 2 Commissioner Mike Thompson - the board's current chairman who is marking his final term in office this year - voted against the motion by District 3 Commissioner T.J. Clements.

It wasn't the first time that Thompson - who has long held up the local board as a beacon of civility compared to those in some other counties - has voted against his fellow commissioners.

Last year he sided against Clements and District 1 Commissioner Jacky Hallmark when they voted to appoint Keith Plummer to the county's EMS Board of Directors.

Prior to that, Thompson had been the dissenting vote when former commissioners

Roy Wayne Blevins and Melvin Farmer voted in favor of calling for the county's "liquor by the drink" election several years ago.

Unlike both previous occasions, Thompson said little during Monday's discussion beyond his dissenting vote. But as reported in last week's issue of the Sentinel, Thompson had stated during the commissioners' previous meeting on April 20 that he was "not necessarily" a supporter of the proposal to switch offices.

At this week's meeting Wheaton essentially reiterated the objections she had first voiced on April 20, reminding the commissioners that the Election Board office had originally been located in the courthouse but was relocated to its current headquarters at 705 West Main Street in Tishomingo due to a lack of adequate space for voting machines, precinct worker training and other needs as mandated by the State Election Board Office.

Repeating a question that had been asked last week by County Assessor Guyla Hart, Wheaton

asked the commissioners to explain the necessity for making the switch. Hallmark responded by stating, "I don't think Guyla had any business asking."

Hart was not present for this week's meeting.

As he had last week, Clements argued that the commissioners need more space than their current suite of offices in the courthouse provides.

"I'd just like to have my own space," Clements said. "You've only got two people in that big building, and we've got eight or nine sharing this little bitty space."

Clements was referring to the fact that the three commissioners, their individual secretaries and office manager Sharlene Pitmon - whose desk is located in what serves as the commissioners' reception area - all utilize the commissioners' office space.

But Wheaton noted that they are typically not all present in that office at the same time, with the three individual secretaries also having office space in their respective county barns.

The commissioners' reception area and the

room they share for office space had been the original location of the Election Board office, with the commissioners' office used at the time to house the voting machines used at each county polling place.

Wheaton said again this week that the space had eventually been deemed unsuitable for the Election Board's needs, prompting the move to that office's current location shortly after the building was purchased by the county.

Clements countered that the Election Board would also be getting the room now being used for the commissioners' weekly meetings.

During her comments, Wheaton took exception to comments made at last week's meeting about the county paying her salary. "The county may be writing

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Weekend Weather:

FRIDAY: Intervals of clouds and sunshine, high of 88F. Partly cloudy overnight with 10 percent chance of rain. SATURDAY: Sunshine and clouds mixed; humidity 57 percent. SUNDAY: High of 91F, stray shower or thunderstorm possible during the day. Overnight low 62F.

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I wonder what Ben Franklin might say about all this...

Submitted for your consideration, in light of certain events that have been reported in the national news over the past week or so:

Let's call it a hypothetical situation, albeit one that you might just recognize. The year is 2019. You live in California, and your community is being threatened by a fast-moving wildfire. Local fire and law enforcement officials have issued a mandatory evacuation order, but despite the obvious danger to yourself and your family you choose to willfully ignore that order.

"It's a violation of my rights," you tell the fire chief when he knocks at your door and admonishes you to leave. "This is my home, by golly, and nobody is going to tell me I can't stay here."

Is that a wise decision on your part?

Is it really?

Maybe we should consider the issue from another angle. It's 1980, and you operate an inn at the foot of Mount St. Helens in Washington. Seismologists have been warning for weeks that an eruption of the volcano is imminent, and that everyone in the immediate vicinity is in mortal danger if they don't seek out safer ground.

But, again, you ignore the calls to leave home and seek safety elsewhere, and scoff at the public's concern for your safety.

I guess we could ask Harry R. Truman about how such a scenario might end up playing out. Oh, wait...no, we can't. He died when the volcano erupted.

Oh, well, at least they got Art Carney to play him in that television docudrama...

Or how about this:

You are residing in London during one of the darkest hours of World War II. The Nazi warplanes are on their way and the Blitz is about to begin any minute - but your response is to shake a defiant fist and proclaim,

"Bugger off, Winston - I'll leave my lights on if I bloody well feel like it!"

One more, just for the sake of argument: It is the time of the Old Testament and you live up the street from the local crackpot, an old fellow named Noah. He and his three sons have been busy building a great big ol' boat to save them and their families from this horrendous flood Noah keeps insisting is coming.

You and the other neighbors laugh and point fingers and call poor Noah all manner of vile names - especially after he and the boys start trucking in animals from all over the world and loading them onto the boat.

But then the rains come, just like Noah said they would. And... well, we all know how that one turned out, don't we?

So am I getting through to you yet? Do you understand what it is I'm trying to say?

You're not really going to force me to trot out that old story about Jor-El and those fools on the Kryptonian Science Council, are you?

Look, I'm as fed up with this lousy pandemic and social distancing and not being able to go to the movies or my favorite bookstores as the next person.

I'd love nothing better right now than to take my dear wife out to her favorite restaurant for a belated anniversary dinner, and to cut my way into a nice, juicy ribeye.

I have a son who needs a haircut so badly that he is starting to look like a critter from one of those old Saturday morning cartoons I used to watch.

And if I have to sit through one more of Jim Gaffigan's *CBS Sunday Morning* "isolation diaries," I'm liable to throw a shoe at the television.

But none of these things are of such importance that I am willing to risk my life, or the lives of my family and friends, by willfully thumbing my nose at efforts intended to protect us from the COVID-19 virus.

Small Talk

John A. Small



And so I can only sit and watch in slack-jawed wonder at the news reports about those protesters complaining that the stay-at-home orders and calls for social distancing are a violation of their freedoms.

Have these people never read the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution - specifically that line about promoting the general welfare, i.e. public safety?

I know I didn't dream that part. My fifth grade history teacher devoted an entire day to discussing it. Heck, they sang about it on *Schoolhouse Rock*.

I've seen pictures taken in the parking lot of a local business during our local Chamber of Commerce's "Cruise-In and Carry-Out" event last week. Despite the Chamber director's calls in her promotions for that event asking the public to maintain social distancing, the pictures show that there wasn't much of it going on.

Judging from the pictures, you would have thought it was a house party in Chicago. I'm pretty sure that was NOT what our Chamber of Commerce director had in mind...

And then there's that elected official down in Texas who announced last week that "there are more important things than living."

Say what?

In a letter written in 1755 on behalf of the Pennsylvania Assembly to the colonial governor, Benjamin Franklin composed one of his best known and oft-repeated quotes: "Those who would give up essential Liberty, to purchase a little temporary Safety, deserve neither Liberty nor Safety."

One can't help but wonder what wise ol' Ben might have to say today about people willing to give up essential health just so they can get their hair and nails done.

At what point did it become "patriotic" to carry flags bearing swastikas, organize chants to lock up governors and fire health officials for trying to protect the public, or block ambulances that are trying to get patients to the hospital?

Those who engage in such activities seem to think of their behavior as an expression of liberty - but it's the most twisted, paranoid and radicalized expression of liberty that I've seen during my lifetime. And I'm old enough to remember all those TV interviews with poor ol' Harry R. Truman in the weeks before Mount St. Helens blew its top.

One writer I came across recently defined this kind of behavior as a political ideology where supporters are "conditioned to believe that thinking about other people's needs or interests in any way is tyranny by definition."

Sounds plausible. Of course, my late father - matter-of-fact fellow that he was all of his life - would have explained it in far simpler terms: "They're idiots."

As scary as this whole pandemic situation has been, what scares me even more is that some people are using it as an excuse to thumb their nose at science and villify the very people who are trying to keep them alive so that they can espouse their particular brand of hatred and idiocy without fear of contracting an illness that could very well kill them.

Yeah, it's a free country and I guess that means that people have the right to be stupid if they choose to be.

What I don't understand is why so many of them seem so determined to abuse the privilege.

I mentioned Benjamin Franklin a bit ago. You may recall that Ben was the same fellow who so famously stated, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

That was in the 1700s; I wonder what the going rate is these days?

