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Firefighters work the scene of a collision between a semi-truck and a Burlington Northern Santa Fe train that occurred shortly after 10 a.m. Tuesday on Kelly Road in northwestern Johnston County. (Photo courtesy of the Johnston County Sheriff's Office)

Semi collides with train

Emergency workers were called out Tuesday morning in response to a train-truck collision in northwest Johnston County.

According to a report issued by the Johnston County Sheriff's Office, the county's 911 center received multiple calls at approximately 10:10 a.m. Monday reporting the collision. The accident occurred on Kelly Road, just off State Highway 1.

The sheriff's report stated that the truck was pushed down the tracks for approximately a quarter mile south of the railroad crossing on Kelly Road.

The diesel tanks on the truck also ruptured, causing the tracks and the truck to catch fire, according to the report.

Once the train came to a stop, the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) conductor and engineer were able to exit the locomotive and locate the driver of the semi-truck.

They dragged him out of the wreckage and to safety before the entire truck

was fully engulfed with flames, which also included the front of the locomotive.

Johnston County deputies arrived on scene and assisted in locating the train crew and semi-truck driver. Firefighters from Mill Creek, Ravia, Reagan and Tishomingo, as well as the Johnston County EMS, also responded to the scene.

The fire was quickly extinguished; the driver of the truck was transported by JCEMS to a landing zone, then flown by helicopter to a nearby trauma center.

Members of the train crew were also checked out by EMS at the scene for minor injuries and released.

Troopers from the Oklahoma Highway Patrol are still investigating the accident.

Johnston County District 2 also responded and put up barricades on the portion of Kelly Road just west of SH 1, which will remain closed for an unknown amount of time.

Courthouse reopening postponed until May 18

By John A. Small
Managing Editor

It is a phrase with which we have become all too familiar during the past two months, and which some argue has perhaps become overused: "an abundance of caution."

Overused or not, it is probably the best way to describe this week's decision by the Johnston County Board of Commissioners to delay reopening the county courthouse to the public for at least two more weeks.

During their regular 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.

However, they also made plans for

opening the courthouse doors later this month, as the community and the rest of the state ease into Gov. Kevin Stitt's reopening strategy.

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 11.

During last week's meeting, Hallmark - citing 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 at the time. "I don't see any reason why we shouldn't. The

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THS graduation is June 5

By John A. Small
Managing Editor

The school year may not have ended quite the way anyone could have ever anticipated, but the Tishomingo High School Class of 2020 will still have its graduation ceremony.

Tishomingo Superintendent of Schools Bobby Waitman announced last week that the ceremony - originally scheduled for May 16, but postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic - will now take place on Friday, June 5, starting at 7:30 p.m. at the high

school football field.

Waitman said in-person attendance is currently being limited to eight seats per graduate.

"If the Governor's reopening plan is updated by the date of graduation, we will potentially adjust the number allowed to be in attendance," Waitman said.

He added that the school will also host a live video streaming of the event.

Meanwhile, this week's issue of the *Johnston County Sentinel* includes the first batch of "Senior Spotlight 2020" profiles the newspaper

plans to run in the coming weeks.

The profiles are being published in lieu of the *Sentinel's* annual Special Graduation Supplement, which was canceled this year due to the pandemic.

As reported in the April 23 edition of the *Sentinel*, plans call for the profiles of students graduating from Johnston County's five high schools - as well as eighth grade graduates at Ravia and Mannsville Schols - to appear

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Tishomingo High School honors Class of 2020

By Emily McCarter
Sentinel Intern Reporter

Tishomingo High School recently placed signs on the high school lawn, honoring the graduating class of 2020.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, their senior year was unexpectedly and unfairly cut short. After spring break, when it was announced that students would not return to the brick-and-mortar school setting, the high school counselor and yearbook advisor immediately began to think of ways and networked with area schools to spotlight seniors, and make the remainder of the year the best it could

be during this unprecedented time.

The yearbook advisor, Lindsay McCarter, was contacted by Stacey West of New Century Photography, Tishomingo Public School's contracted photographer for the 2019-w20 school year. In his initial e-mail to McCarter, West sent an example image of how the signs would appear on display.

McCarter then went to the school principal and counselor to get financial approval. Principal Rob Frederick in turn pitched the idea to Superintendent Bobby Waitman, who said he was on board and thankful that work was being done to spotlight the 2020 seniors. McCarter then officially placed the order of the senior signs.

For prompt delivery, West drove from Ardmore to McCarter's home to drop off the

signs at an appropriate social distance. At that point, McCarter took the signs and stakes to the school, scattered them on the lawn and, with the

help of DeeDee Henson and her daughter Emerson, the signs were placed with the valedictorian and salutatorian in the front. The rest of the

seniors signs were alphabetized by last name.

Within this lineup there was included an "In Loving Memory" sign. This senior class

lost Kelli Baker during the summer between seventh and eighth grade year from a tragic car ac-

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Signs honoring the Tishomingo High School Class of 2020 were recently placed on the school grounds to pay tribute to the seniors whose final months of school have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. See related photo on Page 3. (Sentinel staff photo by Emily McCarter)



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Weekend Weather:

FRIDAY: Breezy with a shower or thunderstorm in the morning; cooler with clouds giving way to sun. SATURDAY: Sunny and pleasant with high around 70F. Overnight low of 47F and mainly clear. SUNDAY: Comfortable with sunshine and patchy clouds, high near 75F.

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An Oklahoma community loses its local watchdog

We in the Oklahoma journalism community are mourning the loss of one of our own this week.

The *Edmond Sun* - one of the oldest newspapers in the state, and one of the best - closed its doors this past weekend. The staff was laid off and the *Sun* has merged with its sister publication, the *Norman Transcript*. Meaning that two cities located 36 miles apart by car (following the I-35 north and US-77 north route) will now be sharing a single daily newspaper.

The official story, as stated in the *Sun's* editorial announcing its own demise, listed the cause of death as declining revenues. I have little doubt there is some truth to that; the past decade or so has seen difficult times for the newspaper industry in general, and the situation has been made worse by financial realities created by the current pandemic.

Indeed, a few days before the *Sun* wrote "30" on its final edition, another Oklahoma paper - the *Duncan Banner* - announced that it is slashing the number of days a week that it prints.

And, as has been previously reported, we here at the *Sentinel* have responded to the current situation by cutting back on the number of copies we print each week, allowing subscribers outside our immediate area to access our online edition for free in an effort to cut back on postage costs until things start to improve.

But a few people who would appear to be in a position to know have suggested that the *Sun's* demise was at least partially brought about by a virus of another kind: corporate greed. If this is true, it is cause for both anger and concern.

Twice in my career I have worked for corporate-owned daily newspapers. Both stints were, to be as diplomatic as is humanly possible, somewhat less than fulfilling. In one instance the situation was so bad that I was not allowed to run stories about a local criminal case being covered

throughout the state because of concerns over an upset advertiser.

In both instances I found myself working for owners whose interest was NOT in keeping the public informed or playing the watchdog role set forth by the First Amendment but, rather, how much money was coming into the coffers so that the owners could keep buying their fancy private airplanes and taking trips to islands with names I still can't pronounce.

I have written in the past about the importance of local newspapers to the communities they serve. Like the local schools and post offices and certain businesses, the newspaper is part of the lifeblood of the community. They help create the community's very identity.

That's one reason we fought so hard to get the *Sentinel* up and running in the first place two years ago. And that's why I have always been happier working for a "mom-and-pop" operation like the *Sentinel* (and the *Capital-Democrat* before it) than with papers that are corporately owned.

In most cases the corporate owners do not even live in the communities their papers serve; they have little, if any, understanding of what makes those communities special.

All they care about is the *ka-ching*.

That might be a fine way to run a retail store or a restaurant, or even a lemonade stand. But it's a pretty lousy way to run a newspaper, as far as I'm concerned.

Look, I'm not naive. I know we're a business, too, and there are certain financial realities that have to be attended to if we want to keep doing our job. I've got bills to pay too, after all.

But when a newspaper puts those considerations above their responsibility to the public, that newspaper has lost sight of why it exists in the first place. And the community suffers because of it.

The people of Edmond have lost that vital part of their community.

Small Talk

John A. Small



We should all be saddened by that. If you're not... well, I just don't know what else to say.



On a somewhat cheerier note:

A couple of weeks back I offered a review of a new science fiction novel I had just read and enjoyed entitled *Carson of Venus: The Edge Of All Worlds*. Last week I finished another new novel that I feel is equally worth sharing with my fellow bookworms here.

I have been a fan of Frank Schildiner's tales of Frankenstein's Monster and Napoleon's Vampire Hunters for some time. Recently I was given the opportunity to read an advance copy of Schildiner's latest novel - an historical novel entitled *The Klaus Protocol*, and I have to say this is his best work yet.

Opening in 1938 (the year my late father was born, which made the story all the more interesting for me on a personal level) then flashing back to incidents that occurred two years previously, the novel follows the adventures of one Konstantin Kalinin, Captain in the Soviet Army, who finds himself investigating the murder of three military men who appear to have been trailing Kalinin.

Of course the killings are just part of a much larger drama, and during the course of his investigation Kalinin and a young woman named Ekaterina Lepyokhin find themselves immersed in a tale of danger and intrigue worthy of Ian Fleming himself. (Fitting, given Schildiner's stated fondness for the creator of James Bond.)

To say any more would be cheating the reader (no spoiler alert necessary - the reader deserves the opportunity to experience this tale for himself). But

suffice it to say that I was highly impressed both with the skill of Schildiner's storytelling and the complexity of the story itself.

It is a testimony to that skillful storytelling - and the manner in which the protagonist Kalinin is depicted - that I came away from this book hopeful that we may find ourselves treated to further adventures of the character at some point.

Peppered with appearances by actual figures from Soviet history (including one who also appeared in one of Fleming's 007 thrillers) and chock full of the kind of historical color that have made me a fan of such writers as Max Allen Collins and Louis L'Amour, *The Klaus Protocol* is one of the finest works of its kind that I have read in some time. His governmental ties notwithstanding, Konstantin Kalinin is both a likable and believable character and in the end every bit as heroic as many of those in our own culture.

In summary: If you are an aficionado of historical fiction or detective stories well told, you owe it to yourself to read *The Klaus Protocol*. It really is that good. The book is now available for order at Amazon, Barnes and Noble, Apple Books and Kobo.



Finally, but most importantly: This past Tuesday, May 5, marked an important milestone in the life of Yours Truly.

On that date in 1978 - just before the start of a morning all-school assembly whose purpose I no longer recall - Melissa Ulrich sat next to me in the bleachers of the Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School gymnasium, took my hand in hers and said yes, she'd be my girlfriend.

Forty-two years later, we are still together.

No matter what else the universe may find it appropriate to throw in my direction today, I have that...

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Council moves forward with treatment plant project

By John A. Small
Managing Editor

important step forward during this week's meeting of the Tishomingo City Council.

Plans for the construction of a new water treatment plant took an Monday night's meeting was the first to

take place at City Hall after both April meetings took place telephonically via the Zoom telecommunications platform, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. But one member of the council - Vice Mayor Woody Jumper - still participated this week telephonically.

The rest of the council - along with City Clerk Darcy Ratliff, interim City Manager Janice Cain, city attorney Krystina Phillips and the *Sentinel* - attended in person and were seated throughout the chamber in compliance with continued social distancing recommendations.

Among the items on Monday's agenda was a discussion and possible action on a task order agreement between the city and the engineering firm Burns McDonnell regarding the water treatment plant project.

The agreement calls for Burns McDonnell to provide engineering services set forth in the document within approximately 15 days of its execution, at a rate not to exceed \$44,426. The agreement allows for that amount to be adjusted "on a mutually agreeable basis" in the event of additional, reduced or changed scope of services.

The period of service is anticipated to be approximately 60 days, starting with the first advertisement for bids and based on the current bidding schedule. Phillips told the council that the bidding process could begin in about 120 days.

