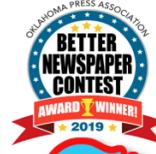


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Mask ordinance goes down, water rates go up City officials say increase needed for new treatment plant construction

By John A. Small
Managing Editor

Tishomingo residents no longer have to wear a face mask in public if they so choose.

They will, however, soon be paying more on their monthly water bill.

During a special meeting last Thursday, Sept. 24, the Tishomingo City Council voted to rescind the face mask ordinance it had passed just two weeks earlier. But that decision was overshadowed somewhat by the vote later in the evening to enact the water rate increase, which was approved to help fund construction of the city's new water treatment plant.

The special meeting was held at Tishomingo City Hall in place of the regularly scheduled

meeting that had been planned for the previous Monday, Sept. 21. That meeting had to be cancelled due to an error in the date on the posted agenda.

The water rate increase had been a topic of consideration by the council for some time prior to last week's meeting. Interim City Manager Janice Cain told those in attendance last Thursday that the increase was necessary in order to meet the conditions of a consent order by the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality.

That consent order has necessitated the construction of the new treatment plant, a project which the city has been pursuing in partnership with the Chickasaw Nation for several years.

During her comments, Cain pointed out that the city - with the assistance of the Chickasaw Nation - has obtained nearly \$2,000,000 in grant funding from the U.S. Economic Development Administration for the treatment plant project.

The Chickasaw Nation has also pledged additional financial assistance towards the planned construction.

The city has also obtained \$3,101,000 in additional grant funding. But even with those grants, Cain said, the city is faced with a \$7,119,000 loan through the U.S. Rural Development Association to defray the remaining construction costs.

In order to qualify for that loan, Cain said, the city must adopt the

water rates proposed in an analysis by the consulting firm NewGen in order to meet and sustain the required debt coverage ratio of 1.25 for the loan.

“It's not a project we want to do, but it's a project we need to do,” Cain said. “I don't like raising rates, and I know

this council does not like raising rates... (but) we do not have any choice.”

Mayor Woody Jumper agreed.

“We have an undersized, outdated, pretty close to dilapidated water treatment plant,” Jumper said, noting that the city has been paying thousands of dollars

in recent years to make repairs on the existing plant.

“It's grieving me to have to pay more for the water, but we have to do it,” he said.

Jumper added that he believes the city may be

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THS band quarantined; MSC cancels homecoming events

While opponents celebrate the rescinding of Tishomingo's face mask ordinance, local confirmed cases of the COVID-19 virus continue to rise - affecting activities at both Tishomingo High School and Murray State College.



Tishomingo Superintendent of Schools Bobby Waitman announced this week that the school was notified of a high school marching band member having tested positive for COVID-19.

After reviewing specifics about the person's interaction with others, as well as other safety protocols that are put into place, Waitman said, the school has determined that all members of the Pride of Little Dixie marching band will be quarantined for 14 days.

Waitman also stated that Tishomingo Public Schools will be continuing to follow all COVID-related safety procedures, including continued deep cleaning of facilities, daily temperature checks and health logs, along with as much social distancing as possible.

Meanwhile, officials at Murray State College have announced that MSC will not be hosting a homecoming celebration this year.

The college typically hosts activities for students and alumni during the last weekend of October or the first weekend in November.

“It is with a great deal of regret that we find it necessary to cancel homecoming activities this year,” MSC President Joy McDaniel said.

“Our campus is closed to the public, and we are working hard to keep everyone safe so we can finish out the semester.”

Until recently, local residents were allowed on campus for certain meetings, but that policy has been suspended due to COVID-19 concerns. The public is encouraged to contact campus staff by e-mail or phone as needed.

The alumni association is exploring ways to celebrate those who may be selected for induction to the MSC Athletic Hall of Fame and as distinguished alumni for 2020.

It is most likely that, even if honorees are selected this year, recognition ceremonies will be postponed until fall of 2021.

“There have been lots of changes this semester, and the need to cancel homecoming is one of the most disappointing,” McDaniel said.

“We will miss crowning a queen and welcoming alumni to campus, but realize that these precautions are necessary and in the best interests of all.”

In-person classes at Murray State will end on Nov. 20, with students finishing the semester through online instruction.

On Tuesday the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) reported a total of 180 confirmed positive COVID-19 cases in Johnston County - up seven cases over the previous 24 hours, and an increase of 30 cases over the same time last week.

Tuesday's report cited 47 currently active cases in Johnston County. This is up five cases from the day before, and 21 cases from one week ago.