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naming anyone specifically, Hallmark seemed to suggest that some who have urged caution might have ulterior motives.

people's quest for power," Hallmark said. "Some people have just overreached... The more testing they do, the less seriously people are going to take it."

Thompson suggested that the commissioners renew their closure order for one more week as a precaution, closely monitoring the first week of the Phase One reopening before revisiting the issue again next week.

Hallmark and Clements agreed, and the motion to renew the county closure until next Monday passed by a 3-0 vote.

Also during Monday's meeting, Bryant shared a brief report about the storm systems that blew through the area last Wednesday, April 22.

A severe storm in the early morning hours that day caused some hail damage throughout parts of the county and damaged the roof of the E-Z Mart convenience store in Ravia. According to Bryant, the hail storm also resulted in approximately \$700,000 in damage to the roof at Milburn School.

Later that afternoon, Bryant said, a second wave responsible for the tornado that killed two people in Madill also resulted in a small tornado that briefly touched down in Wapanucka. Bryant said there had been very little damage reported as a result of that tornado, most of it sustained by a house barn and several outbuildings.

No injuries were reported in either of the Johnston County storms.

Monday's meeting also saw the commissioners approve the latest payment to RFD Construction for work related to the ongoing expansion project at the Nitro-Lift plant in Tishomingo.

The payment request was in the amount of \$101,238.65. Thompson said work has been continuing on the construc-



Members of the Oklahoma National Guard were on hand during the Johnston County Health Department's drive-through COVID-19 testing event in Tishomingo on Thursday, April 23. Guard members presented those who came to be tested a box containing a free two-week supply of food, one box per car, enough food to provide for a 14-day quarantine period. (Sentinel staff photo by Mary Lokey)

tion project, and indicated that plans call for the new building to be completed later this year.

The commissioners voted 3-0 to approve the payment.

In other business Monday, the commissioners took the following actions:

- Approved a pair of utility relocation agreements between the county and Peoples Electric Cooperative related to a planned resurfacing project on Bullard Chapel

Road, each by a separate vote of 3-0;

- Voted 3-0 to approve documents requested by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) related to the same Bullard Chapel Road project;
- Voted 3-0 to approve the county's annual six-year allocation funding plan through the state's County Improvements for Roads and Bridges (CIRB) program; and
- Voted 3-0 to postpone a pair of public

meetings that had originally been set for the month of May, rescheduling both for the commissioners' meeting on Monday, June 1.

The first, originally set for May 4, involves the proposed addition of Shepard Lane to Johnston County's road maintenance system. The second public hearing, regarding property located in an area of Coleman known as "The Settlement," had initially been set for May 11.

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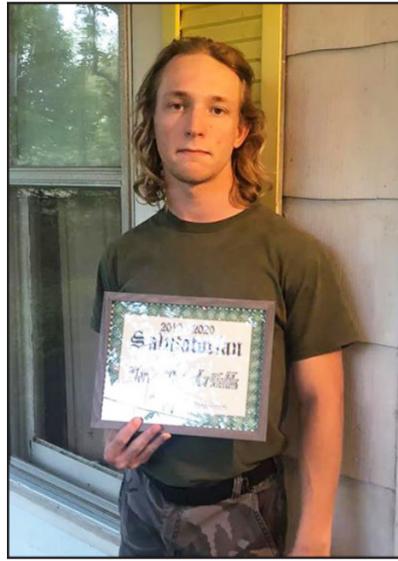
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Tops in their class at Mill Creek

The COVID-19 pandemic may have dealt a devastating blow to school activities in Johnston County and across the nation, but that hasn't stopped schools from honoring the best and brightest of the Class of 2020. Last week officials at Mill Creek High School announced that Jeremiah Naugle (above left) has been named as this year's class valetorian, while classmate Tom Fields is the 2020 class salutatorian. School officials visited the homes of both young men to make special presentations honoring their achievement. Starting next week, in lieu of our usual special Graduation Supplement publication, the *Johnston County Sentinel* will begin its special "Class of 2020 Spotlight" series honoring the graduates at the county's five high schools, as well as eighth grade graduates at Ravia and Mannville. For more details, see the story in last week's edition of the *Sentinel* or visit our Facebook page.

Chamber to host 'Retail Frenzy Friday' event May 1

Retail businesses are now re-opening across Johnston County, and what better way to show our excitement than with a "Retail Frenzy Friday" to support them.

This Friday, May 1, show your local merchandisers how much you care with a purchase.

Several businesses will be offering specials, so watch our Facebook event page for a full list of Johnston County's open retailers, or check the ad in this week's copy of the *Johnston County Sentinel*. We'll post if they are having a promotion or sale.

When you've made your purchase on Friday, post a photo with your new merchant on Facebook, and tag the business you've supported and the Johnston County Chamber of Commerce - make sure to use the @ sign in front so that we can see it - and you will be entered to win \$40 in Chamber Bucks.

The JCCC's Main Street Committee is organizing a day per-week for the next month or so to focus on highlighting the industries in Johnston County that are currently being affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Even if only for those days, please try to support our local businesses. They appreciate you and we do, too.

Many businesses are open for

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Jordyn Frazier
JCCC Executive Director



walk-in shopping as the state reopens, but please continue to practice common sense hygiene and social distancing.

Keeping Johnston County healthy means keeping the economy healthy, too, so take care and enjoy!

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Town's water customers suffer weekend outage

By Matthew Cravatt
Sentinel Correspondent

Ravia area residents are strongly encouraged to fill out their 2020 Census forms.

Participation statewide is low, which will affect distribution of federal funds for such things as schools, health-care, fire and police coverage, along with public water and sanitation.

Ravia Public Works customers experienced a water outage this weekend as a leak occurred when a fitting used in a recent water main breakage failed, causing town workers to drain the water tower to make re-

Ravia News

pairs. Public Works employees, as well as the Ravia Board of Trustees, are in agreement to seek funding for a central main cut-off valve at the water tower to speed up repairs, and shorten water outage time.

Recent stresses on household income among many area residents have led Ravia Mayor Ricky Kreger to order a temporary cessation of utility cutoffs, which means those who don't pay their bill won't lose service.

The Ravia Senior Citizens Center regular Thursday dinner remains closed in the effort to prevent COVID-19 spread.

Mayor Kreger reminds Ravia residents to pen or leash your dogs to protect your neighbors from bites, and pets from the consequences of biting.

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.

FBC sets meeting schedule

By Jerry Blackerby
Sentinel Correspondent

Milburn First Baptist Church will begin meeting in the auditorium next Sunday, May 3, for church service only on Sunday morning and evening and Wednesday evening. There will be no Sunday school.

If children come, they will have to sit with their family. Families need to sit together and maintain social distance between each family. This schedule will be maintained each week for some time.

Some of us are praying that God will bring our country and the world through this current crisis of the coronavirus pandemic.

It would be wonderful to see everyone healed and the virus vanish. That would show the world that God is in control. This is a worldwide prayer chain.

The next community prayer meeting is scheduled for May 7 at 6 p.m., in the Milburn Community Center. Try to be there to help pray for those who need prayer.

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Milburn School:

The state board passed a resolution to close all school buildings for the remainder of the year. The teachers

are working tirelessly to develop distance learning lesson plans that are equitable and beneficial to student learning.

The school will continue to run meal routes daily as well as meal gr-

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Milburn News

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We understand that we are in difficult times and some people believe differently than others. If you do not feel comfortable attending the movie theatre and public gatherings, please practice the "Safer-At-Home" method. We just hope to see you when you are comfortable joining us again!



Coleman Wildcats of the Month

Coleman Public Schools held their final Wildcat Bash for the 2019-2020 academic year on Monday, April 13. Named as Elementary Students of the Month were Paisley Grogan (pre-kindergarten); Rilynn Drumm (kindergarten); Christian Woods (first grade); Aiden Golden (second grade); Cooper Stephens (third grade); Ty Archer (fourth grade); Isaiah Moore (fifth grade); and Jasmynn Sanchez (sixth grade). Coleman's Senior Wildcats of the Month were Whitney McDonald and J.D. Harris; recognized as Staff Members of the Month were Sheila Germany (second-third grade math); Linda (Nana) Miller (library); and Bethany Hines (sixth-12th grade English).