Councilwoman Laura Wood at one point raised the question of a proposed water rate increase to help fund the project. Cain responded that she is still in the process of putting together some

recommendations on that issue, and that she plans to include that discussion on the council's May 18 meeting agenda.

Wood's motion to approve the agreement with Burns McDonnell was seconded by Tom Lokey and passed by a vote of 5-0.

The council also voted 5-0 to authorize Mayor Sue Robins to sign an application and related documents related to a \$36,000 grant the city is seeking through the state's Healthy Incentive Program Grant program.

If awarded, the grant - a program of the Oklahoma Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust (TSET) - would be used for the construction of a new city park on Sixth Street. Wood had informed the council of the grant's availability at a meeting earlier this year.

In a related item, the council voted 5-0 to approve its annual Fair Housing Resolution. The resolution prohibits discrimination in the sale, lease or rental of any property due to race, religion, sex or national origin. Cain noted that the resolution is a requirement when applying for grants such as that being sought through TSET.

Also during Monday's meeting, the council took actions related to the performance of services related to financial statements, audit reports and other consulting services.

First, the council voted 5-0 to accept the resignation of Ginger Cornell of Cornell Financial Services as the city's financial advisor. Cornell had been hired to serve in that capacity last year but, according to Cain, had advised that she was stepping down for personal reasons.

In a letter to Cain dated April 29, Cornell stated that she should continue to be available "should any questions arise regarding the work performed during my contract."

After accepting Cornell's resignation, the council voted to engage the firm of Rahaal, Henderson and Willis PLLC (RHW) to prepare financial statements for the city's June 30 audit.

The city had previously contracted with RHW for a number of years prior to hiring Cornell in 2019. Cain recommended that the firm be rehired "due to their knowledge and their understanding" of the city's financial situation.

Cain said the firm's familiarity will assist the city as it faces potential budgetary issues stemming from the loss of sales tax revenues due to the pandemic. She added that she is working on preparing the city budget, and that she plans to present it to the council on June 1.

Wood's motion to hire RHW was seconded by Sharon Boston and approved by a 5-0 vote.

In other business Monday, the council voted 5-0 to accept a total of 12 temporary and permanent easements related to planned street improvement projects along Sixth Street and Chisholm Avenue.

Cain said the easements will now be forwarded to the county, and that additional easements are in the works. She added that work on the street projects is expected to begin in June.

Following Monday's meeting, the council briefly reconvened as the Tishomingo Municipal Authority and voted to authorize the repair of an actuator at the city's wastewater treatment plant.

The agreement with Whit Industries calls for the repair to take place at a cost not to exceed \$10,000. Wood's motion to approve was seconded by Lokey and approved 5-0.

Correction

An editorial that ran on the front page of last week's *Johnston County Sentinel* inadvertently and incorrectly stated that the Johnston County Commissioners voted to close the county courthouse to the public due to the COVID-19 pandemic over the objections of other county officials.

Unfortunately, our memory in this instance proved faulty. In fact - and as we reported in the March 26 edition of the *Sentinel* - it was the commissioners who were initially reluctant to close the courthouse to the public, and who voted to do so only after a lengthy discussion with representatives of the County Treasurer's and County Assessor's offices after both had announced that those offices had been already closed, and that all business in those offices would be conducted by phone or online for the duration of the emergency.

The *Sentinel* regrets the error, and any confusion that it may have caused. However, the basic point being made in last week's editorial - that the Board of County Commissioners is ultimately responsible for making such decisions at all - remains true and factual, and the *Sentinel* stands behind it.

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In loving memory...

A special sign honoring the late Kelli Baker, a member of the Tishomingo High School Class of 2020 who died following an auto accident several years ago, was included among those recently erected on the high school grounds commemorating this year's THS graduates. (Sentinel staff photo by Emily McCarter)

Center closed for repairs

By Jerry Blackerby
Sentinel Correspondent

Today (Thursday), May 7, is the community prayer meeting.

The Milburn Community Center is not available because of contractors working on the floor. I was told the renovations should be complete by next month. Therefore, we will meet at 6 p.m. on May 7 at my house in Milburn, located at 205 W. H Avenue, directly behind the high school.

We have several to pray for on our prayer list. Try to be there to help pray for those who need prayer.

We are trying to get prayer requests that may not be getting wide distribution, especially now with many churches not meeting.

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

We are praying that God will bring our country through this current situation 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. There is also a worldwide prayer chain.

Milburn First Baptist Church met for church service only in the auditorium on May 3.

Families sat together with social distance between families. We will meet again next Sunday, May 10, the same way.

Milburn News

Old Settlers' Day has been canceled. It may be rescheduled at a later date.

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Milburn School: Milburn School will have a drive-in senior graduation ceremony on May 15 at 6:30 p.m.

The state board passed a resolution to close all school buildings for the remainder of the year. The teachers are working 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 grab-and-go.

At this time, all ex-

tracurricular events are canceled until CDC loosens restrictions.

When I am informed of any changes, I will put the information in this column.

Milburn Public Schools have announced that the office, cafeteria and food bank will be open Monday through Thursday, from 8-11 a.m.

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Bible Trivia: Why did Jephthah flee to the land of Tob?

Last week's question: What was the name of Abigail's first hus-

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Mother's Day is Sunday

By Dee Fry

Sentinel Correspondent

Okay, kids, don't forget Mothers Day is Sunday, May 10 - after all, you wouldn't be here if mom wasn't around!

Take care of your kids and pets while this sickness is going on. I'm ready for it to be over.

The kids have gone back to Houston, Texas. They were here six weeks. No work for them there. Hope it opens up for them soon. I really enjoyed them while they were here. I

Ravia News

put them to work!

Condolences to Welton Biles on the loss of Beth (O'Steen) Biles. We shall miss her.

We have a few folks in the hospital, including Michelle Lux and Holly Wiles.

Those attending the Russett breakfast on May 4 were Linda and Devyrlle Ingle, Simpson; Lowell Easterwood Sr. and Lowell Easterwood Jr., Dickson; and Dee Fry, Ravia.

Happy birthday to Lowell Easterwood.

The next Russett breakfast will be June 1 at the Country Kitchen in Madill at 8 a.m.

Come join us, we would love to see you. Hope more can come next month.

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

MSC plans virtual commencement

With Murray State College (MSC) on remote operation and closed to the public, the decision has been made to take this year's commencement and awards ceremonies online.

The college will celebrate virtually with graduates and award winners by producing individual web pages to highlight specific achievements.

All pages will feature content from Murray State, but will focus on the personal and academic side of what has been accomplished by each student.

Anyone with a link to the submission site will be able to send messages to graduates and award winners, and upload photos to the students' webpages.

The address for web pages is <https://msc2020.cloudcommencement.com>.

"Not being able to celebrate our graduates and award winners in person this year has everyone feeling downhearted and disappointed" MSC President Joy McDaniel said. "We considered all options, but in view of safety concerns and health considerations, a virtual commencement offers the best opportunity to recognize stu-

dents' accomplishments in a safe environment."

To join in the MSC commencement and awards celebration, visit <https://msc2020.cloudcommencement.com> to leave greetings and good wishes for graduating students and award winners.

For questions, contact Cheryl Phelps at cphelps@mscok.edu.

JOHNSTON COUNTY CLASS OF 2020 SPOTLIGHT

Student's Name: Laney Nicole Rogers

School: Tishomingo High School



Parents/Guradians: John and Ashley Rogers

School Activities: Softball, golf, basketball and concurrent classes at Murray State College

Awards and Honors: Class Salutatorian; member of the Class 3A State Champion softball team; Academic Athlete Award; FFA Scholastic Award

Plans After Graduation: She plans to finish her classes at MSC, then attend ECU to obtain a degree in education. She would like to coach.

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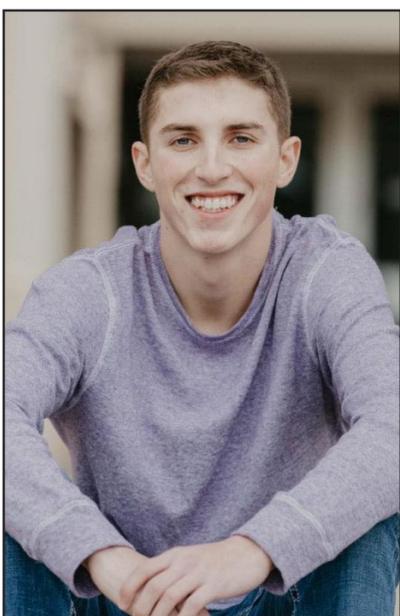
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Student's Name: Hayden Cardinalle

School: Wapanucka High School



Parents/Guradians: Jason and Brandy Cardinalle

School Activities: Basketball, golf, baseball, FCA and SOSU and Murray Inter-scholastic meets; he has also attended Kiamichi Area Technology Center and studied construction technology

Awards and Honors: FCA vice-president; Superintendent's Honor Roll; co-valedictorian; basketball All-Star team; senior class treasurer

Plans After Graduation: He plans to attend Murray State College to major in business

JOHNSTON COUNTY CLASS OF 2020 SPOTLIGHT

Student's Name: Lance King

School: Wapanucka High School



Parents/Guradians: Julian and Lana King

School Activities: Basketball, baseball, FFA. He has attended two years of Kiamichi Area Technology center and studied welding

Awards and Honors: National Honor Society; competing in Skills USA in welding

Plans After Graduation: He plans to work on the pipeline with his father and possibly start his own business.

Learning the 'New (hopefully temporary) Normal'

By Melany Patterson
Sentinel Correspondent

"This is not normal!" I don't know how many times I've thought this over the last 40 days or so. You probably have thought the same thing.

No, the school year did not end the way we had planned. We had a calendar FULL of plans for the Tishomingo Band Program, as did every other activity in our school and all schools.

A trip to State Solo and Ensemble Contest for Gareth Morton and Quinten Corbin; trips to the Arbuckle Band Contest for the fifth grade beginning band and for the sixth-seventh grade Middle School band; the Band Banquet and the recognizing of all our

outstanding band students; the Spring Band Concert for all the bands; Baccalaureate...all gone for this school year.

As of the writing of this article, plans are being made for the THS graduation, but even that is out of the norm for us...different date, different time, different circumstances.

During the time of distance learning for my students, I've had time (plenty of time) to reflect and think about what is really important.

Things like: Did my students TRULY understand that they are more important than Algebra 2 or Geometry concepts? Did I teach to the best of my ability and encourage my students to work to

THS Band News

their best ability?

Did I show kindness? Mercy? Grace? The love of the Father? Did I listen more than I talked? Was I a good friend and helper to my co-workers?

I've kept in contact with my students and parents via Remind and e-mail, but it's not the same. I miss my normal, or at least, I think I do.

But, in all honesty, I do not miss the frantic hurry-up pace that public education has become with the onset of high-stakes testing.

I do miss my students and my co-workers and their families. I do miss hearing beautiful melodies drift down the hall from the bandroom to

my classroom.

I miss the smiles and the laughter and the sound of my students' voices.

I miss their shocked faces when I teach something new and the light-bulb in their heads comes on.

I miss those quiet students who sometimes think or feel that they are invisible saying, "Momma P, will you pray about this for me?" or "Momma P, this is not nearly as hard as what we did last week!"

At some point, Oklahoma will completely reopen and I hope that I will remember this time of abnormality and the lessons it has taught me.

MSC offers \$400,000 in scholarships

Students who attend Murray State College while in high school will have the opportunity to qualify for more than \$400,000 in tuition waivers during the 2020-21 academic year.

MSC will waive tuition at the rate of \$250 for each A and B earned by concurrent high school

students who will graduate from high school in 2020 and have completed MSC courses for college credit. To qualify, students must enroll full time at MSC in the fall after high school.