Of the 47 active cases, four are deceased and 129 are said to have recovered. This is two recoveries over the previous 24 hours, and nine recoveries in the last week.

Tuesday's report stated that the number of deaths in Johnston County remained unchanged from a week ago.

According to the OSDH, 29 of the county's active cases are in the Tishomingo area, up two from the previous 24 hours and an increase of 15 from last week; four in Milburn, up one in the last 24 hours and up two from a week ago; six in the Coleman zip area, with one recovery and one additional case; and three cases in Ravia, unchanged in the previous 24 hours but up one case for the week.

There also remains three active case in rural Johnston County, up one from last week.

As of Tuesday's advisory, OSDH was reporting 13,244 active COVID-19 cases in Oklahoma - up 616 from 12,628 active cases from one week ago.

There has been a total of 86,219 COVID-19 cases diagnosed in Oklahoma, an increase of 7,147 from the 79,072 reported one week ago. As of Tuesday, 71,957 of these cases are considered as recovered by OSDH.



Seeley Chapel memories...

The first Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting took place in 1960 at Seeley Chapel, a First American Methodist church located near Connerville which served as a meeting place during throughout the 1960s; the photo above was taken during the 1964 meeting at Seeley Chapel. The Chickasaw Nation recently announced that this year's Annual Meeting and Chickasaw Festival is being conducted virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic; activities began Sept. 26 and continue through this Saturday, Oct. 3. (See related stories on pages 2 and 18.)

Hazard pay action delayed again

By John A. Small
Managing Editor

Local sheriff's deputies and jailers will have to wait a little longer to find out if they will be granted hazard pay by the Johnston County Board of Commissioners.

During their regular weekly meeting Monday morning, commis-

sioners Jacky Hallmark, Mike Thompson and T.J. Clements opted to table action on Sheriff Jon Smith's request, to allow them time to consult with county auditors to determine where the funds for such pay might come from.

As reported in last week's issue of the *Sentinel*, Smith has recommended hazard pay in the amount of \$300 a month for the county's seven deputies and 13 jailers.

He had also noted that, as an elected official, he himself would not be eligible to receive

the additional pay.

During this week's meeting, Smith acknowledged that the proposed hazard pay had not been budgeted for, prompting Hallmark's call to consult with auditors before making a final decision.

Smith and Under-sheriff Gary Dodd told the commissioners Monday that other area counties provide hazard pay for deputies averaging around \$200 to \$250 per month, with jailers receiving an average of

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Weekend Weather:

FRIDAY: Nice with plenty of sun, daytime high of 73F. Clear to partly cloudy overnight. SATURDAY: Nice with times of clouds and sun; a thunderstorm in spots in the evening. SUNDAY: Sunny and pleasant, high around 73F. Cool and clear overnight with expected low of 47F.

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So let it be written, so let it be done... don't ask me why

To be 100 percent honest with you, I simply do not know how to explain it...

Longtime readers will recall that, every now and then, I use my weekly allotted "Small Talk" space to share items from the catalogue of memorable quotes, comments and quips that I've been collecting since I was a schoolboy.

As I was working on putting together this week's edition of the *Sentinel*, certain events - mostly having to do with deadline issues - conspired to convince me that this might be a good week to share another such collection for your enjoyment and edification.

But then something odd happened. Ordinarily there is little in the way of rhyme or reason with regards to how I compile these collections on any given week. Usually the selection consists of my simply putting together as many such interesting quotes as I can fit into said allotted space, with nary a thought given in terms of specific themes or topic matter.

This week, however, proved different. As I started pouring through my files, I found myself somehow compelled to share the following specific quotes. For what reason I cannot say and would not dare to speculate; I'm hesitant to chalk it up to the possibility of divine intervention, personal epiphany, being guided by the Force or anything like that.

All I know for certain is that, whatever the source, I felt moved to share these particular quotes at this particular time. I guess somebody out there somewhere needs to read them. Deciphering the reason why, I suppose, is a game left to the reader.

In any event...