Community Calendar

SORD Landfill Reopened

Southern Oklahoma Regional Disposal has announced that the SORD landfill will reopen beginning this Friday, May 1. The convenience site in Kingston reopened Saturday, April 27, and both sites will be operating on regular business hours. The SORD main office will continue to be closed to the public until further notice. Customers coming to the landfill are to follow guidelines set forth by the CDC regarding social distancing in the landfill or convenience site. Stay at least six feet apart, do not gather in groups, and stay home if you are sick or have been exposed to COVID-19.

COVID-19 Hotline

INCA-RSVP has opened a hotline to help seniors and individuals with disabilities with questions and concerns they have about the COVID-19 virus, as well as direct them to vital resources available through community partners. If you know anyone who is disabled or homebound, or if you would like to volunteer, call (580) 308-1809 for more information. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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.

Tishomingo Senior Citizens Center Menus

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Thursday 2/3, 3/19, 4/30, 6/11	Friday 2/7, 3/20, 5/1, 6/12	Monday 7/1, 2/10, 3/23, 5/4, 6/15	Tuesday 7/2, 2/11, 3/24, 5/5, 6/16	Wednesday 7/3, 2/12, 3/25, 5/6, 6/17
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, Sautéed 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
Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk
Water, Tea	Water, Tea	Water, Tea	Water, Tea	Water, Tea

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ab-and-go.

At this time, all extracurricular events are canceled and graduation is postponed until the CDC loosens restrictions. When I am informed of any changes, I will put the information in this column.

Milburn School has announced that the office, cafeteria and food bank will be open Monday through Thursday, from 8 to 11 a.m.

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Bible Trivia: What was the name of Abigail's first husband?

Last week's question: How old was Josiah when he became king of Judah? Answer: Eight (2 Kings 22:1). Read 2 Kings 22:1 through 23:30 to learn about the entire reign of King Josiah.

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"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall

keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-7, KJV)

If you have any announcements or other input for this column, please notify me. I see many events at the Milburn Community Center that I have not heard

about.

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

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Metformin can halve the risk of late miscarriage and preterm births for women with polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS) according to a new article appearing in The Lancet Diabetes & Endocrinology. PCOS occurs in 10 to 15 per cent of all women. The symptoms are irregular menstrual periods, increased levels of male sex hormones and small ovarian blisters. In addition, many women with PCOS are overweight. Women with PCOS also have an increased incidence of impaired fertility, miscarriages, gestational diabetes, premature births and pre-eclampsia.

A randomized trial reported in The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition indicates that magnesium optimizes vitamin D status, raising it in people with deficient levels and lowering it in people with high levels. The study gave confirmation to a prior observational study in 2013 by the researchers that linked low magnesium levels with low vitamin D levels. The trial also revealed something new—that magnesium had a regulating effect in people with high vitamin D levels. The research provides the first evidence that magnesium may play an important role in optimizing vitamin D levels and preventing conditions related to vitamin D levels.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved Mavyret (glecaprevir and pibrentasvir) tablets to treat hepatitis C virus (HCV) in children ages 12 to 17. Mavyret was previously approved to treat HCV in adults in 2017. HCV is a viral disease that causes inflammation of the liver that can lead to diminished liver function or liver failure. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, an estimated 2.7 to 3.9 million people in the U.S. have chronic HCV, and children born to HCV-positive mothers are at risk for HCV infection. It is estimated that there are 23,000 to 46,000 children in the U.S. with HCV infection.

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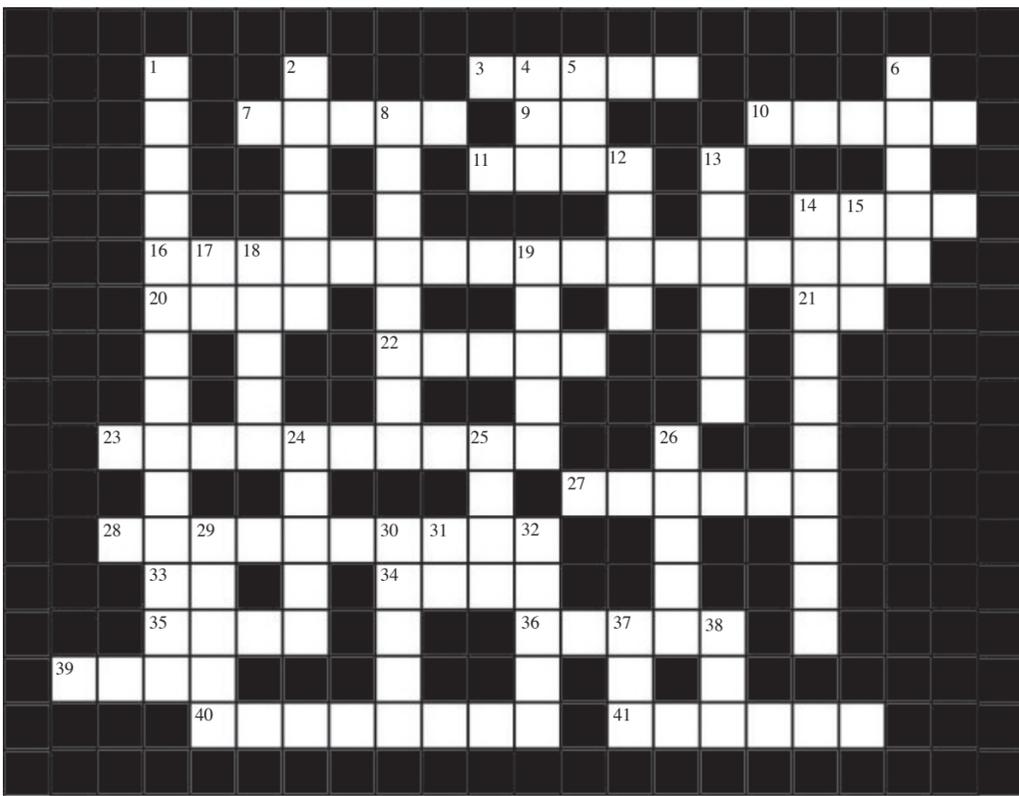
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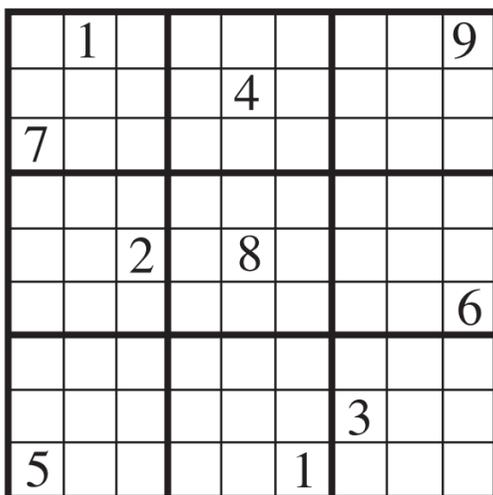
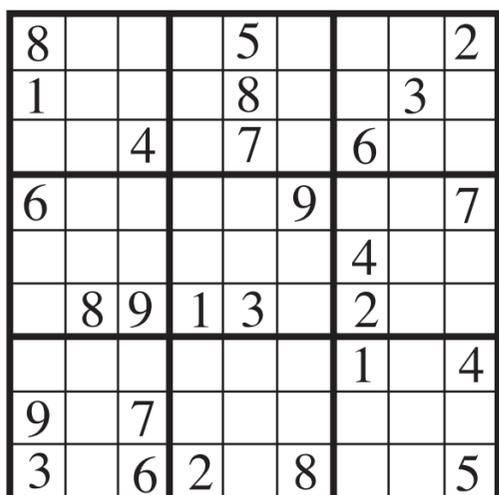
1. What was the name given to the individuals who went out and claimed their land early during the Oklahoma land runs?
2. C.S. Lewis, author of *The Chronicles of Narnia* and other Christian-inspired works, was an atheist until meeting and becoming friends with what other well known author?
3. What musical instrument has a museum devoted to its style of music in Oklahoma City?
4. The medieval practice searching for a way to transform base metals into gold and was the forerunner to modern-day chemistry?
5. What three movies are tied for the number of Academy Awards received by a single film?