The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (OSRHE) waive tuition up to a certain

number of hours for students who are juniors or seniors in high school. Specific criteria apply, and students pay for fees and books.

MSC is taking the concurrent program one step further by rewarding students for academic excellence. By enrolling at Murray State full time

after high school, concurrent students can enjoy substantial savings.

"By continuing with us after high school, Rising Star students can be well on the way to completing the first two years of college for the cost of fees and books," MSC President Joy McDaniel said.

The actual number of As and Bs earned by concurrent students at MSC for the 2020-21 school year equaled \$411,750 in waivers.

If qualifying students continue to enroll in at least 12 hours per semester and earn at least a 2.0 GPA, they can renew for a second year at MSC.

If eligible Rising Star students continue for a second year, that would boost the waiver total to \$823,500.

For more information on the Rising Star Tuition Waiver, visit mscok.edu or contact Paula Henley at phenley@mscok.edu.

Other scholarships are available, and information is located at mscok.edu under financial aid.

Rising Star waivers are not valid for summer semesters.

Community Calendar

Firefighters' Hydration Drive

A hydration drive benefitting Johnston County's fire departments will take place this Friday, May 8, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Simmons Bank in Tishomingo. Those wishing to donate bottled water or sports drinks may drop them off at the trailer outside the bank.

Cemetery Event Canceled

Due to COVID-19 social distancing requirements, the annual Pontotoc Cemetery Memorial Day Meal has been canceled this year. Anyone wanting to make a donation for upkeep of the cemetery can mail their donations to: Pontotoc Cemetery Fund, c/o Jimmie Timmons, HC 64 Box 192, Ada, OK 74820.

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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band? Answer: Nabal (1 Samuel 25:3). Read the entire chapter to get the interesting story.

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"For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." (2 Corinthians 5:1, 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 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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Sooner Pharmacy Good Health Tips



The drug colchicine, used to treat the arthritic condition gout, could potentially reduce complications accompanying metabolic syndrome, a combination of high blood pressure, high blood sugar and other conditions that increase the risk of heart disease and type 2 diabetes, according to researchers at the National Institutes of Health. Their study appears in *Diabetes, Endocrinology, and Metabolism*.

Men with enlarged prostates are commonly prescribed drugs called 5-alpha-reductase inhibitors that reduce the production of hormones called androgens. These help treat symptoms such as reduced urinary flow. Previous short-term studies had suggested these drugs, which include finasteride and dutasteride, might affect metabolism and could reduce the body's response to insulin, an early sign of type 2 diabetes. A new study, published in the *British Medical Journal*, has found the drugs were linked to an increase in risk of developing type 2 diabetes of about one third. The findings suggest men taking these medications may need additional health checks to monitor warning signs of diabetes so their prescriptions can be altered if necessary.

Adequate intake of certain nutrients is associated with a reduction in all-cause mortality when the nutrient source is foods, but not supplements, according to a new study. There was no association between dietary supplement use and a lower risk of death. In addition, excess calcium intake was linked to an increased risk of cancer death, which the researchers found was associated with supplemental doses of calcium exceeding 1,000 mg/day. The study was published in *Annals of Internal Medicine*.

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Student's Name: Coda Cotton

School: Wapanucka High School



Parents/Guradians:
Cody Cotton and Tina Keeling

School Activities:
Basketball, softball, cross country, Student Council

Awards and Honors:
Superintendent's Honor Roll; National Honor Society; basketball All-Star team; serving as senior class reporter

Plans After Graduation:
She plans to attend East Central University.

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2-dimensional shapes

Add the costs to find the cost of each picture.

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2¢ 2¢ 1¢ 1¢ 1¢ 1¢ 1¢ 1¢ 1¢ 1¢

2¢ + 1¢ + 1¢ + 1¢ + 1¢ + 1¢ + 1¢ + 1¢ + 1¢ + 1¢ = 10¢

Counting pennies, nickels, dimes & quarters

Grade 1 Counting Money Worksheet

Add the coins.

- 1) = _____
- 2) = _____
- 3) = _____
- 4) = _____
- 5) = _____
- 6) = _____

Addition (sums 18 or less)

Grade 1 Word Problems Worksheet

Read and answer each question.

Chef Jennifer works at the school cafeteria.

1. There are 6 chef assistants and 2 servers. How many staff are working there?
2. In the fridge, there are 4 stacks of chocolate puddings, 7 stacks of brownies and 5 stacks of pasta salad. How many stacks of dessert are there?
3. There are 9 pots of cream of mushroom and 8 pots of vegetable soup. How many pots of soup are there?
4. At the serving area, there are 5 trays of pasta with tomato sauce and 4 trays of pasta with cream sauce. How many trays of pasta are there?
5. Next to the 3 juice fountains, there are 5 tables. On the other side of the cafeteria, there are 7 tables. How many tables are there in total?
6. Write the addition sentence that fits this: "Jennifer prepares 3 new recipes for the next month. On top of the original 9 recipes she has, she has a total of 12 recipes."



Adding

Write the answer in the box.

One child has 46 jacks. Another child has 35 jacks. How many jacks do the children have altogether? 81

Write the answer in the box.

Scott has 47¢ and Mira has 36¢. How much do they have in all? 83

David has 29¢ and Katie has 62¢. How much do they have altogether? 91

Penny skips for 24 seconds and then Bob skips for 54 seconds. For how many seconds did they skip in total? 78

What is the total when 34 is added to 46? 80

One child has 47 football cards. Another has 48 football cards. How many cards do they have altogether? 95

One bag of candy has 26 toffee bars. A second bag has 19 bars. How many toffee bars are there altogether? 45

Abel spends 48¢ on candy and then 38¢ on an ice cream. How much has Abel spent altogether? 86

Martha has 45 marbles in one hand and 56 in the other hand. How many marbles does Martha have altogether? 101

A bag of cherries has 43 ripe ones and 17 rotten ones. How many cherries are in the bag? 60

A pencil 11 cm long is put end to end with another pencil 12 cm long. What is the total length of the two pencils? 23

There are 34 children in one class and 36 in another. How many children are there in total? 70

Adding fractions

Write the sum in the simplest form.

$\frac{1}{8} + \frac{3}{8} = \frac{4}{8} = \frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{3}{5} + \frac{3}{5} = \frac{6}{5} = 1 \frac{1}{5}$

Write the sum in the simplest form.

$\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{2}{9} + \frac{4}{9} = \frac{6}{9} = \frac{2}{3}$
$\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{5}{7} + \frac{1}{7} = \frac{6}{7}$
$\frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{3} = \frac{4}{3} = 1 \frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{12} + \frac{3}{12} = \frac{4}{12} = \frac{1}{3}$
$\frac{3}{7} + \frac{5}{7} = \frac{8}{7} = 1 \frac{1}{7}$	$\frac{5}{11} + \frac{9}{11} = \frac{14}{11} = 1 \frac{3}{11}$
$\frac{2}{5} + \frac{4}{5} = \frac{6}{5} = 1 \frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{5}{18} + \frac{4}{18} = \frac{9}{18} = \frac{1}{2}$
$\frac{5}{16} + \frac{7}{16} = \frac{12}{16} = \frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{5}{9} + \frac{5}{9} = \frac{10}{9} = 1 \frac{1}{9}$
$\frac{3}{8} + \frac{5}{8} = \frac{8}{8} = 1$	$\frac{4}{15} + \frac{7}{15} = \frac{11}{15}$
$\frac{7}{13} + \frac{8}{13} = \frac{15}{13} = 1 \frac{2}{13}$	$\frac{2}{5} + \frac{1}{5} = \frac{3}{5}$
$\frac{5}{16} + \frac{7}{16} = \frac{12}{16} = \frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{6} + \frac{5}{6} = 1$
$\frac{9}{10} + \frac{7}{10} = \frac{16}{10} = 1 \frac{6}{10} = 1 \frac{3}{5}$	$\frac{3}{4} + \frac{3}{4} = \frac{6}{4} = 1 \frac{2}{4} = 1 \frac{1}{2}$
$\frac{4}{5} + \frac{3}{5} = \frac{7}{5} = 1 \frac{2}{5}$	$\frac{1}{8} + \frac{5}{8} = \frac{6}{8} = \frac{3}{4}$
$\frac{7}{12} + \frac{5}{12} = \frac{12}{12} = 1$	$\frac{3}{10} + \frac{9}{10} = \frac{12}{10} = 1 \frac{2}{10} = 1 \frac{1}{5}$
$\frac{3}{11} + \frac{5}{11} = \frac{8}{11}$	$\frac{9}{15} + \frac{11}{15} = \frac{20}{15} = 1 \frac{5}{15} = 1 \frac{1}{3}$
$\frac{8}{14} + \frac{5}{14} = \frac{13}{14}$	$\frac{1}{20} + \frac{6}{20} = \frac{7}{20}$

Adding two numbers

Find each sum.

$\begin{array}{r} 271 \\ + 524 \\ \hline 795 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 483 \\ + 571 \\ \hline 1,054 \end{array}$
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Remember to regroup if you need to.

Find each sum.

$\begin{array}{r} 334 \\ + 265 \\ \hline \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 352 \\ + 127 \\ \hline \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 723 \\ + 345 \\ \hline \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 843 \\ + 291 \\ \hline \end{array}$
$\begin{array}{r} 385 \\ + 606 \\ \hline \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 363 \\ + 147 \\ \hline \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 535 \\ + 187 \\ \hline \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 392 \\ + 488 \\ \hline \end{array}$

Write the answer in the box.

213 + 137 = 350 535 + 167 = 702

Write the missing number in the box.

$\begin{array}{r} 362 \\ + 419 \\ \hline 7 \quad 1 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 26 \\ + 581 \\ \hline 837 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 7 \quad 1 \\ + 264 \\ \hline 98 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 739 \\ + 24 \\ \hline 79 \end{array}$
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Find each sum.

One jar contains 204 candies, and another contains 148 candies. How many candies are there altogether? 352

A boy has 136 baseball cards, and his sister has 159. How many cards do they have altogether? 295

Adding

Write the answer between the lines.

$\begin{array}{r} 46 \\ + 25 \\ \hline 71 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 57 \\ + 24 \\ \hline 81 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 48 \\ + 24 \\ \hline 72 \end{array}$
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Write the answer between the lines.

$\begin{array}{r} 26 \\ + 15 \\ \hline \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 37 \\ + 16 \\ \hline \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 48 \\ + 14 \\ \hline \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 59 \\ + 12 \\ \hline \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 25 \\ + 15 \\ \hline \end{array}$
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$\begin{array}{r} 56 \\ + 17 \\ \hline \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 18 \\ + 14 \\ \hline \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 28 \\ + 14 \\ \hline \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 47 \\ + 26 \\ \hline \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 58 \\ + 15 \\ \hline \end{array}$
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$\begin{array}{r} 17 \\ + 44 \\ \hline \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 33 \\ + 58 \\ \hline \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 29 \\ + 53 \\ \hline \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 32 \\ + 53 \\ \hline \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 23 \\ + 48 \\ \hline \end{array}$

Adding decimals

Write the answer between the lines.

$\begin{array}{r} \$3.35 \\ + \$5.55 \\ \hline \$8.90 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 3.45 \text{ m} \\ + 1.25 \text{ m} \\ \hline 4.70 \text{ m} \end{array}$
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Write the answer between the lines.

$\begin{array}{r} \$3.60 \\ + \$2.25 \\ \hline \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} \$1.25 \\ + \$4.55 \\ \hline \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} \$7.45 \\ + \$2.35 \\ \hline \end{array}$
$\begin{array}{r} \$3.60 \\ + \$3.25 \\ \hline \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} \$7.35 \\ + \$1.45 \\ \hline \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} \$5.25 \\ + \$2.65 \\ \hline \end{array}$
$\begin{array}{r} 3.45 \text{ m} \\ + 4.35 \text{ m} \\ \hline \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 8.55 \text{ m} \\ + 1.35 \text{ m} \\ \hline \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 1.75 \text{ m} \\ + 5.20 \text{ m} \\ \hline \end{array}$
$\begin{array}{r} 2.40 \text{ m} \\ + 1.45 \text{ m} \\ \hline \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 7.15 \text{ m} \\ + 1.35 \text{ m} \\ \hline \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 3.85 \text{ m} \\ + 4.10 \text{ m} \\ \hline \end{array}$

Write the answer in the box.