"Whatever a man's actions are, such must be his spirit." - *Demosthenes*

"We live in a paradoxical age where for the first time ever all infor-

mation is available and inescapable but at the same time we are the most ignorant we've ever been." - *Keith Howell*

"Books may be burned and cities sacked, but truth, like the yearning for freedom, lives in the hearts of humble men and women." - *Franklin D. Roosevelt*

"No act of kindness, however small, is ever wasted." - *Aesop*

"It's a universal law - intolerance is the first sign of an inadequate education. An ill-educated person behaves with arrogant impatience, whereas truly profound education breeds humility." - *Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn*

"Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act. Silence in the face of evil is evil itself." - *Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

"The further a society drifts from truth, the more it will hate those who speak it." - *George Orwell*

"I'm not very much impressed with men who publicly parade their religious beliefs. I've always believed that religion is something to live by and not talk about." - *Harry S. Truman*

"Government is instituted for the common good... and not for the profit or private interest of any man, family or class of men." - *John Adams*

"History does not always repeat itself. Sometimes it just yells, 'Can't you remember anything I told you?' and lets fly with a club." - *John W. Campbell Jr.*

"My advice is to question all things. Seek for answers, and when you find what seems to be an answer, question that, too." - *Louis L'Amour*

Small Talk

John A. Small



"There is something deeply hypocritical about praying for a problem you are unwilling to resolve." - *Miroslaw Wolf*

"The end of all knowledge should be in virtuous action." - *Philip Sydney*

"I do not believe in the collective wisdom of individual ignorance." - *Thomas Carlyle*

"We are all born ignorant, but one must work hard to remain stupid." - *Benjamin Franklin*

"The best teachers are those who show you where to look, but don't tell you what to see." - *Alexandra K. Trenfor*

"Let people know the facts and the country will be safe." - *Abraham Lincoln*

"The tyranny of a prince in an oligarchy is not so dangerous to the public welfare as the apathy of a citizen in a democracy." - *Baron De Montesquieu*

"We can destroy what we have written, but we cannot unwrite it." - *Anthony Burgess*

"Nationalism is an infantile disease. It is the measles of mankind." - *Albert Einstein*

"We have, I fear, confused power with greatness." - *Stewart L. Udall*

"The only things in the middle of the road are yellow stripes and dead armadillos." - *Jim Hightower*

"Liberty means responsibility. That is why most men dread it." - *George Bernard Shaw*

"Free speech carries with it some freedom to listen." - *Warren E. Burger*

"To argue with a person who has renounced the use of reason is like administering medicine to the dead." - *Thomas Paine*

"The greatest enemy of knowledge is not ignorance, it is the illusion of knowledge." - *Stephen Hawking*

"There are two ways to be fooled. One is to believe what isn't true. The other is to refuse to accept what is true." - *Soren Kierkegard*

"You can sway a thousand men by appealing to their prejudices quicker than you can convince one man by logic." - *Robert A. Heinlein*

"The trust of the innocent is the liar's most useful tool." - *Stephen King*

"The secret of freedom lies in educating people, whereas the secret of tyranny is keeping them ignorant." - *Maxillien de Robespierre*

"In these bleak times, don't be discouraged by what little light you have to offer. A match in a well-lit room is all but invisible; in darkness, it's the only thing you can see. There is much darkness in our world. Let your candle blaze, and chase away the shadows." - *Steve Sykes*

"Dr. Zaius in *Planet of the Apes* was absolutely right about us, you know. Man's wisdom walks hand and hand with his idiocy. The evening news pretty much proves that every single night." - *John Robert Small Jr. (my father)*

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Virtual Chickasaw Annual Meeting celebrates history

Overcoming modern obstacles with a bit of innovation, for the first time in history the 2020 Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and Festival

began virtually on Sept. 26.

"Due to the ongoing pandemic, and for the safety of our citizens and communities, we are

celebrating this year's Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and Festival virtually," Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby announced.

"For the first time, our Annual Meeting and Festival will be provided in a virtual format. This will provide an opportunity for more Chickasaws than ever to experience and enjoy the culture, heritage and progress from the safety of their home."

Coming together in the face of adversity is nothing new for Chickasaw people. The Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting has exemplified this from its beginning.

Since October 1960, when more than 100 Chickasaws gathered at Seeley Chapel, the Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting has been a time for Chickasaws to come together in fellowship.

Seeley Chapel is a First American Methodist church near Connerville which served as a meeting place during this important period of self-determination for the Chickasaw Nation. Meetings at Seeley Chapel spawned renewed energy for positive change in federal policy.

The gathering at Seeley Chapel was a watershed event that planted the seeds of progress for

the Chickasaw Nation, according to Anoatubby.

Every year since, Chickasaws have met to participate in the business of the Chickasaw Nation. The location has shifted over time, moving between Connerville, Byng and Tishomingo.