Crossword



- Down**
1. He wrote the lyrics to Oklahoma's state song "Oklahoma!" (2 words)
 2. Universally recognized
 4. And so on abbr.
 5. Sound of contempt
 6. "Hi"
 8. Relating to the arts or society in general
 12. Bassoon's Kin
 13. Idaho tuber
 14. A shrub or small tree of north temperate regions that bears white flowers and inflated seed capsules
 15. Shade source
 17. _._.Baracus
 18. Regional flora and fauna
 19. Old-fashioned
 24. Broadway Lights
 25. Crime genre
 26. Baseball's Jeter
 29. Andean beast
 30. Gift ____: chattiness (2 words)
 31. Oparian priestess
 32. Circular Path
 37. Drone, e.g.
 38. Food Fish
 21. Exist
 22. Way taken
 23. The "Public Land Strip" that later became the Oklahoma Panhandle was commonly referred as what? (3 words)
 27. Waver between
 28. Italian dish, "Garlic and Oil" (3 words)
 33. Chicago Railroad
 34. Klinger; actor
 35. Flat fish
 36. A loaf-shaped coffee cake made with sweet yeast dough
 39. Micro- ending
 40. Base youngster (2 words)
 41. Mystery
- Across**
3. Serengeti grazer
 7. ____ City (northern Oklahoma city named after a Sioux tribe)
 9. Tantalum symbol
 10. Group of eight
 11. Mimic
 16. Comedy team Bud and Lou (3 words)
 20. Common form of precipitation

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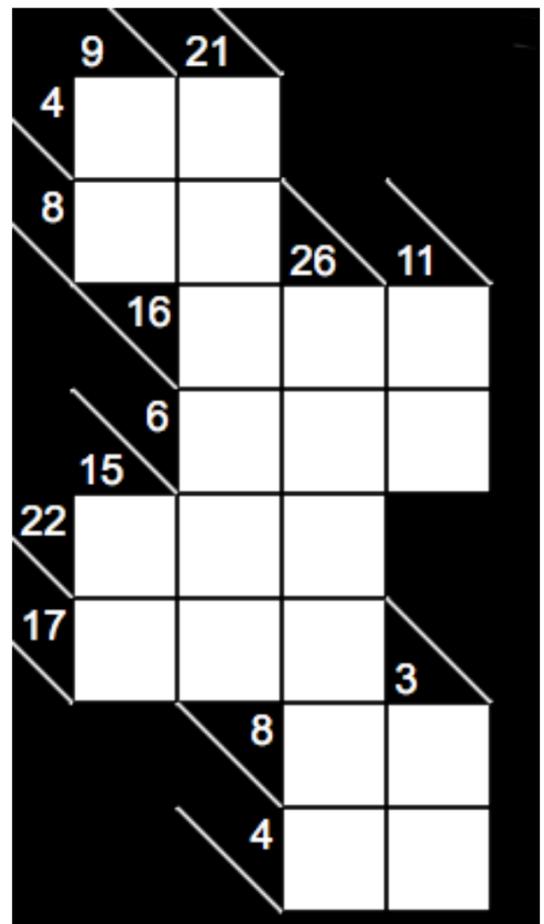
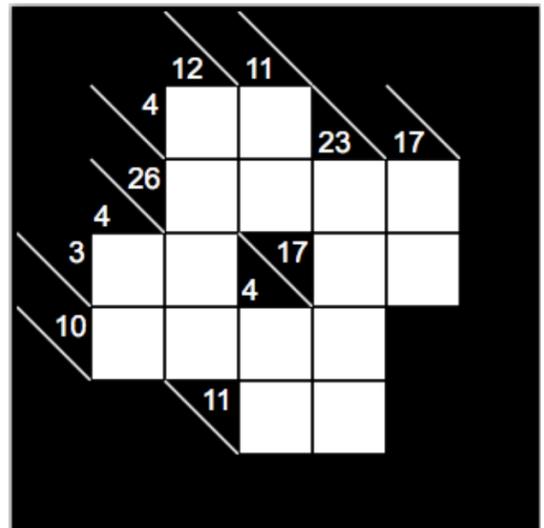
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Look for the answers in next week's issue

Johnston County Milestones

Paid Obituary

Joel Leo "Butch" Burns

Joel Leo "Butch" Burns was born on May 31, 1941, in Tyler, Texas, to Leo and Malissa Jane Ballard Burns. He passed from this life at the age of 78 years 10 months and 23 days on April 23, 2020. Butch graduated from Boling High School in Boling, Texas, with the Class of 1959. He went to trade school, where he studied to be an electrician. He spent his working years being an operations manager for different manufacturing companies.



Butch and his wife Oma Dell were married on July 17, 2015. He retired in 2017 from Mannsville Ag Center, where he began working in sales in 2011 and was promoted to the chief operations manager. He remained a valuable asset to MAC as a consultant until his passing. After retirement, he enjoyed spending his time ranching and working his cattle business. His hobbies included work, work and a little more work. You might say he was very business-minded and that he was one of the hardest working men that you knew.

Butch was always lining people out, especially his grandchildren, and making sure that they were working hard as well. He led an exciting life traveling all over the world for a lot of work and a little play. In his younger years, he enjoyed calf roping and rodeoing, and won several events.

Butch was strong in his beliefs and had high expectations for himself and his loved ones. You always knew what was important to him and what he stood for. Butch had a servant's heart and loved deeply, especially when it came to his family.

Butch was preceded in death by his parents, Leo and Malissa Burns; a grandson, Angel Fernandez; and a sister, Glenda Davenport.

He is survived by his wife, Oma Dell Burns; his children and spouses, Leslie and Blake Petrek, Jim Burns, Brady and Jill Burns, Sarah Fulton, Holly Fulton, Esther and Thomas Bautista, and Christi and Tracey Griffin; his grandchildren, Jessie Campion and husband Charlie, Melissa (Mimi) Holt-Petrek, Alec Burns, Evan Burns, Evelyn Anderson, Macheala Taylor and husband Austin, Tiffany Rodriguez and husband T. K.J. Adkison, Jaci Griffin and Landon Griffin; his great-grandchildren, Jaxon Beck and Leo Rodriguez; a brother and sister-in-law, Lynn and Rebecca Loyd; and many nieces, nephews, family and friends who will deeply miss him and his wisdom.

Graveside services were held Monday, April 27, at Tishomingo Cemetery under the direction of DeArman-Clark Funeral Home.

Paid Obituary

Terry Lynn Armer

Terry Lynn Armer was born Nov. 11, 1946, in Dalhart, Texas, at Coon Memorial Hospital to parents Newton and Pauline (Hambright) Foster. She passed from this life on Thursday, April 23, 2020, at home in Tishomingo, Okla.



Terry enjoyed being around people and had a giving heart, and would help a friend or stranger with everything she had. Terry loved to play bingo and was an avid fan of Elvis Presley, listening to his many songs. She loved her cat Pearl, watching all her soap operas, crocheting, sitting on the porch, and camping and fishing.

Terry was married a few times but was not married at the time of death.

Terry has three living brothers, Mike and Greg Foster, both of Dalhart, and Jay Foster of Amarillo, Texas, and Howard Foster who passed away at the age of 8.

She has four kids, Noah Armer of Dalhart who passed January 2017, James Armer of Austin, Texas, Shannon Armer of Tishomingo, and Yvonne Miller of Amarillo; and many grandkids, Elizabeth Baty of Amarillo, Shelly and Ginger Armer of Fritch, Texas, Dylan and Cole Armer of Austin, Texas, Ty Armer of Wichita, Kan., Kirk Armer (deceased) of Dalhart, and Sierra Muncy, RJ Muncy, Carlos Muncy and Adrianna Muncy.

Terry's family would like to thank all the wonderful people who made her final days as comfortable as possible: Amber, Jimmy, Patsy and Sharon of Aspire Hospice; Holly and the staff of Blue River Nursing Center; best friends Danny and Vickie Lemons, and Ruby Mayer; and her son and daughter-in-law, Shannon and Rhonda.

Terry's wishes were to be cremated and her final resting place be at Dalhart in the family plot. A small family service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are under the direction of Tishomingo Funeral Home.

New 4-H state program leader named

When Steve Beck took the helm as state 4-H program leader for the Oklahoma 4-H Youth Development program, he knew there would be challenges in his new position. He was not, however, expecting to start his role without employees in the office.