\$2.75 + \$4.15 = \$6.90 3.75 m + 2.75 m = 6.50 m \$3.65 + \$1.50 = \$5.15

\$6.25 + \$1.50 = \$7.75 8.65 m + 2.55 m = 11.20 m \$3.45 + \$1.55 = \$5.00

Work out the answer to each sum.

George buys two magazines that cost \$2.55 and \$1.75. How much does he spend? \$4.30

Jennifer buys two rolls of tape. One is 7.75 m long, and the other is 6.75 m. How much tape does she have altogether? 14.50 m

Johnston County Milestones

MSC SGA elects 2020-21 officers

Each year the students of Murray State College (MSC) elect Student Government Association (SGA) executive officers to represent the students in college affairs for the upcoming academic year.

The SGA is composed of a president, vice president, associate vice president of MSC-Ardmore, secretary, treasurer and director of media relations.

All officers and representatives of SGA are required to maintain good standing in order to continue representing the organization and the college.

The student government is empowered to recommend any rules considered necessary for the betterment of the college; to grant charters to clubs and organizations who wish to become officially recognized; and to sponsor and supervise many extracurricular activities of the college.

Elected to SGA officer positions were Morgan Bonds as president;

Ryan Ridge, vice president; Jesenia Barrientos, associate vice president; Jaylon Sneed, secretary; Braydon Sanders, treasurer; and Jason Tate, media relations director.

Bonds, from Velma, serves as an Aggie Ambassador; a member of the Murray State College Collegiate FFA; and is also on MSC's competitive livestock judging team.

Majoring in agricultural communications, Bonds plans to transfer to Oklahoma State to double-major in agricultural education and agricultural communications following graduation from Murray State.

Following completion of her education, her goal is to teach Oklahoma youth about the importance of agriculture.

Ridge, a graduate of Marlow High School, is in the physical therapist assistant program at MSC. He also serves as an Aggie Ambassador.

Barrientos, from Marjetta, plans to continue being a part of the Aggie

family this fall by participating in the physical therapist assistant program.

"I have always had a love for leading others to success and look forward to meeting many new faces this fall," Barrientos said.

Sneed, a graduate of Tishomingo High School, is currently working toward an associate degree in arts and sciences at Murray State.

Her plans for the future include graduating

with her associate's and furthering her education at the University of Oklahoma (OU) to obtain a bachelor's in medical imaging and radiation sciences.

After completing her degrees, she plans on practicing at a clinic in a rural area in southeast Oklahoma.

Sanders, a sophomore at MSC majoring in animal science-business, is a member of the Murray State college livestock judging team.

Library receives grant

The Southern Oklahoma Library System recently announced that the Johnston County Library in Tishomingo is one of two SOLS branches to receive an \$8,000 grant from the Carolyn Watson Rural Oklahoma Community Foundation through its community program.

The grant will be used to assist in funding the Johnston County Library and Atoka County Library through a literacy engagement project.

This grant allows the SOLS to increase services to individuals in rural communities.

All proposed grant opportunities will allow the libraries to continue to cultivate the importance of literacy and learning through programming and resources.

Small, rural libraries, like the Johnston County Library, make up most of the public libraries in the United States.

The Johnston County Library serves a significant role in extending public services and resources to residents who may find it difficult to obtain access by other means.

With this grant, these libraries will be allowed to update existing services, offer resources and provide extensive summer programming targeted to youth.

This will further emphasize the strong position rural public libraries play in providing access to critical resources that are directly related to the 21st century.

With this grant, Johnston County Library will provide the educational databases *TumbleBooks*, *Brainfuse*, and *Cypress Resume*.

The grant programs are administered by the Oklahoma City Community Foundation.

For more information, visit occf.org/ruraloklahoma.



Student of the Month

Dezerae Smith (right), a member of the Mill Creek High School Class of 2020, was recently chosen as the Johnston County Lions Club's Senior of the Month. Pictured with Smith is her mother, Stacy Smith.

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Paid Obituary

Earl Ingvald Herbranson



Earl Ingvald Herbranson, 89, of Milburn, Okla., died on May 2, 2020, at the hospital in Denison, Texas. He was born March 24, 1931, in Hawley, Minn., to the late Ernst Herbranson and Ellen Hough Herbranson.

As a child he went to school in District 29 (one room school) until the eighth grade. From there he went to high school at Barnesville High School, where he graduated. After high school Earl worked as a truck driver with Kost Brothers for many years.

He was involved with the Western Minnesota Steam Thrashers, where he served on the board of directors. Earl also ran a sawmill, and later bought and operated one of his own. He served on the town board in Hawley, Minn., for over 20 years, and retired at the age of 65.

Earl loved his church family and friends in Minnesota, yet left in 2000 and moved to Oklahoma. He was a proud member of the NRA and loved to tell you all about them. He always looked forward to Milburn's Old Settlers' Day each spring. Earl was the Grand Marshal in many of the parades, and enjoyed going to the local coffee shop every morning until his health failed.

He was a member of the Milburn First Baptist Church and was very dedicated to his church, church family and friends.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, May 6, at 10 a.m. at the Condon Grove Cemetery in Milburn, Mark McGehee officiating. Ralph Ragan, Dallas Boggs, Dee Morris, Arnold Isenberg, Tracy McGlockin and Ike Bryant served as pallbearers.

Services were under the direction of Watts Funeral Home, Madill. Condolences may be sent to wattsfuneralhome.com.

JOHNSTON COUNTY CLASS OF 2020 SPOTLIGHT

Student's Name: Hailey Mathews

School: Wapanucka High School



Parents/Guradians:
Eric Mathews and Gloria Hokett, and Darrell Hokett

School Activities:
Yearbook staff and library aide

Awards and Honors:
None listed

Plans After Graduation:
She plans to attend vo-tech to become an LPN

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Student's Name: Danielle Prewitt

School: Wapanucka High School



Parents/Guradians:
William and Katherine Prewitt

School Activities:
FFA, FCA and library aide

Awards and Honors:
None listed

Plans After Graduation:
She plans to go to work after graduation

JOHNSTON COUNTY CLASS OF 2020 SPOTLIGHT

Student's Name: Gavin Cagle

School: Wapanucka High School



Parents/Guradians:
Shane and Bradi Cagle and Michelle Cagle

School Activities:
Basketball, baseball, FFA, FCA; he has also taken concurrent classes at Murray State College

Awards and Honors:
National Honor Society; co-valedictorian; Mr. WHS; basketball All-Star player; Principal's Honor Roll

Plans After Graduation:
He plans to attend SOSU to major in occupational safety

New SOSU president faces challenges head-on

Even in the best of times, being a college president presents its own unique challenges.

Those challenges have perhaps never been greater than in today's world, when college administrators find themselves dealing with unprecedented health, enrollment, budget and funding issues due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Dr. Thomas Newsom, who began his duties as the 21st president of Southeastern Oklahoma State University (SOSU) on April 30, says he is looking forward to the task at hand.

Newsom replaces Dr. Bryon Clark, who served

as interim president from October 2019 through April 2020.

Prior to that, Sean Burrage was president of Southeastern for five years – he is now vice president for executive affairs at the University of Oklahoma (OU).

“There’s no question that Southeastern is in a better position to deal with these challenges than many institutions because of the leadership of Dr. Clark and President Burrage,” Newsom said.

“The university has a dedicated faculty and staff, growing enrollment, and solid financial standing. Our job now is to build on that founda-

tion as we move forward.”

Like most universities, Southeastern has not held face-to-face classes or any activities due to the pandemic since March, although spring classes have continued online. Summer classes are also scheduled for online delivery.

Southeastern recently announced the intent to move away from 100 percent remote learning and return to an active campus this fall.

“We must do this intentionally, with the safety and security of our campus and community as a priority, while balancing the importance of an environment that pro-



Dr. Thomas Newsom

motes student success,” Newsom said.

“In order to achieve this goal, I will commission a task force, representative of campus and community leaders, to study all issues related to resuming classes on campus this fall. This task force will be charged with making recommendations that

guide us all back to campus in a way that is in the best interests of our university and community.”

The Regional University System of Oklahoma (RUSO) Board of Regents announced Newsom’s appointment on Jan. 31, 2020.

For the past two years, Newsom served as interim vice president for student success and dean of students at Texas A&M-Commerce.

Prior to that, he was president of Mesalands Community College in Tucumcari, N.M., which saw a significant increase in enrollment and improved graduation rates during his five-year tenure.

While at Mesalands, he also served as chair of the President’s Academy

Executive Committee of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC).

Prior to assuming the presidency at Mesalands, Newsom served in numerous capacities for 13 years at The Art Institutes, including a six-year stint as president of the Art Institute of Dallas and four years as vice chancellor at South University.

A native of Sherman, Newsom earned a Ph.D. in higher education administration from the University of North Texas, an M.S. in higher education from A&M-Commerce, and a B.A. in business administration from Austin College.

He and his wife, Vicky, have three children.

Courthouse *Continued from Page 1*

world is going back to normal, whether we want it or not.”

But Thompson had suggested that the commissioners renew their closure order for one more week as a precaution, closely monitoring the first week of Stitt’s Phase One reopening before revisiting the issue again next week. That suggestion came after County Emergency Management Director Jason Bryant noted that Johnston County District Court had announced its offices plan to remain closed until mid-May.

At this week’s meeting, Court Clerk Cassandra Slover confirmed that the District Court offices are currently scheduled to reopen on Monday, May 18. Slover had earlier provided the *Sentinel* with a copy of the latest emergency order by Oklahoma Supreme Court Chief Justice Noma Gurich which allows for the May 18 reopening.

Clements stated his belief that the downstairs offices should be reopened. But Slover and Assessor Guyla Hart noted that reopening the first floor of the courthouse earlier than the District Court offices on the second floor could create confusion and even anger among members of the public.

Slover said at one point that the courthouse elevator and stairwell would have to be roped off to prevent public access to the court offices if the first floor were reopened before May 18.

Hallmark agreed. “It would certainly lessen the confusion,” he said, adding that he would like to see all of the courthouse offices work together to develop a plan for reopening.

“Unless we’re all going to participate there’s no need to do it,” he said.

Gurich’s order limits court office occupancy to 10 people at one time, including court office personnel. Thompson said he would be in favor of similarly limiting the occupancies of the downstairs offices during the initial phase of the reopening.

During the public closure of the courthouse, occupancy in the commissioners’ meeting room on Mondays has already been limited to 10 people at a time.

Thompson also indicated that delaying the reopening until May 18 would give officials more time to assess the possible effects of Stitt’s Phase One plan on the number of COVID-19 cases being reported in Johnston County.

“Right now we just don’t know

how this is going to play out,” Thompson said. With that the commissioners voted 3-0 to extend the courthouse closure for another week. They announced their intent to pass a resolution next week authorizing the May 18 reopening.

Also during Monday’s meeting, Hallmark publicly apologized to Hart for comments he had made during the commissioners’ April 27 discussion regarding the proposed switching of offices for the commissioners and the Johnston County Election Board.

As reported in last week’s *Sentinel*, the commissioners voted 3-0 on April 27 to approve the proposed swap over the objections of Election Board Secretary B.J. Wheaton. During an earlier discussion on the issue on April 20, Hart had asked the commissioners if there was an actual necessity for such a move.

Hart was not present for the April 27 meeting, but Wheaton at that time cited Hart’s question from the week before and asked again for an answer. Hallmark at that time responded by stating, “I don’t think Guyla had any business asking.”