Sites have included Seeley Chapel, Byng school auditorium, under a tent on Chickasaw National Capitol grounds and more recently, in Fletcher Auditorium at Murray State College.

Other events and activities were planned around the annual meeting, including the Princess Pageant; the Southeastern Art Show and Market; and various sports activities.

The Chickasaw Nation Festival was merged with the Annual Meeting in 1992, offering a week-long celebration now known as the Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and Festival, which culminates with the State of the Nation Address.

But through it all, the Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting has been a time for Chickasaw citizens to share news and to hear reports from the Governor and tribal officials on the state of the Chickasaw Nation.

For information regarding the virtual Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and Festival, visit AnnualMeeting.Chickasaw.net.

Additional information is also available on Chickasaw Nation social media accounts on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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— Voice Of The People —

Where are the ramps?

Dear Editor:

Why does Tishomingo want no wheelchairs on the high school sidewalk near the Dollar General Store?

Or some other places along Main Street?

That is the result of curbs without ramps.

Joe V. Ratliff
Tishomingo

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Getting ready for the banquet

As one of their activities for last week's meeting, members of the Tishomingo Lions Club filled treat bags for the upcoming Johnston County Chamber of Commerce banquet, which is slated for Oct. 9 and 10. Lions assisting in the effort, from left to right around the table, were Rebecca Smith, Paul Roan, Dan Shaffer, Pam Walker and Mary Lokey.

Annual fire protection dues renewal deadline approaches

By Jerry Blackerby
Sentinel Correspondent

The \$35 annual Milburn Fire Protection dues need to be renewed in the month of October.

Today (Thursday), Oct. 1, the community prayer meeting will be at my home because I am still hobbling around on a walker. My house is directly behind the high school in Milburn. We meet at 6 p.m.

Normally we meet in the Milburn Community Center. We try to meet on the first Thursday of each month. Come join us and help pray for the prayer requests we receive.

Even though we are only a few people, we try to do as Matthew 18:19 directs us; "Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

We have received some wonderful praise

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reports of prayer requests being answered. We praise God for the answered prayers.

I created a Facebook group named "Milburn Oklahoma Community Prayer Meeting." If you have Facebook, you can join this group and post prayer requests in the group, or either call me or send me an e-mail.

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Milburn School:

Oct. 5-6 - Milburn fifth/sixth grade basketball tournament is played in our gymnasium.

Oct. 8 - End of the first quarter.

Oct. 13 - Parent/Teacher conference from 3:30-9:30 p.m.

Oct. 14-16 - Fall break.

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Bible Trivia: Who was the father of King Saul?

Last week's question: What sin did Achan commit? Answer: Theft (Joshua 7:1). Read Chapters 7 and 8 to see

more about Achan and the sins of Israel.

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"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30 KJV)

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

Firefighters dispose of limbs downed by storms

By Matthew Cravatt
Sentinel Correspondent

Recent winds took down a few tree limbs and some pecans, too, although not enough to greatly affect this year's crop.

Ravia firefighters were out overnight Monday and Tuesday disposing of limbs taken down by storms through previous months, which added to an unusually great pile for summer storms.

With luck, autumn's wind falls won't be so abundant, and storms will treat the Ravia area with a higher degree of kindness.

Cooling temperatures have Ravia-area residents scurrying to get hunting and fishing gear repaired, oiled and ready to hit the streams, rivers, lakes, fields and woods in search of local wild fish and game, with even perhaps a trophy

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for the effort.

Hikers, as well, must prepare for the effects of cooler temperatures and make provisions should they be caught by rain, suddenly cooling temperatures, a turned ankle or other hazardous challenges requiring forethought.

With preparation, training, planning, equipment and licensing, the wilderness can be a wonderful place to escape many stresses of the times, while bonding with family and friends.

The National Weather Service based forecast summary for the Ravia area: Pleasant seasonable temperatures with daytime highs in the 70s through the weekend. Cool overnights mostly in the 50s, possibly a dip into the upper 40s Sunday night and with a rain

chance, but generally clear and partly cloudy skies.

The Ravia Senior Citizens Center will be closed until further notice because of the COVID-19 spread and staffing issues.

Mayor Ricky Kreger reminds Ravia residents to pen or leash your dogs and keep in contact with family, friends and neighbors, as well as watching private and public property, during the public health emergency.

Call 911 should an emergency or civil unrest present itself.

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

Library book series continues

The Let's Talk About It, Oklahoma series, "Living with Limits," will discuss *Gilead* on Tuesday, Oct. 13, at 6:30 p.m. at the Johnston County Library.