Beck returned to

Oklahoma in late March, amid the COVID-19 pandemic, following nearly five years as the 4-H Youth Development department head at New Mexico State University.

Before he went out of state, he spent 10 years as a county educator in Harper and Kingfisher counties, and another

seven years as a state specialist in Oklahoma 4-H administration.

"I thought I would be seeing some familiar faces when I got back, but the pandemic had other ideas," he said.

"I'd planned on hitting the ground running by making in-person county visits, because I wanted to talk in person with educators to learn more about their 4-H programs and find out how I and the rest of the state staff could improve our support to them."

Thanks to technology, Beck has been able to conduct his visits while still maintaining social distancing. He has already contacted his peers through online virtual meetings, which will continue over the next several weeks.

As state program leader, Beck said his role is to support the traditional values of 4-H while seeking opportunities for innovation.

"The Oklahoma 4-H program is built on a strong foundation of what we call traditional programming. These programs are the backbone of 4-H and I will continue to support them," he said.

"However, we live in a rapidly changing world, and in order to continue to meet the needs of our club members and remain relevant to community needs, we must adapt through innovation and new projects. We must be seen as leaders in youth development.

"Regardless of



Steve Beck

whether our youth are raising a steer for a livestock show or working on a robotics program, the goals are the same," he said.

"We want all youth to experience the outstanding benefits that come from being involved in 4-H. Oklahoma 4-H has exceptional educators and volunteers who provide club members the opportunity to belong to an organization that teaches them life skills through experiential, hands-on learning."

Beck said his previous years in Oklahoma 4-H, coupled with his leadership role in New Mexico, have given him the needed perspective of delivering quality programming and working with clientele on a daily basis.

"Our educators are extremely busy doing great work with our youth and volunteers, and I need to work closely with them to find new programs and innovations that will be beneficial," he said.

"In this time of social distancing, it's crucial to find resources to help our 4-H educators continue to deliver quality programs."

Paid Obituary

Clarence E. McDaniel

Loyal to his country. Loyal to his family. Clarence E. (Curley) McDaniel was born Feb. 11, 1933, in Bokoshe, Okla., to Barney G.W. McDaniel and Agnes Bailey. He went to be with his Creator in Tishomingo, Okla., on April 21, 2020.



Raised in the hills of eastern Oklahoma, Curley grew up hunting, riding horses and playing in the woods. He was a trained electrician and could fix almost anything with a motor. Curley also loved to paint and served as an artist at Collier Publishing in Denver, Colo.

A proud veteran, Curley joined the Army in June 1952, took basics at Fort Riley, Kan., and served an overseas tour in Germany.

He and his wife of 46 years, Jo Anna, lived in Englewood, Colo., after he returned from his Army tour, where they fished, hunted, and enjoyed the mountains with family throughout Colorado. Eventually, they tired of the big city and moved to Lenapah, Okla., where they owned and operated the Whistle Stop store. Then in 1989, they purchased a mobile home park in Mountain Home, Ark., which Curley operated until 2000 after Jo Anna passed.

In 2009, Curley moved to Tishomingo to be closer to his brother Billy Joe and his wife of 65 years, Judy. He was baptized in 2011 and he spent time at the Bullard Chapel Baptist Church and at the American Legion in Tishomingo, as well as fishing and picking berries and pecans.

Curley helped clean up roadsides and supported numerous organizations to continue his service to his community. He loved to sit outdoors and watched all the activity of the birds, squirrels, cattle, and horses. We know he is sitting on a front porch in Heaven, watching all of nature with his Lord.

Curley is survived by his brother Billy Joe McDaniel and sister-in-law Judy McDaniel; a sister, Nancy B.A. Barnett; an aunt, Billie Bailey; his niece, Dana McDaniel Bonham and husband Marc Bonham; a great-nephew, Rio Bonham; a sister-in-law, Olive Morton and family; two brothers-in-law, Marion and Tommy Pearson and their families; special friends Wayne Morton and Danny Baldwin; and numerous other cousins and extended family.

Visitation was Thursday, April 23, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Watts Funeral Home, Madill, Okla.

In keeping with social distancing, private family services were planned under the direction of Watts Funeral Home in Madill. Condolences may be sent to wattsfuneralhome.com.

The family would like to say a special thank you to Johnston County First Responders, Ravia Fire Department, Johnson County Law Enforcement, his home health providers and members of Bullard Chapel Baptist Church, especially "Ms. Jane," for their support and help.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Bullard Chapel Baptist Church 6001 S. Bullard Chapel Road, Tishomingo, OK 73460.

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Crime News

Police Phone Log

MONDAY, APRIL 20:

12:20 a.m. - Caller reporting unwanted person.
5:57 a.m. - Caller reporting reckless driver.
8:30 p.m. - Caller reporting hit-and-run.

TUESDAY, APRIL 21:

2:22 p.m. - Caller requesting welfare check.
6:34 p.m. - Caller reporting unattended child.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22:

4:05 a.m. - Caller reporting water leak.
10:18 a.m. - Caller reporting domestic.
3:54 p.m. - Caller reporting suspicious person.
9:37 p.m. - Alarm call.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23:

7:11 p.m. - Caller reporting vehicle accident.
8:40 p.m. - Caller reporting suspicious activity.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24:

12:03 a.m. - Caller reporting suspicious person.
1:38 a.m. - Caller reporting fight.
8:18 p.m. - Caller reporting threat.
9:49 p.m. - Caller requesting welfare check.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25:

9:00 a.m. - Alarm call.
6:38 p.m. - Caller reporting disturbance.
8:08 p.m. - Caller requesting welfare check.
10:37 p.m. - Caller reporting reckless driver.

SUNDAY, APRIL 26:

1:06 p.m. - Caller reporting missing child.
3:07 p.m. - Caller reporting unwanted person.
7:22 p.m. - Animal control call.
10:34 p.m. - Alarm call.

Sheriff's Phone Log

MONDAY, APRIL 20:

11:27 a.m. - Caller in Mannsville reporting domestic.
1:21 p.m. - Caller in Coleman reporting trespassing.
7:36 p.m. - Caller in Milburn reporting runaway.

TUESDAY, APRIL 21:

8:31 a.m. - Medical call in Tishomingo.
11:11 a.m. - Caller in Wapanucka reporting dog bite.
10:23 p.m. - Caller in Coleman reporting suspicious activity.
11:05 p.m. - Caller in Wapanucka reporting domestic.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22:

1:43 a.m. - Alarm call in Ravia.
4:00 p.m. - Caller in Mannsville reporting domestic.
8:28 p.m. - Caller in Mannsville reporting cow out.
8:56 p.m. - Alarm call in Wapanucka.
9:24 p.m. - Caller in Tishomingo reporting road hazard.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23:

2:15 p.m. - Caller in Ravia requesting welfare check.
2:28 p.m. - Caller in Connerville reporting squatters.
5:52 p.m. - Medical call in Tishomingo.
7:54 p.m. - Caller in Mannsville reporting suspicious activity.
9:53 p.m. - Caller on South Turkey Lane requesting welfare check.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24:

12:31 a.m. - Medical call in Mannsville.
1:25 p.m. - Caller in Tishomingo reporting found property.
5:11 p.m. - Caller in Mill Creek requesting welfare check.
7:36 p.m. - Caller in Milburn requesting welfare check.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25:

11:31 a.m. - Caller in Mannsville reporting break-in.
11:50 a.m. - Caller reporting intoxicated pedestrian, location not listed on log.
1:24 p.m. - Caller in Bromide reporting threat.
2:12 p.m. - Caller in Tishomingo reporting vehicle accident.
2:16 p.m. - Caller in Tishomingo reporting intoxicated pedestrian.
7:35 p.m. - Caller on West Blue Cedar Lane reporting suicidal person.
6:33 p.m. - Animal control call in Mannsville.
7:58 p.m. - Caller in Milburn reporting possible gunshots.
8:12 p.m. - Caller in Ravia reporting dog bite.
10:13 p.m. - Caller in Mill Creek reporting odor.
10:36 p.m. - Animal control call in Mannsville.
10:49 p.m. - Caller on West Ninth Street reporting noise complaint.