At Monday’s meeting, Hart stated that she had seen Hallmark’s comments in the newspaper and clarified that she had asked the question in hopes of understanding why the proposal was being considered in the first place.

“It wasn’t that I’m trying to run your office,” Hart told Hallmark. “To be honest, I really don’t even care if you switch offices or not.”

Hallmark admitted that he felt his criticism of Hart had been unwarranted.

“I’ll apologize to you here publicly, and I’ll stop by your office after the meeting to talk about it more if you want,” Hallmark said. He also acknowledged that his comment last week was not in keeping with how he has endeavored to conduct county business since taking office last year.

“Personally I like it when we all sit down together to discuss things, and you’ve heard me call for that many times,” he said.

That led to a short but broader discussion amongst those present regarding the emotional impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on the population in general, as Sheriff Jon Smith cited reports of elevated stress and an increase in suicide attempts nationwide in recent weeks.

Class *Continued from Page 1*

cident as the Baker family was returning from a softball tournament.

McCarter took pictures of the display and posted them to the Tishomingo High School Facebook page. From ordering to positioning them on the school grounds, the entire process took five days.

Signs were displayed between the high school and administration building for easy viewing. Students, parents and community members expressed gratitude by sharing and commenting on the posted pictures and driving by the senior signs.

Students and parents were encouraged to take pictures with the signs while following state and federal safety precautions. Students were asked not to take the signs out of the ground or off the stakes.

After the end-of-the-year festivities, students will be able to pick them up and keep them for keepsakes.

“Due to the circumstances that our world, nation, state and com-

munity are experiencing, extra hoops have needed jumped through to properly end the academic year,” McCarter said. “Following all precautions, while honoring seniors during this milestone year, has required more extensive measures and creativity in the planning process.”

“Many times during this pandemic, I have put myself in our seniors’ shoes and simply thought of ways in which I would like to be honored if I was in this situation. An additional thought that has been a driving force is the fact that kindness and love have not been canceled. Truthfully, all that will matter when this strange, difficult time period ends is how we treated one another.”

Among the students who expressed their thoughts about the display was senior Lexi Latham. “I feel that it was so thoughtful,” Latham said. “We don’t get to have the big graduation that we would all love to have. It’s really nice to know that we have a community that

cares for their students.

“It was a great way to show appreciation to all seniors. I’m proud to be a part of our high school during a time like this.”

(Editor’s Note: After this interview was conducted, as reported on Page 1, Superintendent Waitman announced that the 2020 graduation ceremony had been rescheduled for Friday, June 5.)

Latham’s sentiments were echoed by fellow THS senior Chris Collins.

“In this unprecedented time, the senior signs serve as a reminder from our teachers and mentors that we have not been forgotten,” Collins said.

“Despite the class of 2020 having to miss out on many things that define senior year, the teachers and faculty of Tishomingo High School still have their students’ best interests at heart.”

A senior parent, Debbie DeLeon, also voiced positive feedback.

“I love it,” she said. “Thank you so much for making this 2020 class feel so loved. Congratulations to all seniors.”

At this time, if one has not had the chance to drive by and see the signs, they will be on display until the end of May.

Graduation *Continued from Page 1*

week throughout the summer, putting as many as we can make fit in each issue.

Those wishing to participate can look at the profiles appearing in this week’s issue to see how they will appear in print.

Keep in mind that space will be limited, so some editing may be required if the information submitted proves too lengthy to fit.

The deadline for sub-

mission is Monday, June 1, at 5 p.m.

Photos and biographical information can be e-mailed to us at jcsentinel@yahoo.com; or sent by mail to *Johnston County Sentinel*, 706 West Main Street, Tishomingo OK 73460.

Those who send photos by mail and would like their photos returned are asked also include a self-addressed stamped envelope.



JOHNSTON COUNTY CLASS OF 2020 SPOTLIGHT

Student’s Name: Blane Miller

School: Wapanucka High School



Parents/Guradians: Travis and Kara Miller

School Activities: None listed

Awards and Honors: None listed

Plans After Graduation: He plans to get a job and work after high school

JOHNSTON COUNTY CLASS OF 2020 SPOTLIGHT

Student’s Name: Jeffrey Clements

School: Tishomingo High School



Parents/Guradians: T.J. and Michelle Clements

School Activities: None listed

Awards and Honors: None listed

Plans After Graduation: He hopes to get a job over the summer; further plans have not yet been decided.

Crime News

Police Phone Log

MONDAY, APRIL 27:

2:34 a.m. - Caller reporting unwanted person.
3:19 p.m. - Caller reporting threat.

TUESDAY, APRIL 28:

7:27 p.m. - Caller reporting reckless driver.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29:

9:28 p.m. - Caller requesting welfare check.
10:46 p.m. - Alarm call.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30:

10:05 a.m. - Caller reporting vandalism.

FRIDAY, MAY 1:

12:44 a.m. - Caller reporting suspicious activity.
11:33 a.m. - Caller reporting lost child.
5:37 p.m. - Caller requesting welfare check.
7:49 p.m. - Caller reporting intoxicated driver.
10:10 p.m. - Caller reporting verbal altercation.

SATURDAY, MAY 2:

12:07 p.m. - Caller reporting runaway.
3:53 p.m. - Caller reporting suspicious person.
7:05 p.m. - Caller requesting welfare check.
11:47 p.m. - Caller reporting intoxicated pedestrian.

SUNDAY, MAY 3:

11:23 a.m. - Caller reporting trespassing.
5:11 p.m. - Caller reporting assault.
6:28 p.m. - Caller reporting suspicious activity.
10:42 p.m. - Caller reporting suspicious vehicle.

Sheriff's Phone Log

MONDAY, APRIL 27:

8:38 a.m. - Caller in Mannsville reporting possible gunshots.
11:21 p.m. - Caller in Nida reporting suspicious activity.

TUESDAY, APRIL 28:

4:23 a.m. - Alarm call in Wapanucka.
8:09 a.m. - Caller in Mill Creek reporting complaint.
11:02 a.m. - Medical call in Ravia.
4:19 p.m. - Caller in Milburn requesting extra patrol.
5:44 p.m. - Caller in Mill Creek reporting odor.
6:12 p.m. - Caller reporting drug activity, location not listed on log.
9:49 p.m. - Caller in Butcher Pen reporting suspicious person.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29:

6:38 a.m. - Caller in Milburn reporting abandoned vehicle.
8:48 a.m. - Medical call in Ravia.
11:33 a.m. - Caller in Milburn reporting fraud.
3:52 p.m. - Caller in Wapanucka reporting cow out.
6:41 p.m. - Caller on West Kelly Road reporting domestic.
10:10 p.m. - Caller reporting cow out on South Bullet Prairie Road.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30:

1:55 p.m. - Caller in Mill Creek reporting odor.
7:15 p.m. - Caller in Tishomingo reporting reckless driver.

FRIDAY, MAY 1:

12:47 p.m. - Caller reporting vehicle accident, location not listed on log.
2:24 p.m. - Caller in Ravia reporting property damage.
4:04 p.m. - Caller in Mill Creek reporting cow out.
5:15 p.m. - Caller in Ravia reporting suspicious activity.
8:51 p.m. - Caller in Bromide reporting noise complaint.

SATURDAY, MAY 2:

8:39 a.m. - Caller in Wapanucka reporting theft.
12:24 p.m. - Caller reporting intoxicated pedestrian, location not listed on log.
1:21 p.m. - Caller in Milburn reporting theft.
1:48 p.m. - Caller on State Highway 78 east reporting domestic.
3:39 p.m. - Caller in Tishomingo requesting welfare check.
5:10 p.m. - Caller in Tishomingo reporting suspicious person.
6:45 p.m. - Caller in Wapanucka reporting trespassing.
8:32 p.m. - Caller on West Old Highway 7 reporting verbal altercation.
11:50 p.m. - Caller in Coleman reporting suspicious activity.

SUNDAY, MAY 3:

10:32 a.m. - Caller reporting suspicious person at State Highway 48 and Kirby Road.
11:59 a.m. - Caller in Milburn reporting vandalism.
12:08 p.m. - Caller in Kenefic reporting stolen vehicle.
12:35 p.m. - Caller in Kenefic reporting intoxicated pedestrian.
10:42 p.m. - Caller in Coleman reporting suspicious vehicle.
11:55 p.m. - Caller in Ravia reporting suspicious person.

Johnston County Blotter

The following cases were filed in the Johnston County Court Clerk's office in Tishomingo during the week of April 24-30.

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

Jeffrey Blaine Norton - Sexual battery.
Martin James Luck - Assault and battery upon a police officer; prisoner placing body fluid on government employee.

Misdemeanors

James Edward Walters - Public intoxication.

Timmie Lee Runnels - Transporting open container (beer); operating vehicle without valid driver's license.

Leon Ty Nelson - Driving under suspension.

Patricia Lynn Schultz - Driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of drugs.

Traffic

Donny Ray Driskill, Stratford - Left of center in no passing zone.

Jacob Blaine Clay, Tishomingo - Speeding, 82/65.

Jessica Jean Boerner, Collinsville, Texas - Speeding, 75/65.

Leon Ty Nelson, Ada - Speeding, 75/65.

Patricia Lynn Schultz, Tishomingo - Failure to properly wear seat belt (driver).

Larry Don Davis, Pauls Valley - Left of center in no passing

zone.
Timmie Lee Runnels, Ada - Speeding, 75/65.

Wildlife

None.

Civil

Sherrie Brewer Davis vs. Bobby Wayne Brewer and Brewer Family Trust - Breach of trust.

Small Claims

Robert Zamora vs. Jessica King - Rent and eviction.

H To Z Properties Inc. vs. Henry Shoemaker - Rent and eviction.

Marriages

None.

Divorces

None.

Felony sexual battery charge filed

A 51-year-old Tishomingo man faces up to 10 years in prison after being charged in Johnston County District Court with a felony count of sexual battery.

According to documents on file at the Johnston County Court Clerk's office, the charge against Jeffrey Blaine

Norton stems from allegations that on or about April 24 he intentionally grabbed a 47-year-old woman in a lewd and lascivious manner without the victim's consent.

In addition, a police affidavit indicates that the victim also had marks on her neck when interviewed by officers,

and that she reported she had been choked during the encounter.

Court records show that Norton made an initial appearance in Johnston County District Court on April 29.

Associate District Judge Laura Corbin set bond at \$50,000 and

scheduled a status conference in the case for June 8 at 1:30 p.m.

A preliminary hearing is expected to be set at that time.

Corbin also ordered that Norton is to have no contact with the victim.

Norton was still being held in the Johnston County Jail at last report.

Durant man accused of assaulting deputy

A June court date has been set for a Durant man accused of assaulting a Johnston County sheriff's deputy on April 21.

According to documents on file at the Johnston County Court Clerk's office, 38-year-old Martin James Luck has been charged with two felony counts in connection with the incident.

Those charges include assault and battery on a police officer, which carries a possible sentence of imprisonment for up to five years and/or a fine of \$5,000; and prisoner placing body fluid on a government employee, punishable by up to two years and a \$1,000 fine.

An affidavit by Deputy Ty Richeson states that the local sheriff's office had been notified just before 7 p.m. on April 21 that Luck was being sought for assault with a dangerous weapon following an incident that had occurred earlier the same day in Bryan County.

The affidavit states that Luck's cell phone pinged at Highway 377 and Devils Den Road north of Tishomingo. Richeson reportedly located the vehicle and ran the tag number, confirming that the vehi-

cle belonged to Luck.

The affidavit states that Richeson performed a traffic stop at Highway 377 and Log Cabin Road. Luck was ordered to exit the vehicle, and upon questioning confirmed that he had a pocket knife in his front pocket, the affidavit states.

According to the affidavit, Undersheriff Gary Dodd radioed in and told Richeson to take Luck into custody.