Nearly 25 years after *Housekeeping*, Marilynne Robinson returns with an intimate tale of three generations, from the Civil War to the 20th century - a story about fathers and sons and the spiritual battles that still rage at America's heart.

In the words of Kirkus, it is a novel "as big as a nation, as quiet as thought, and moving as prayer. Matchless and

towering." *Gilead* tells the story of America and will break your heart.

Serving as scholar for the evening is Dr. Glenn Melancon, who completed his Ph.D. in European History from Louisiana State University.

He is currently a professor at Southeastern State University in Durant.

Dr. Melancon is the author of *Britain's China Policy and the Opium Crisis: Balancing Drugs, Violence and National Honor, 1833-1840*.

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This program is free and open to the public. Copies of the books are available at the library.

For more information, call the Johnston County Library at 371-3006 or visit the library at 116 West Main in Tishomingo.

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BBQ FUNDRAISER & DESSERT AUCTION FOR ELAINA REYNOLDS

Johnston County Fairbarn 5PM-8PM

Biliary Atresia is a rare liver disease affecting 1 in 18,000 births each year. It's a disease that severely damages the liver and 80% of patients require liver transplant by the age of 20. Elaina will be going to Texas Children's Hospital once her family receives that call that the transplant team has procured an organ for her. Proceeds from this fundraiser will assist the family with fuel, housing and necessities while they travel to and from Houston for Elaina. They will need to remain in Houston for a minimum of 30 days to attend follow up appointments. If you can't attend but would like to donate, please call, (580) 371-7725, (580) 371-1166 or (580) 371-3540 for more information on how you can help. Your gift is appreciated! **\$10 per plate expected**

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Chamber of Commerce hosts special cross-promotion

By Jordyn Frazier
Johnston County Chamber of Commerce
2020 has been something, hasn't it?

We are all feeling it - from small organizations and businesses to large corporations, our homes and churches.

I am sure that many of us hoped that the new school year would bring a sense of normalcy back, and that is probably somewhat true.

The fact is that the construction on Main Street in Tishomingo has been especially hard on our downtown businesses, adding to the stresses of COVID-19 and the restrictions that have followed.

The timing for that project to start wasn't the best but hey, we're

all thinking about the finish line and it will be great when we get to the end.

In the meantime, we have to continue to support those businesses, even if it means dealing with the slight inconvenience of having to walk a little further to get to them.

They are right "on the beaten path," as I like to say.

To encourage foot traffic in these businesses, the Main Street Committee of the Johnston County Chamber has organized a fall cross-promotional sales event.

We invite you to "fall" in love with our small businesses this season and kick off the cool weather, warm feel-

ings and gift giving with a fun sales event.

Visit a participating chamber-member business from Thursday, Oct. 1 through Sunday, Oct. 4 during business hours.

Make a purchase and draw a fall leaf from a jar near the register with a number on it to receive a discount for a different participating business.

There will be a flyer next to the jar that will tell you what your discount is for. Keep visiting businesses and making purchases to

continue to draw leaves for more discounts.

You never know what you'll get - there is a variety of offerings available from 35 businesses in the area, including one in Mannsville.

The jars of leaves will go away after Oct. 4, but shoppers will have until Saturday, Oct. 10, to use their discount by presenting their leaf at the business.

We hope this will give shoppers a payday or two to use their dis-

counts. Offers expire Oct. 10.

Thank you to local shoppers for providing foot traffic for chamber businesses, and thank you to the businesses for getting involved and cross-promoting one another.

This is what the holiday spirit is all about.

Please take photos with your leaf, post to Facebook, and tag the business and the chamber by using the "@Johnston" sign. (e.g. @Johnston

County Chamber of Commerce).

As a reminder, the annual chamber banquet is being held on Friday and Saturday, October 9-10, at the Chickasaw Capitol pavilion at Eighth Street and Fisher/Kemp, right across from United Church of Tishomingo.

Sponsorships are available, and silent auction items are appreciated.

We're looking forward to a safe and fun couple of nights.

Library offers T-shirt quilting class

Looking for a fun craft class to attend?

The Johnston County Library will hold a multi-session class on Tuesday, Oct. 20, and Thursday, Nov. 19, from 6-8 p.m., where adults can learn basic hands-on sewing skills to construct a T-shirt quilt.

Sewing machines will be provided or guests can bring their own. There will be a \$40 fee for

workshop materials.