SUNDAY, APRIL 26:

5:10 a.m. - Caller in Bromide reporting abandoned vehicle.
11:49 a.m. - Caller in Wapanucka reporting fight.
7:20 p.m. - Caller in Tishomingo requesting welfare check.

Johnston County Blotter

The following cases were filed in the Johnston County Court Clerk's office in Tishomingo during the week of April 17-23.

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

None.

Misdemeanors

None.

Traffic

Jeremy Daniel Umsted, Ravia - Speeding, 83/65.

Wildlife

None.

Civil

J.J.B. vs. State of Oklahoma -

Expungement of records.

Christopher Ryan Graham vs. State of Oklahoma - Expungement of records.

Small Claims

None.

Marriages

None.

Divorces

None.

Oklahomans urged to be prepared for variety of emergency situations

Oklahoma is no stranger to natural disasters and other emergency situations.

Residents have seen it all - tornadoes, wildfires, ice storms and flooding.

What should Oklahomans do to prepare for what Mother Nature has to offer? Gina Peek, Oklahoma State University Extension housing and consumer specialist, has some advice.

"We see a variety of natural disasters in our state. We face everything from tornadoes to wildfires to ice storms here in Oklahoma, and sometimes we don't have a lot of advanced warning of these emergency situations," Peek said. "It's so important to plan ahead."

Peek said families should start by receiving emergency alerts and warnings. Families also need to consider places in which they can take shelter, as well as evacuation routes.



Floods are but one of the emergency situations with which Oklahomans have become accustomed to facing, as anyone who remembers the Johnston County flood of 2015 will attest.

It is important to create a plan for how family members will communicate with each other during the emergency.

"As you're planning, be sure to consider any specific needs of family members," Peek said. "For instance, think about the ages of everyone in the household, dietary needs, any language and cultural or religious considerations, as well as medical concerns and disabilities."

"Once you have gathered the pertinent information, sit down and

draft a family emergency plan for the various scenarios you may face."

The family emergency plan should incorporate a range of details such as the contact information for each person in the household, as well as the agreed upon emergency meeting locations and other important phone numbers.

Peek also stated that everyone in the family should receive a copy of the emergency plan, and the family should set aside time to practice

implementing it.

"Knowing what to do and where to go in a disaster will help calm any nerves and reduces your chances of being hurt or injured in an emergency," Peek said.

For more information on preparing ahead for a disaster, including guides for developing a family communications and emergency plan, please visit the Department of Homeland Security's website at www.ready.gov and contact the nearest county OSU Extension office.

Public warned to be wary of fraudulent COVID-19 supplement claims

While many people are doing their part by social distancing in an effort to remain healthy and protect the community, there are others looking to make a quick buck.

Those fraudulent marketers are popping up and promoting various products that claim to help prevent or treat COVID-19, Janice Hermann, Oklahoma State University Extension nutrition specialist, said.

"Fraudulent COVID-19 products can come in many varieties, including dietary supplements and other foods, as well as products claiming to be tests, drugs, medical devices or vaccines," Hermann said.

"Don't fall for these claims. The FDA has been monitoring social media and Internet sites to find fraudulent COVID-19 products and remove them from the marketplace."

As of mid-April there wasn't an FDA approved vaccine to prevent COVID-19 or drugs to treat the disease, and experts said it will likely take many months to produce such products.

The FDA is working with manufacturers, and several possibilities are being studied in clinical trials.

"Unfortunately, some companies are



With no FDA-approved vaccines yet available to help combat the spread of the COVID-19 virus, health officials are warning the public to beware of companies trying to profit through the sale of fraudulent - and possibly dangerous - products.

trying to profit from this pandemic by selling fraudulent products, which ultimately could be dangerous to you and your family," she said.

"It's important to realize the FDA regulates dietary supplements under a different set of regulations than those covering drugs. New drugs must be proven to be safe and effective, and receive FDA approval before they can be marketed."

Hermann said those products claiming to cure or prevent COVID-19 have not been evaluated by the FDA for safety and effectiveness, and may be dangerous to you

and your family.

The FDA does not have the authority to review dietary supplements for safety and effectiveness before they are marketed.

"The FDA does, however, have the authority to take dietary supplements off the market if they are found to be unsafe or if the claims on the products are false and misleading," she said.

Dietary ingredients include vitamins, minerals, amino acids, and herbs or botanicals, as well as other substances that can be used to supplement the diet.

Dietary supplements

are not intended to treat, diagnose, cure or alleviate the effects of diseases.

"If you have a question about a product claiming to treat or cure COVID-19, check with your healthcare provider before buying it," Hermann said.

"Consumers who have a serious event with an FDA-regulated product can file a complaint with the FDA's Consumer Complaint Coordinators."

For more COVID-19 information from OSU Extension, please visit <https://extension.okstate.edu/coronavirus.html>.

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BEAUTIFUL BRICK HOME, Main house has 3 bdrm., 2 bths, CH&A, metal roofing, approx. 1,392 sq. ft., covered front crpt, kitchen appliances remain, Mother-in-Law house has 2 bdrms., 1 bth., approx. 816 sq. ft. Open covered breezeway connects both houses. 2 bdrm. could also be used as a rental property. 2 large city lots in Ponotoc, OK, 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.
3 BDRM, 1 BTH., fr., 308 S. Main, Bromide. Metal roof, approx. 1,257 sq.ft., enclosed bk. porch, fenced yard, metal roof, asking \$38,000. Call for showing.
BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY IN CONNERVILLE, former convenience store, cement block building, 2 gas pumps, has approx 1064 sq.ft., 3 city lots, needs some tender loving care on inside. Asking only \$50,000. Call for showing.
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JOHNSTON COUNTY IN THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ERIE BERNICE CRAVATT, deceased

Case No.: PB-2020-05

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO THE CREDITORS OF: ERIE BERNICE CRAVATT, DECEASED

All persons having claims against ERIE BERNICE CRAVATT, deceased, are required to present the same, with a description of all security interests and other collateral (if any) held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to the undersigned personal representative, Lahoma Harrison, at the offices of Mark H. Colbert, P.O. Box 2169, Ardmore, Oklahoma 73402, on or before the 28th day of Aug., 2020, or the same will be forever barred.

DATED THIS 25 day of March, 2020.

/s/ LaHoma Harrison
 LAHOMA HARRISON

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TRANSPORTATION - By: Tim Gatz, Director.

Defendants.
 Case No. CV-2020-6

(Published April 30 & May 7, 2020)

NOTICE OF SALE OF BONDS

In accordance with 62 O.S. 2011, § 354, notice is hereby given that the Board of Education of Independent School District Number 37 of Johnston County, Oklahoma, will receive bids by: sealed bid, facsimile bid, electronic (Parity®) bid or similar secure electronic bid on the 18th day of May, 2020, at 1:00 o'clock p.m., at the Library, High School Building, Wapanucka Public Schools, 502 South Choctaw, Wapanucka, Oklahoma, for the sale of \$220,000 of General Obligation Transportation Equipment Bonds of said School District, which Bonds will mature \$40,000 annually in two (2) years from their date, and \$60,000 annually each year thereafter until paid. The bids will be opened and read and shall be awarded at the first Board of Education meeting held after the bids are due.

Said Bonds shall be sold to the bidder bidding the lowest rate of interest the Bonds shall bear and agreeing to pay par and accrued interest for the Bonds. Each bidder shall submit with his bid a sum in cash, cashier's or certified check, electronic (wire) transfer or surety bond payable to the Treasurer of the District, equal to two (2%) percent of the amount of his bid. The Board reserves the right to reject all bids.

WITNESS my official hand and seal this 20th day of April, 2020.

Edgar Collins
 Clerk, Board of Education

(SEAL)

(Published April 30, May 7 & 14, 2020)

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

JOHNNIE COFFMAN, a single person,
 Plaintiff,

v.

CHESTER E. SIMS, if living, but if deceased, his Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees and Assigns, immediate and remote;
 Court Clerk, Cassandra Slover
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Quarantine gives new life to overlooked canned foods

Not all Oklahomans were able to get to grocery stores to stock up on favorite foods in preparation for home quarantines ahead of COVID-19.

Budgets and opportunities likely feel even more constrained now with announced business closures.

Barbara Brown, Oklahoma State University Extension food specialist, said it is possible consumers will have to get creative with

what is still on their shelves or available from food pantries.