When Richeson attempted to do so, the affidavit states, Luck turned and ran for approximately 10 yards before the deputy was able to overtake him.

The pair reportedly scuffled, and according to the affidavit Luck was displaying signs of being under the influence of methamphetamine.

The affidavit also states that Luck bit the deputy's arm several times before Richeson was able to detain Luck and radio for assistance.

Trooper Colby Murray of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol and Tishomingo Police Officer Patrick McCarthy arrived on the scene a short time later, and helped place

Luck in the back of Richeson's patrol unit.

Johnston County EMS was also notified after Luck reportedly stated that he needed medical attention.

But according to the affidavit, Luck refused treatment when EMS personnel arrived at the scene and began banging his head against the window of the patrol unit.

Undersheriff Dodd then arrived at the scene and, according to the affidavit, took pictures of Luck's injuries as well as the bite marks inflicted on Richeson.

Luck was transported and booked into the Johnston County Jail; he also faces charges in Bryan County for domestic violence and assault with a dangerous weapon.

Luck made his initial appearance in Johnston County District Court on April 29. Associate District Judge Laura Corbin set bond at \$150,000 and scheduled a status hearing in the case for June 8 at 1:30 p.m.

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

Lawmakers debate emergency powers extension

Legislators voted Tuesday to approve a 30-day extension of Gov. Kevin Stitt's emergency powers for responding to the pandemic.

The vote was not unanimous, however, due to recent news stories – at least one involving the FBI – regarding executive branch spending.

Some Democratic lawmakers said they did not think it unreasonable to require transparency from the governor before extending his authority.

"I think the 'no' votes in my caucus come from a place of frustration and dissatisfaction with the governor's lack of transparency and him continually keeping the Legislature and Oklahomans in the dark," House Minority Leader Emily Virgin (D-Norman) said.

The resolution legislators passed in a special legislative session Tuesday asks Stitt to send that information to Senate

Pro Tem Greg Treat and House Speaker Charles McCall within two days.

If Stitt doesn't re-

spond, "I would stand ready to terminate" the health emergency declaration, Treat said.

Legislators can return to special session and revoke the declaration at any time.

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Legal Notices
 (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 Chocataw, 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



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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.

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

Edgar Collins
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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, Devises, Trustees and Assigns, immediate and remote;
 Defendants.

Case No. CV-2020-6

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: CHESTER E. SIMS, if living, but if deceased, his

Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Devises, Trustees and Assigns, immediate and remote

GREETINGS:
 Said Defendants are hereby notified that they have been sued in Case No. CV-2020-06 in the District Court of Johnston County, Oklahoma, styled Johnnie Coffman, a single person, Plaintiff, vs. Chester E. Sims, if living, but if deceased, his Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Devises, Trustees and Assigns, immediate and remote and that said Defendants must answer the Petition herein on or before the 11th day of June 2020, or the allegations of said Petition will be taken as true, and a judgment will be entered quieting the title in Plaintiff as prayed for in their Petition and excluding Defendants from any claim in the following described real property, to wit:

A piece, parcel or tract of land lying in the SW 1/4 of Section 35, Township 3 South, Range 5 East, of the Indian Base and Meridian, being more accurately described as follows: Beginning at a point 930.9 feet East and 315 feet North of the SW corner of said Section 35; Thence East 133 feet; Thence North 48°28' West, a distance of 221.7 feet; Thence West 133 feet; Thence South 48°28' East, a distance of 221.7 feet to the point of beginning; and

A piece, parcel or tract of land lying in the SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 35, Township 3 South, Range 5 East of the Indian Base and Meridian, more accurately described as follows: Beginning at a Point 930.9 feet East and 315 feet North of the Southwest corner of said Section 35; Thence East 133 feet; Thence South 48°28'; East, a distance of 176 feet; Thence West 133

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REWARDING RESIDENCE! This family friendly brick home features 3B/2B, formal LR, dining, formal LR, + double carport, w/ lg detached carport on 2 lots at 1309 W. Ray Branum Rd. \$165,000.

SOMEWHERE IN TIME! Perched on a hill, this century plus 2 story house features 4B/4B, LR, dining, lg. family room w/fireplace. Metal roof, ch&a, & Metal carport. Enjoy view from porch overlooking beautiful country. 407 Seven Springs Rd. \$172,000

FULL OF GOOD NOOKS! Older 2BR home w/original hardwood floors, lg kitchen, cozy LR. & office. Great location on corner lot 1 block from MSC! 302 E. 22nd \$48,000

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. \$215,000

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.

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Court Clerk, Cassandra Slover

By: /s/ Tina Pittman
 Date: 4/17/2020

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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 there to appear an 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

(Published May 7 & 14, 2020)

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR STP-27886(04) J/P 32331

Sealed bids for Waterline Construction will be received by Johnston County RWD #3 10501 S. Refuge Road / P.O. Box 636 Tishomingo, Okla. 73460 until 2 PM on Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at which time, the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The project consists of: Construction of approximately 400 LF of 4" PVC and 4" Polypipe along with boring and casing and some relocation of an existing 2" line with valves and other miscellaneous appurtenances.

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The time allowed for completion of this project is 21 working days. Liquidated damages for failure to complete the project within the allotted time or authorized extensions thereof, shall be \$350.00 per working day.

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Johnston County RWD #3

(Published May 7 & 14, 2020)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JOHNSTON COUNTY, STATE OF OKLAHOMA

In the Matter of the Estate of KEMPER C. TYSON a/k/a KEMPER CLAY TYSON, Deceased.

No. PB-2019-20

NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT AND PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP AND FOR DISTRIBUTION OF ESTATE AND DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that the duly appointed and qualified representative of the above-captioned estate has filed in this Court a Final Account and Report of the Administration of said estate and a Petition for Determination of Heirship, Distribution of said estate, and Discharge; said hearing of the same has been fixed by the Judge of the District Court for the 10th day of June, 2020, at 9:00 o'clock A.M., at the Courtroom of said Court in the County Courthouse at Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma, and all persons interested in said estate are notified then and there to appear and show cause, if any they have, why said Account should not be settled and allowed, and said estate distributed and the Personal Representative discharged.

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

P.L. PAT PHELPS
OBA #7105
325 W. Evergreen Street,
Suite 101
Durant, Oklahoma 74701
580-924-1166

Attorney for Co-Personal Representatives

(Seal)

(Published May 7, 2020)

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-2

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MILBURN, OKLAHOMA, AMENDING ORDINANCE 2020-1 TO REFLECT THAT IT IS AN AMENDMENT TO PRIOR ORDINANCES LEVYING AND ASSESSING AN EXCISE TAX IN THE FORM OF A SALES TAX, AND AN ENACTMENT OF NEW ORDINANCES LEVYING AND ASSESSING AN EXCISE TAX IN THE FORM OF A USE TAX, PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT THEREOF, PROVIDING FOR EXCEPTIONS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined that the following ordinances should be amended and enacted as follows, pursuant to the authority granted in 68 O.S. §§ 1402 and 2701:

CHAPTER 14: SALES AND USE TAXES

ARTICLE 1: SALES TAX

Section 14-1 Definitions

For the purposes of this Article, the definitions of words, terms and phrases contained in the Oklahoma Sales Tax Code, 68 O.S. § 1350 et seq., as currently enacted and as may be amended in the future, are hereby adopted by reference and made a part of this Article.

Section 14-2 Tax Collector Defined

The term "tax collector" as used in this chapter means the department of the town or the official agency of the state duly designated according to law or contract, and authorized by law to administer the collection of the tax levied in this Article.

Section 14-3 Classification of Taxpayers

For the purpose of this Article the classification of taxpayers shall be as prescribed by state law for purposes of the Oklahoma Sales Tax Code.

Section 14-4 Subsisting State Permits

All valid and subsisting permits to do business issued by the Oklahoma Tax Commission pursuant to the Oklahoma Sales Tax Code are, for the purpose of this Article, hereby ratified, confirmed and adopted in lieu of any requirement for an additional town permit for the same purpose.

Section 14-5 Purpose of Revenues

It is the purpose of the sales tax levied herein to provide revenues for the support of the municipal

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government of the Town.

Section 14-6 Tax Rate; Sales Subject to Tax

There is hereby levied an excise tax of two percent (2%) upon the gross proceeds or gross receipts derived from all sales taxable under the Oklahoma Sales Tax Code including but not limited to the following:

1. Tangible personal property;

2. Natural or artificial gas, electricity, ice, steam, or any other utility or public service except water and those specifically exempt by this chapter;

3. Transportation for hire of persons by common carriers, including railroads, both steam and electric, motor transportation companies, taxicab companies, pullman car companies, airlines and all other means of transportation for hire;

4. Service by telephone and telegraph companies to subscribers or users, including transmission of messages, whether local or long distance. This shall include all services and rental charges having any connection with transmission of any message;

5. Printing or printed matter of all types, kinds, and characters and the service of printing or over-printing, including the copying of information by mimeograph or multigraph or by otherwise duplicating written or printed matter in any manner, or the production of microfiche containing information on magnetic tapes furnished by customers;

6. Service of furnishing rooms by hotel, apartment hotel, public rooming house, motel, public lodging house or tourist camps;

7. Service of furnishing storage or parking privileges by auto hotels and parking lots;

8. Selling, renting or otherwise furnishing computer hardware or software or coding sheets, cards or magnetic tapes on which prewritten programs have been coded, punched or otherwise recorded;

9. Food, confections and all drinks sold or dispensed by hotels, restaurants, or other dispensers, and sold for immediate consumption upon the premises or delivered or carried away from the premises for consumption elsewhere;

10. Advertising of all kinds, types and character, including any and all devices used for advertising purposes and the servicing of any advertising devices, except those specifically exempt by this chapter;

11. Dues or fees to clubs including free or complimentary dues or fees which shall have the value equivalent to the charge that would have otherwise been made, including any fees paid for the use of facilities or services rendered at a health spa or club or any similar facility or business;

12. Sales of tickets, fees or other charges made for admission to or voluntary contributions made to places of amusement, sports entertainment, exhibition, display or other recreational events or activities, including free or complimentary admissions which shall have the value equivalent to the charge that would have otherwise been made;

13. Charges made for the privilege of entering or engaging in any kind of activity, when no admission is charged spectators, such as tennis, racket ball or hand ball courts;

14. Charges made for the privilege of using items for amusement, sports, entertainment or recreational activity such as trampolines or golf carts;

15. The rental of equipment for amusement, sports, entertainment or other recreational activities, such as bowling shoes, skates, golf carts, or other sports and athletic equipment;

16. The gross receipts from sales through any vending machine, without any deduction for rental to locate the vending machine on the premises of a person who is not the owner or any other deductions therefrom;

17. Gross receipts or gross proceeds from the rental or lease of tangible personal property, including rental or lease of personal property when the rental or lease agreement requires the vendor to launder, clean, repair or otherwise service the rented or leased property on a regular basis, without any deduction for the cost of the service rendered. Provided, if the rental or lease charge is based on the retail value of the property at the time

of making the rental or lease agreement and the expected life of the property, and the rental or lease charge is separately stated from the service cost in the statement, bill or invoice delivered to the consumer, the cost of services rendered shall be deducted from the gross receipts or gross proceeds;

18. Any licensing agreement, rental, lease or other device or instrument whereby rights to possess or exhibit motion pictures or filmed performances or rights to receive images, pictures or performances for telecast by any method are transferred. Provided, persons regularly engaged in the business of exhibiting motion pictures for which the sale of tickets or admissions is taxed under this Article shall not be deemed to be consumers or users in respect to the licensing or exhibiting of copyrighted motion picture features, shorts, cartoons and scenes from copyrighted motion picture features, and the sale or licensing of such films shall not be considered a sale within the purview of this Article;

19. Flowers, plants, shrubs, trees and other floral items, whether or not same was produced by the vendor, sold by persons engaged in florist or nursery business in this state, including all orders taken by an Oklahoma business for delivery in another state. Provided, all orders taken outside this state for delivery within this state shall not be subject to the tax levied by this Article;

20. Tangible personal property sold to persons, peddlers, solicitors or other salesmen, for resale where there is likelihood that this state will lose tax revenue due to the difficulty of enforcing this chapter because of:

a. The operation of the business;

b. The nature of the business;

c. The turnover of independent contractors;

d. The lack of place of business in which to display a permit or keep records;

e. Lack of adequate records;

f. The persons are minors or transients;

g. The persons are engaged in service businesses; or

h. Any other reasonable reason;

21. Any taxable services and tangible personal property including materials, supplies and equipment sold to contractors for the purpose of developing and improving real estate even though such real estate is intended for resale as real property are hereby declared to be sales to consumers or users and taxable; and

22. Any taxable services and tangible personal property sold to persons who are primarily engaged in selling their services, such as repairmen, are hereby declared to be sales to consumers or users and taxable.

Section 14-7 Exemptions; Sales Subject to Other Tax

There is hereby specifically exempted from the tax levied by this Article the gross receipts or gross proceeds exempted from the Oklahoma Sales Tax Code.

Section 14-8 Tax Due When; Returns; Records

The tax levied in this Article shall be due and payable at the time and in the manner and form for payment of the state sales tax under the Oklahoma Sales Tax Code.

Section 14-9 Payment of Tax; Brackets

A. The tax levied herein shall be paid to the tax collector at the time and in the form and manner provided for payment of state sales tax.

B. The bracket system for the collection of the town sales tax by the tax collector shall be the same as is hereafter adopted by the agreement of the town and the tax collector, in the collection of both the town sales tax and the state sales tax.

Section 14-10 Tax Constitu- tutes Debt

The taxes, penalty and interest due under this chapter shall at all times constitute a prior, superior and paramount claim as against the claims of unsecured creditors, and may be collected by suit as any other debt.

Section 14-11 Vendor's Duty to Collect Tax; Penalties

A. The tax levied hereunder shall be paid by the consumer or user to the vendor. It is the duty of

each and every vendor in this town to collect from the consumer or user the full amount of the tax levied by this Article, or an amount equal as nearly as possible or practicable to the average equivalent thereof.

B. Vendors shall add the tax imposed hereunder, or the average equivalent thereof, to the sales price or charge, and when added such tax shall constitute a part of such price or charge, shall be a debt from the consumer or user to vendor until paid, and shall be recoverable at law in the same manner as other debts.

C. A vendor, as defined hereunder, who wilfully or intentionally fails, neglects or refuses to collect the full amount of the tax levied by this chapter,

or wilfully or intentionally fails, neglects or refuses to comply with the provisions or rebates to a consumer or user, either directly or indirectly, and by whatsoever means, all or any part of the tax herein levied, or makes in any form of advertising, verbally or otherwise, any statement which infers that he is absorbing the tax, or paying the tax for the consumer or user by an adjustment of prices or at a price including the tax, or in any manner whatsoever, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine as set forth in § 9-1 of the Code of Ordinances.

D. Any sum or sums collected or required to be collected in accordance with this Article shall be

deemed to be held in trust for the town. Any person, firm, corporation, joint venture or association that wilfully or intentionally fails, neglects or refuses to collect the sums required to be collected or paid shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine as set forth in § 9-1 of the Code of Ordinances.

Section 14-12 Returns and Remittances; Discounts

Returns and remittances of the tax herein levied and collected shall be made to the tax collector at the time and in the manner, form and amount as prescribed for returns and remittances of tax collected hereunder and shall be subject to the same discount as may be allowed by the Oklahoma

Sales Tax Code for collection of state sales taxes.

Section 14-13 Interest and Penalties; Delinquency

Section 217 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes, as currently enacted and as may be amended hereafter, is hereby adopted and made a part of this chapter, and interest and penalties at the rates and in amounts as therein specified are hereby levied and shall be applicable in cases of delinquency in reporting and paying the tax levied by this chapter. The failure or refusal of any taxpayer to make and transmit the reports and remittances of tax in the time and manner required by this chapter shall cause such tax to be delinquent. In addition, if the delinquency continues for a period of five (5) days, the taxpayer shall forfeit his claim to any

Commissioners Proceedings

(Published May 7, 2020)

Monday, April 27, 2020

Chairman Mike Thompson called regular meeting of 4-27-20 to order at 9:10 a.m. Answering aye was Thompson, TJ Clements, Jacky Hallmark. Others present Debbie Arnold, Kathy Ritchie, BJ Wheaton, Lanette Coppedge, Jason Bryant, Jon Smith, Gary Dodd, Sharline Pitmon, John Small and Kathy Ross.

Hallmark moved to approve minutes of 4-20-20, second by 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. The room is opened for discussion, Thompson directs toward Wheaton to comment on any further information. Wheaton starts by stating that she takes this matter personal and states that the County does receive funds from the State on reimbursement of her salary. She also works very hard to keep together her office and meeting the guidelines set forth by the State Election Board. Wheaton also ask about last weeks comment of being out of room. Hallmark responds that Guyla Hart didn't have any room to ask that question. Clements states that he would like to have room to even have an office. Clements moved to approve to move the County Commissioners offices to the office that now houses the Election Board and that the Election Board will move to the Courthouse, second Hallmark, vote aye Hallmark and Clements and nay Thompson.

Board discussed the move date with BJ Wheaton, Election Board Secretary for the upcoming move for the Election Board Office. Her request would be to wait till after all of the elections are done which would be after November 3, 2020. She states that there is a 75 day prep time and training prior to any election. It's just a bad time and for her to consider moving, election dates are June 30, August 25 and November 3. Clements states that the sooner that she makes the move the better it would be for her to get the bugs worked out. Hallmark states that he called the State Election board and they also stated that it would be the best to wait till after November 3. He would like to schedule the move between June and August elections. Clements moved to approve to schedule the move after the June 30 election beginning July 1st, second Hallmark, vote aye Hallmark, Clements and Thompson.

Hallmark moved to approve to Resolution #20-19 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 5-4-20 to review the upcoming week. Court Clerk will not open to the public until May 15, 2020.

Hallmark moved to approve the Resolution #20-20 for Johnston County Six Year CIRB Allocation Funding Plan with CED#4, second Clements, vote aye Hallmark, Clements and Thompson.

Hallmark moved to approve Extend Public Hearing Dates till June 1, 2020 at 10:00 am for the Following, Shepard Lane – Section 32, Township 3S, Range 6E and The Settlement – Section 25, Township 4S, Range 8E, second Clements, vote aye Hallmark, Clements and Thompson.

Clements moved to approve Utility Relocation Agreement

Between Johnston County and Peoples Electric Cooperative for improvements for Bullard Chapel Road Project, Project #J-3-2331(004)CI, second Hallmark, vote aye Hallmark, Clements and Thompson.

Hallmark moved to approve Utility Relocation Agreement Between Johnston County and Peoples Electric Cooperative for waterline relocation on Bullard Chapel Road Project STP 27886(04), J/P 32331(04)UT, second Clements, vote aye Hallmark, Clements and Thompson.

Clements moved to approve ODOT Form 324A for Project J#-2331(004)CI, Bullard Chapel Road for \$1,500.00 for Right of Way, second Hallmark, vote aye Hallmark, Clements and Thompson.

Clements moved to approve to Pay Application #4 for \$101,238.65 to RFD Construction for Nitro Lift Industrial Building Project, second Hallmark, vote aye Hallmark, Clements and Thompson.

Transfers: TCL-2 to T2-2 for \$1,486.25, Monthly Blankets: Health, Dist #1, Reports: None, Claims: 911 257, AT&T, 1082.00, 258, MID AMERICA TELEPHONE, 224.79, 259, TISHOMINGO CHEVROLET, 793.63, CBRI 9, DENISE WARDEN/CRAIG JOHNSTON, 1500.00, Drug Court 22, EDMONDSON, CRAIG, 1750.00, ½ Comm 224, CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES, 62.00, General 2189, Lapel Pins Plus Network, 510.00, 2190, OG&E, 120.38, 2191, OG&E, 120.37, 2192, QUILL, 109.99, 2193, VYVE BROADBAND, 97.44, 2194, JOHNSTON COUNTY SENTINEL, 758.50, 2195, AT&T, 224.22, 2196, JOHNSTON COUNTY EMS, 10000.00, 2197, ESTES, SHIRLEY, 27.60, Health 188, FITCH, KERRY, 49.22, 189, WALTERS, SHAYNA, 48.99, 190, EPPLER, BREANN, 75.61, 191, WOOD, LAURA, 137.31, 192, QUILL, 54.75, 193, ONG, 46.97, 194, OG&E, 57.00, Highway 1517, UTZ, CHRISTOPHER, 175.00, 1518, UTZ, CHRISTOPHER, 50.00, 1519, CULPERS TIRE & LUBE, 351.00, 1520, CULPERS TIRE & LUBE, 351.00, 1521, OTC, 33.00, 1522, SPRING HOUSE WATER, 10.00, 1523, WARREN CAT, 91.92, 1524, TISHOMINGO MOTOR SALES, 839.00, 1525, AT&T, 62.60, CMT 43, MILLER OFFICE EQUIPMENT, 0.72, 44, KELLPRO, 250.00, 45, VYVE BROADBAND, 74.90,

RM&P 15, CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES, 155.00, BSF 303, QUILL, 266.62, 304, QUILL, 178.17, 305, TISH LUMBER, 9.18, 306, TISH LUMBER, 10.99, 307, THE PEST CHOICE, 30.00,

Report gave by Commissioners Secretary, Sheriff Smith states that he had a deputy that had an accident on Main Street over the weekend, Business: None, Public Hearing: None

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

Approved on 4th of May, 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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discount allowed under this chapter.

Section 14-14 Waiver of Interest and Penalties

The interest or penalty or any portion thereof accruing by reason of a taxpayer's failure to pay the town tax herein levied may be waived or remitted in the same manner as provided for the waiver or as applied in administration of the state sales tax provided in Section 220 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes. To accomplish the purposes of this section, the applicable provisions of Section 220 of Title 68, as currently enacted and as may be hereafter amended, are hereby adopted by reference and made a part of this Article.

Section 14-15 Erroneous Payments; Claim for Refund

Refund of erroneous payment of the town sales tax herein levied may be made to any taxpayer making the erroneous payment in the same manner and procedure, and under the same limitations of time, as provided for administration of the state sales tax as set forth in Section 227 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes. To accomplish the purpose of this section, the applicable provisions of Section 227 of Title 68, as currently enacted and as may be hereafter amended, are hereby adopted by reference and made a part of this Article.

Section 14-16 Fraudulent Returns

In addition to all civil penalties provided by this Article, the willful failure or refusal of any taxpayer to make reports and remittances herein required, or the making of any false and fraudulent report for the purpose of avoiding or escaping payment of any tax or portion thereof rightfully due under this Article shall be an offense, and upon conviction thereof the offending taxpayer shall be punished by a fine as set forth in § 91 of the Code of Ordinances.

Section 14-17 Records Confidential

The confidential and privileged nature of the records and fees concerning the administration of the town sales tax is legislatively recognized and declared, and to protect the same the provisions of the State Sales Tax Code, Section 205 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes, as currently enacted and as may be hereafter amended, are hereby adopted by reference and made fully effective and applicable to administration of the town sales tax as if here set forth in full.

Section 14-18 Amendments

The people of the town, by their approval of the sales tax ordinance hereby authorize the town board of trustees, by ordinance duly enacted, to make such administrative and technical changes or additions in the method and manner of administering and enforcing this chapter as may be necessary or proper for efficiency and fairness. Neither the rate of the tax herein provided nor the use to which the revenue is put shall be changed without approval of the qualified electors of the town as provided by law.