“First, think about the foods and recipes you do like. Then, consider how you can incorporate these less-liked foods into new dishes with other ingredients you prefer,” Brown said.

“Finding a way to hide food in recipe is a great way to help ensure you make the most of what already is on the pantry shelf.”

For example,

Brown noted, many canned vegetables mix well into soups and stews. Those underappreciated flavors and textures easily blend in with the other ingredients.

For those who are not a fan of fruit cocktail or other canned fruits, consider blending the ingredients into a smoothie along with a banana, fruit juice and ice.

Brown said another way to disguise the flavor of a



not-so-favorite food is to prepare it with other foods with strong flavors of their own.

Foods can be sautéed with flavored oil and garlic, for example. Add some salsa or low-sodium soy sauce, lemon juice or ketchup to create a completely

new dish. If those tips are still unpalatable, consider smaller bites. When the food is cut into small pieces, it is easier to swallow more quickly.

She urged caution to not swallow too much at a time. Or alternate be-

tween taking a bite of the less-desired food with a food that is more well liked. Be sure to have a beverage to help wash down the food, she said.

“Probably the best take-away from this experience is the next time you restock your emer-

gency food supply, make sure you’re adding not only healthy versions of foods with a long shelf life, but foods you actually enjoy,” Brown said.

“Emergency foods should bring people comfort and peace of mind, not more stress.”

Commissioners Proceedings

(Published April 30, 2020)

Monday, April 20, 2020

Chairman Mike Thompson called regular meeting of 4-20-20 to order at 9:20 a.m. Answering aye was Thompson, TJ Clements, Jacky Hallmark. Others present Debbie Arnold, Kathy Ritchie, BJ Wheaton, Laura Wood, Lanette Coppedge, Jason Bryant, Jon Smith, Guyla Hart, Sharline Pitmon, John Small and Kathy Ross.

Hallmark moved to approve minutes of 4-13-20, second by Clements, vote aye Hallmark, Clements and Thompson.

Hallmark moved to approve to Resolution #20-16 to Close all County Owned Properties to the Public for Safety of Employees Due to the Outbreak of COVID-19 Pandemic for 7 days, second Clements, vote aye Hallmark, Clements and Thompson. This will be on the agenda 4-27-20 to review the upcoming week.

Hallmark moved to approve to extend the Disaster Emergency Proclamation for 30 days for COVID-19 Pandemic, second Clements, vote aye Hallmark, Clements and Thompson.

Board discussed Relocating Commissioner’s Office to (Election Board Address) and to Relocate the Election Board Office to the Courthouse. Hallmark states that they would like to move due to being out of room, Clements agrees with this and is ready to get out of the Courthouse. Thompson states that he would like to take all things into consideration before making this decision. Guyla Hart asks what’s the necessity is, in requesting the move. Clements comments that they are out of room. Board took no action and Hallmark request that this be further discussed on agenda for 4-27-20.

Board discussed move with BJ Wheaton, Election Board Secretary to Respond to Relocating Election Board Office. Wheaton has presented a letter stating the points that she wants to make on the reasons for Election Board needing extra room. She also speaks on the security matters if moved to the Courthouse, there is many times that would be a factor. During elections there is early voting, voting hours and night of the elections that would have extended hours. Hallmark states that he has spoke with the State Election Board and they talked with Wheaton and he thinks that the Board needs to talk them also. Thompson states that there are always unfunded mandates and the Commissioners have to provide space for the Election Board. Wheaton also states the with all of the 2020 Elections that this is just bad timing. Board took no action and Hallmark request that this be further discussed on agenda for 4-27-20. Wheaton ask the Board if she will also be allowed to speak at the Commissioners meeting on 4-27-20, Thompson states yes that she will.

Hallmark moved to approve Resolution for Disposal of Equipment for Sheriff Department, Computer W/DVR, Courthouse Sec, Inv B-224-52, Access Controller Tiger II, B-227-1, Access Controller Tiger, B-227-2, Access Controller Tiger, B-227-3, Access Controller Tiger, B-227-4, Access Controller Tiger, B-227-5, Access Controller Tiger, B-227-6, second Clements, vote aye Hallmark, Clements and Thompson.

Hallmark moved to approve Resolution #20-17 for Disposal of Equipment for 2007 Chevrolet Pick up, Inv D2-301-23, SN 1GCHC29U27E194233, second Clements, vote aye Hallmark, Clements and Thompson.

Clements moved to approve Resolution #20-18 for Disposal of Equipment for 500 gallon fuel tank, 1000 gallon fuel, Hyster Winch Inv #D2-323-4, second Hallmark, Clements and Thompson.

Transfers: None, Monthly Blankets: Hwy #2, #3, General, Milburn FD, Dist #1, Reagan Sr, Reports: None, Claims: 911 243, TOUCHTONE COMMUNICATIONS, 4.82, 244, AT&T, 281.67, 245, AT&T, 57.09, 246, PITMON OIL, 36.00, 247, ONE NET, 400.00, 248, MILLER OFFICE EQUIPMENT, 35.72, 249, IT SUPPLIES INC., 3099.00, 1/2 Comm 213, CHICKASAW PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS, 375.00, General 2103, AT&T, 63.82, 2104, AT&T, 55.60, 2105, AT&T, 41.73, 2106, OG&E, 100.00, 2107, OG&E, 80.16, 2108, OG&E, 1802.28, 2109, OG&E, 220.49, 2110, OG&E, 112.31, 2111, TOUCHTONE COMMUNICATIONS, 1.21, 2112, TOUCHTONE COMMUNICATIONS, 2.82, 2113, TOUCHTONE COMMUNICATIONS, 1.35, 2114, TOUCHTONE COMMUNICATIONS, 5.62, 2115, VYVE BROADBAND, 74.90, 2116, ONG, 162.88, 2117, ONG, 200.55, 2118, VARNER, KEEGAN, 659.32, 2119, PITMON, SHARYNE, 48.93, 2120, U.S.P.O., 100.00, 2121, U.S.P.O., 70.00, 2122, WATERLOGIC AMERICAS, 35.00, 2123, U.S.P.O., 4.10, 2124, THOMSON REUTERS WEST, 104.19, 2125, OPENGATE TECHNOLOGIES, 167.60, Health 181, OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, 36258.83, 182, QUILL, 216.28, 183, AT&T, 161.60, 184, PITNEY BOWES, 133.65, 185, TISH LUMBER, 2.76, 186, AT&T, 548.66, 187, PEARL WOODY, 190.00, Highway 1454, CULPS TIRE, 726.00, 1455, KIRBY SMITH, 427.46, 1456, KIRBY SMITH, 233.56, 1457, O.D.O.T., 1898.11, 1458, O.D.O.T., 3129.23, 1459, O.D.O.T., 2894.69, 1460, M.E.N.D.S., 50.00, 1461, C.L. BOYD, 297.02, 1462, UTZ, CHRISTOPHER, 250.00, 1463, WELCH STATE BANK, 1933.18, 1464, TISH LUMBER, 169.50, 1465, TISH LUMBER, 20.34, 1466, AT&T, 90.93, 1467, SOONERS, 13.94, 1468, OG&E, 159.66, 1469, OG&E, 279.51, 1470, CED #4, 142.00, 1471, PSI-SEAL MASTERS, 16726.08, 1472, PSI-SEAL MASTERS, 16377.35, 1473, SHORTYS AUTO SALES, 29000.00, 1474, ABC OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY SERVICE, 165.95, 1475, QUILL, 789.01, 1476, PITMON OIL, 1380.00, 1477, PITMON OIL, 2411.80, 1478, TISHOMINGO MOTOR SALES, 348.19, 1479, TISHOMINGO MOTOR SALES, 351.44, 1480, DOLESE BROS., 543.98, 1481, WHITE, ARTHUR, 1474.00, CMT 41, TOUCHTONE COMMUNICATIONS, 3.20, 42, TRANS UNION RISK AND ALTERNATIVE DATA SOLUTIONS, 50.00, Resale 198, U.S.P.O., 1600.00, RM&P 14, MILLER OFFICE EQUIPMENT, 608.88, BF 300, TOUCHTONE COMMUNICATIONS, 17.43, 301, COMDATA, 99.50, 302, COMDATA, 1520.53.