Section 14-19 Provisions Cumulative and Severable

The provisions of this Article shall be cumulative and in addition to any or all other taxing provisions of Town ordinances. The provisions of this Article are further declared to be severable, and if any section, paragraph, sentence or clause of this Article is for any reason held invalid or inoperative by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect any other section, paragraph, sentence, or clause hereof.

ARTICLE 2: USE TAX

Section 14-20 Excise Tax on Storage, Use, or Other Consumption of Tangible Personal Property Levied

There is hereby levied and there shall be paid by every person storing, using or otherwise consuming within the Town, tangible, personal property purchased or brought into the Town, an excise tax on the storage, use or otherwise consuming within the Town of such property at the rate of two percent (2%) of the purchase price of such property. Such tax shall be paid by every person storing, using, or otherwise consuming, within the Town, tangible, personal property purchased or brought into the Town. The additional tax levied hereunder shall be paid at the time of importation or storage of the property within the Town and shall be assessed to only property purchased outside Oklahoma; provided that, the tax levied herein shall not be levied against tangible, personal property intended solely for use outside the Town, but which is stored in the Town pending shipment outside the Town or which is temporarily retained in the maintenance of other service. Any person liable for payment of the Use Tax authorized herein, may deduct from such Use Tax and County or Municipal Sales Tax previously paid on such goods or services; provided that the amount deducted shall not exceed the amount that would have been due if the taxes imposed by the Town had been levied on the sale of such goods or services.

Section 14-21 Exemptions

The provisions of this Article shall not apply:

1. In respect to the use of an article of tangible, personal property brought into the Town of a nonresident individual visiting in the Town for his or her personal use or enjoyment while within the Town;
2. In respect to the use of tangible, personal property purchased for resale before being

used;

3. In respect to the use of any article of tangible, personal property on which a tax, equal to or in excess on that levied by both the Oklahoma Use Tax Code and this Article has been paid by the person using such tangible, personal property in the Town, whether such tax was levied under the Laws of Oklahoma or some other State, Town, or County of the United States. If any article of tangible personal property has already been subjected to a tax law by Oklahoma or any other State or County in respect to its sale or use, in an amount less than the tax imposed by both the Oklahoma Use Tax Code and this Article and the rate by which the previous tax upon the sale or use was computed; provided, that, no credit shall be given for taxes paid in another State, Town, or County does not grant like credit for taxes paid in Oklahoma and the Town.

4. In respect to the use of machinery and equipment purchased and used by persons establishing new manufacturing or processing plants in the Town, and machinery and equipment purchased and used by persons in the operation of manufacturing plants already established in the Town which machinery and equipment is incorporated into, and is directly used in, the process of manufacturing property subject to the taxation under the Sales Tax Code of Milburn, Oklahoma. The term "manufacturing plants" shall mean those establishments primarily engaged in manufacturing or processing operations, and generally recognized as such;

5. In respect to the use of tangible, personal property now specifically exempted from taxation under the sales tax ordinances of the Town;

6. In respect to the use of any article of tangible, personal property brought into the Town by an individual with intent to become a resident of the Town where such personal property is for such individual's personal use or enjoyment;

7. In respect to the sum of any article of tangible personal property used, or to be used, by commercial airlines or railroads; or

8. In respect to livestock purchased outside Oklahoma and brought into the Town for feeding or breeding purposes, and which is later resold.

Section 14-22 Time Due; Returns; Payment

The tax levied by this Article is due and payable at the time and in the manner and form prescribed for payment of the State Use Tax under the Use Tax Code of the State of Oklahoma.

Section 14-23 Tax Constitutes Debt

Such taxes, penalty or interest due hereunder shall at all times constitute a prior, superior and paramount claim as against the claims of unsecured creditors, and may be collected by suit as with any other debt.

Section 14-24 Collection of Tax by Retailer or Vendor

Every retailer or vendor maintaining places of business both within and without the State of Oklahoma, and making sales of tangible, personal property from a place of business outside this State for use in the Town, shall, at the time of making such sales, collect the Use Tax levied by this Resolution from the purchaser

and give to the purchaser a receipt therefore in the manner and form prescribed by the Oklahoma Tax Commission, if said Tax Commission shall, by regulation, require such receipt. Each retailer or vendor shall list operating in the Town and location of any and all distribution or sales houses or offices or other places of business in the Town.

Section 14-25 Collection of Tax by Retailer or Vendor not Maintaining a Place of Business Within the State or Both Within and Without State; Permits

The Oklahoma Tax Commission may, at its discretion, upon application, authorize the collection of the Use Tax herein levied by any retailer or vendor not maintaining a place of business within this State but who makes sales of tangible, personal property for use in the Town, and by the out-of-state place of business of any retailer or vendor maintaining places of businesses both within and without Oklahoma and making sales of tangible, personal property at such out-of-state place of business for use in the Town. Such retailer or vendor may be issued, without charge, a Permit to collect such taxes, by said Tax Commission in such manner and subject to such regulations and agreements, as it shall prescribe. When so authorized, it shall be the duty of such retailer or vendor to collect the Use tax upon all tangible, personal property sold to his knowledge for use within the Town. Such authority and Permit may be canceled when, at any time, said Tax Commission considers that such Use Tax can more effectively be collected from the person using such property in the Town; provided, however, delivery to the purchaser within the Town by the retailer or vendor in such retailer's or vendor's vehicle, whether owned or leased (not by common carrier), such sales or transactions shall continue to subject to applicable Municipal Sales Tax at the point of delivery and the tax shall be collected and reported under the taxpayer's Sales Tax Permit number accordingly.

Section 14-26 Revoking Permits

Whenever any retailer or vendor not maintaining a place of business in this State, or both within and without this State, authorized to collect the Use tax herein levied, fails to comply with any of the provisions of this Article or the Oklahoma Use Tax Code or any order, rules or regulations of the 68 O.S. § 1408, by order, revoke the Use Tax Permit, if any, issued to such retailer or vendor, and if any such retailer or vendor is a corporation authorized to do business in this State may, after the notice and hearing above provided, cancel said corporation's license to do business in this State and shall issue a new license only when such corporation has complied with the obligations under this Resolution, the Oklahoma Use Tax Code, or any order, rules or regulations of the Oklahoma Tax Commission.

Section 14-27 Remunerative Deductions Allowed Vendors or Retailers of Other States

Returns and remittances of the Use Tax herein levied and collected shall be made to the Oklahoma Tax Commission at the time and in the manner, form and amount prescribed for returns and remittances required by the Oklahoma Use Tax Code; remittances of Use Taxes collected hereunder shall be subject to the same discount as may be allowed by said Code for the collection of State Use Taxes.

Section 14-28 Interest and Penalties; Delinquency

The provisions of 68 O.S. §

217, as currently enacted and as may be amended hereafter, are hereby adopted and made a part of this Article, and interest and penalties at the rates and in the amounts as therein specified are hereby levied and shall be applicable incases of delinquency in reporting and paying the Use Tax levied by this Article; provide, that, the failure or refusal of any retailer or vendor to make and transmit the reports and remittances of Use Tax in the time and manner required by this Article shall cause such Tax to be delinquent. In addition, if such delinquency continues for a period of five (5) days, the retailer or vendor shall forfeit his claim to any discount allowed under this Article.

Section 14-29 Waiver of Interest and Penalties

The interest or penalty, or any portion thereof, accruing by reason of a retailer's or vendor's failure to pay the Use Tax herein levied may be waived or remitted in the same manner as provided for said waiver of remittance as applied in administration of the State Use Tax provided in 68 O.S. § 227; to accomplish the purposes of this Section, the applicable provisions of said Section 227 as currently enacted and as may be hereafter amended, are hereby adopted by reference and made a part of this Article.

Section 14-30 Erroneous Payments; Claim for Refund

Refund of erroneous payments of the Municipal Use Tax herein levied may be made to any taxpayer making such erroneous payment in the same manner and procedure, and under the same limitations of time provided for administration of the State Use Tax as set forth in 68 O.S. § 227; to accomplish the purpose of this Section the applicable provisions of said Section 227 as currently enacted and as may be amended hereafter, are hereby adopted by reference and made a part of this Article.

Section 14-31 Fraudulent Returns

In addition to all civil penalties provided by this Article, the willful failure or refusal of any taxpayer to make reports and remittances herein required, or the making of any false and fraudulent report for the purpose of avoiding or escaping payment of any Use Tax, or portion thereof, rightfully due under this Ordinance, shall be an offense, and upon conviction thereof the offending taxpayer shall be punished by a fine as set forth in § 9-1 of the Code of Ordinances. Each day of non-compliance with this Article shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 14-32 Records Confidential

The confidential and privileged nature of the records and files concerning the administration of the Municipal Use Tax is legislatively recognized and declared, and to protect the same, the provisions of 68 O.S. § 205 as currently enacted and as may be amended hereafter, are hereby adopted by reference and made fully effective and applicable to administration of the Municipal Use Tax as if herein set forth in full.

Section 14-33 Provisions Cumulative

The provisions hereof shall be cumulative, and in addition to any and all other taxing provisions of these Ordinances.

Section 14-34 Provisions Severable

The provisions of this Article are hereby declared to be severable, and if any section, paragraph, sentence or clause of this Article is for any reason held invalid or inoperative by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect any other section, paragraph, sentence, or clause hereof.

Section 14-35 Definitions

The definitions of words, terms, and phrases contained in 68 O.S. § 1401 as currently enacted and as may be hereafter amended, are hereby adopted by reference and made a part of this Article; in addition thereto, the following words and terms shall be defined as follows:

1. "Town" shall mean the Town of Milburn, Oklahoma.
2. "Transaction" shall mean sale.
3. The term, "Tax collector" as used herein, means the Department of the Town, or the official agency of the State, duly designated according to Law or contract authorized by law, to administer the collection of the Use Tax herein levied.

Section 14-36 Classification of Taxpayers

For purpose of this Article, the classification of taxpayers hereunder shall be as prescribed by State Law for the purposes of the Oklahoma Use Tax Code.

Section 14-37 Subsisting State Permits

All valid and subsisting Permits to do business issued by the Oklahoma Tax Commission pursuant to the Oklahoma Tax Code are, for the purpose of this Article, hereby ratified, confirmed and adopted in lieu of any requirement for an additional Municipal Permit for the same purpose.

Section 14-38 Purposes of Revenues

It is hereby declared to be the purpose of this Article to provide revenues for the support of the functions of the Municipal Government of the Town of Milburn, Oklahoma, and any and all revenues derived hereunder may be expended by the Town Board of Trustees for any purpose for which funds maybe lawfully expended and authorized.

Section 14-39 Penalty

Any violation of this Article shall be liable for a fine as set forth in § 9-1 of the Code of Ordinances. Each day of non-compliance with this Article shall constitute a separate offense.

WHEREAS, the Town had previously approved a sales tax ordinance, and rather than truly being a new enactment, Sections 14-1 through 14-19 set forth above are an amendment to that ordinance, which is hereby amended to read as set forth in said sections, and

WHEREAS, this ordinance is an amendment of Ordinance 2020-1, approved by the Board of Trustees on the 6th day of April, 2020, and the provisions of this Ordinance shall replace entirely the provisions of Ordinance 2020-1, and

WHEREAS, said amendment and enactment will benefit the Town and serve the public interest, and

WHEREAS, an emergency currently exists pursuant to 11 O.S. § 14-103, and it is necessary for the immediate preservation of the peace, health and safety of the Town for this amendment to go into effect immediately upon passage by the Board of Trustees,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Town of Milburn, Oklahoma, assembled in regular session, that the ordinances set forth above are hereby amended and enacted.

FURTHER, it is hereby declared that an emergency exists pursuant to 11 O.S. § 14-103, and that this ordinance shall therefore go into effect immediately upon passage.

The Ordinance was declared adopted on the 4th day of May, 2020.

(Seal) /s/ Danny Lowe Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Amber Kirk Town Clerk

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