Report gave by Commissioners Secretary, Business: None, Public Hearing: Laura Wood, Health Dept spoke on behalf of the Drive Thru COVID-19 Testing that will be performed at the Johnston County Fairbarn Thursday, April 23, 2020 from 10-2pm. She gave details of the symptoms and results for the testing.

Hallmark motioned to adjourn meeting at 10:00 a.m., second by Clements, vote aye Hallmark, Clements and Thompson.

Approved on 27th of April, 2020

(Seal)

Attest: /s/ Kathy Ross, County Clerk

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

Date: 4/17/2020

Jared Easterling,
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there to appear on a show cause, if any they have, why the said account should not be settled and allowed, said estate distributed and the Personal Representative discharged.

Dated this 20th day of April, 2020.

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

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JOHNSTON COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

In the Matter of the Estate of NANCY KAY WOLFF, Deceased.

No. PB-2020-1

NOTICE OF HEARING, FINAL ACCOUNT AND PETITION FOR DISTRIBUTION AND DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that Robert Theodore Wolff, Personal Representative of the estate of Nancy Kay Wolff, deceased, having filed in this Court his Final Account of the administration of said estate and his Petition for Distribution of said estate and for final discharge of said Personal Representative, the hearing of the same has been fixed by the Judge of said Court for 9:00 o'clock a.m. on the 8th day of June, 2020, at the Courtroom of said Court in the County Courthouse in Durant, Oklahoma, and all persons interested in said estate are notified then and

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TOPIC: Public Hearing to open accept easement for public right of way in the area known as "The Settlement", a 60' wide easement for roadway purposes within the W/2 of the NE/4 of Section 25, Township 4 South, Range 8 East, Johnston County, Oklahoma.

The Johnston County Commissioners has been contacted to discuss and take possible action on public road easements dedicated to Johnston County by Joe and Winfred Black. This will be discussed to open and add to the county road maintenance system for an open, public road. A 60' wide easement for roadway purposes within the W/2 of the NE/4 of Section 25, Township 4S, Range 8E, IBM, Johnston County.

The hearing is scheduled on Monday, June 1st, 2020

at 10:00 a.m. at the Johnston County Courthouse in the Commissioners meeting room.

(Published April 30, 2020)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TOPIC: Public Hearing to open accept easement for public right of way in NE/4 of Section 32, Township 3 South, Range 6 East, Johnston County, Oklahoma.

The Johnston County Commissioners has been contacted to discuss and take possible action on public road easements dedicated to Johnston County by Mickey and Norma Chaney. This will be discussed to add to the county road maintenance system for an open, public road. A 40' access easement located in the NE/4 of Section 32, Township 3S, Range 6E, IBM, Johnston County. This property is more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point 502' E and S 00'09'44" E, 312.41' from the NW/C of NE/4 of said Section 32, also being the NE/C of said access easement, thence S 13'43'18" W 660.58' to the SE/C of said easement.

The hearing is scheduled on Monday, June 1st, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the Johnston County Courthouse in the Commissioners meeting room.

Relocation

Continued from Page 1

the checks, but they are getting reimbursed by the state.”

Thompson agreed but noted that the county is responsible for paying Wheaton’s deputy, which she acknowledged is true.

Wheaton made it clear to the commissioners that she was taking the proposed move personally, adding that it would adversely affect her responsibility to ensure a secure election for county voters.

But Wheaton’s comments ultimately fell on deaf ears. Clements’ motion to approve the office switch was quickly seconded by Hallmark, setting the stage for the 2-1 vote.

After that vote was taken, Wheaton once again requested that the commissioners vote to postpone the move until after the Nov. 3 general election. As she had at the previous meeting, Wheaton argued that the scheduling for mandatory precinct training, the statewide primary, special elections and possible runoffs, as well as the various registration deadlines all

the way up to the November general election, leaves little time for the election board to make the move during the current calendar year.

As she had last week, Wheaton noted that the 2020 election schedule is “extremely demanding” due to the November general election - a situation which, as previously reported, has been made all the more difficult by the rescheduling of elections originally set for this month to June 30. She added that it takes 75 days for her office to properly prepare for every election; with the June 30 and Nov. 3 elections a certainty, and the possibility of a runoff following the county primary in June, Wheaton insisted that moving before November would adversely impact her training and preparation schedule.

But Clements and Hallmark again rejected Wheaton’s request, stating their shared belief that the move could be accomplished easily following the June 30 elections.

“I would think that the

sooner you get down here, the sooner you can get all of the bugs worked out,” Clements said. “I’ll bet that if we were moving you from here to there you could get it done.”

“I’ll bet I couldn’t, because it takes 75 days to prepare for an election,” Wheaton countered.

Hallmark stated that he had spoken to a representative of the State Election Board Office in Oklahoma City about the planned relocation. He acknowledged that individual’s response had been similar to Wheaton’s.

“She (the state official) gave me a hundred reasons why we should wait,” Hallmark said. “But by the time we finished we finally came to an understanding that this was going to happen.”

With that, Clements made the motion to authorize the move to begin on July 1. The motion was seconded by Hallmark; this time Thompson also voted to approve the motion, but otherwise did not comment.

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Child wellness expert offers coping tips for parents

An expert in children's wellness advises parents to stay flexible, extremely patient and follow recommended guidelines to help children better cope during a time of crisis, such as the COVID-19 pandemic.

Misty Boyd, Ph.D., is a young child wellness expert with the Chickasaw Nation Department of Health's Hofanti Chokma - "to grow well" - program.

She says many people, regardless of age, are feeling anxious and unsettled because of a disruption of familiar routines and the fear of the unknown.

As Americans shelter in place to slow the spread of the virus, normal family schedules have been uprooted and replaced with children taking distance learning classes and many adults working from home, while also supervising

their children's education.

Adjusting to this new normal can be difficult.

"For everyone, kids and parents alike, it is a challenging time for all of us," Dr. Boyd said.

"That's not just because we are trying to settle into a new routine, but because settling into new routines and not knowing exactly what is going to happen next leads to feeling more anxious, which makes us all the more stressed out."

Children may feel out of sorts, she said, and patience and understanding are key to a calm household.

"Kids are going to need more attention. It's important for kids, and parents, to know that if we are feeling more stressed out, it's for good reason. It's because we are coping with a really unusual situation. We

haven't been through this before, and don't know how to do this, yet.

"My advice is just keep trying, and to be as patient as you can with yourself and each other," Boyd said.

"When things happen and you get on each other's nerves, because those things do happen, just know how to settle down and come back together, and start over.

"Try again. That is how we are going to learn to cope right now," she said.

Boyd recommends following the Center for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines to stay healthy, including staying at home as much as possible to slow the spread of the virus.

"Don't forget thorough hand washing, it's important. The CDC has also recommended everyone older than two years wear a cloth mask when going out, still keeping six feet apart," she said.

When needed, seek online resources such as the Chickasaw Nation's Hofanti Chokma program.

The program is offering 20-minute online sessions, at no cost, each weekday in April to teach positive parenting tips from the PAX Tools program.

The tools are evidence-based and especially helpful during times of stress. A child psychologist and pediatric nurse answers questions about parenting challenges that could arise during this unprecedented time.

"The program has been focusing on parenting tools that are positive in nature, about building

an environment that supports children and their development and making our relationships as positive as they can be," Boyd said.

Originally offered in person, the program was modified to be available online, and tailored for the current climate.

"The first one went great. We talked about what tips work and what strategies to put in place; especially for parents trying to work from home and oversee school and care of children in the same time and space," she said.

Additionally, PAX Tools workshops will be offered via Zoom 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday, April 30, and Friday, May 5, as well as 1 to 4 p.m. Monday, May 11.

The workshops are open to the public at no charge. To register for the workshops, e-mail Jennifer.Jesse@Chickasaw.net.

Information about the coronavirus pandemic and advice on how to cope can dominate the news. Boyd advises to be selective when searching for helpful tips.

"Don't feel obliged to dig in deep and try all of those things," Boyd said.

"Look around and see what makes sense for you; what makes you the healthiest, safest and able to carry on the best, and really focus on those things."

She uses an example from her own home as she works from home and cares for her children.



Misty Boyd, Ph.D.

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