Participants can pay the fee to attend, or can bring their own materials and the class is free.

Materials needed to attend the class are 12-16 T-shirts; six yards lightweight fusible interfacing; eight yards coordinating fabric; quilt batting; and a rotary cutter.

A representative from the OSU Extension office will teach

the class, which will provide instruction and the opportunity to create a quilt.

Guests are encouraged to call for information and to reserve a spot.

Space for the class will be limited.

You can reach the Johnston County Library at 371-3006, or visit it at 116 West Main Street in Tishomingo.

Voter registration deadline is Oct. 9

Friday, Oct. 9, is the last day to apply for voter registration in order to be eligible to vote in the Nov. 3 General Election, according to Johnston County Election Board Secretary B.J. Wheaton.

Wheaton said that persons who are United States citizens; residents of Oklahoma; and at least 18-years-old may apply to become registered voters.

Those who aren't registered or need to change their registration may apply by filling out and mailing an Oklahoma Voter Registration application form in time for it to be postmarked no later than midnight Friday, Oct. 9.

Wheaton said applications postmarked after that time will be accepted and processed, but not until after Nov. 3.

The County Election Board responds in writing to every person who



submits an application for voter registration.

The response is either a voter identification card listing the new voter's precinct number and polling place location, or a letter that explains the reason or reasons the application for voter registration was not approved.

Wheaton said any person who has submitted a voter registration application and who has not received a response within 30 days should contact the County Election Board office.

Oklahoma Voter

Registration application forms are available at the Johnston County Election Board office, located at 705 W. Main in Tishomingo, and at most

post offices, tag agencies and public libraries in the county.

Applications also are available at www.elections.ok.gov.

Community Calendar

Legislative Update Date Change

The Johnston County Chamber of Commerce Legislative Update that had been previously announced for Tuesday, Oct. 13, has been rescheduled for Monday, Oct. 19. The event is still set to take place from 6 to 7 p.m. at Pennington Creek Park in Tishomingo. For more information, call the Chamber office at 371-2175.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday at 880 East Main Street in Tishomingo. Narcotics Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. each Friday and at noon each Saturday at the same address.

Murray County Quilt Show

The annual Murray County OHCE (Oklahoma Home and Community Education) Fall Quilt Show is scheduled to take place Thursday, Oct. 8, through Saturday, Oct. 10, at the Murray County Expo Building in Sulphur. Admission is \$2; hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Friday will feature a beans and cornbread lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a charge of \$8; desserts will be available each day throughout the show. Quilts can be entered for judging or just for displaying; exhibitors are welcome from all around southern Oklahoma. For more information, contact Show Chairman Teo Hair at (918) 775-1364.

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



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Sooner Pharmacy Good Health Tips



A study of thousands of patients' health records published in the journal Diabetes Metabolism Research and Reviews found that those who were prescribed cholesterol-lowering statins had at least double the risk of developing type 2 diabetes. Statins are a class of drugs that can lower cholesterol and blood pressure, reducing the risk of heart attack and stroke. More than a quarter of middle-aged adults use a cholesterol-lowering drug, according to recent federal estimates. Researchers found that statin users had more than double the risk of a diabetes diagnosis compared to those who didn't take the drugs. Those who took the cholesterol-lowering drugs for more than two years had more than three times the risk of diabetes.

Consumption of dietary supplements sold for weight loss, muscle building, and energy was associated with increased risk for severe medical events in children and young adults compared to consumption of vitamins, according to new research published in the Journal of Adolescent Health. The study found that, compared with vitamins, these types of supplements were linked to nearly three times as many severe medical outcomes in young people.

A clinical trial that followed more than 9,900 people in 24 countries has found that the drug dulaglutide reduced cardiovascular events and kidney problems in middle-aged and older people with Type 2 diabetes. During more than five years of follow-up, cardiovascular events like heart attacks and strokes were reduced by 12% in people taking dulaglutide compared to people taking a placebo. This effect was seen in both men and women with or without previous cardiovascular disease. In addition, during the same period, the drug reduced the development of kidney disease by 15%. Two papers describing the cardiovascular and kidney results of the trial were published in the journal The Lancet.

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Fresh herbs maintain flavor better when frozen

One way to kick up the flavor a notch in the kitchen is to use fresh herbs when cooking.

Although dried herbs give personality to time-honored recipes,

fresh herbs typically have a bigger burst of flavor.

“With summer winding down, some gardeners may find themselves with an abundance of

herbs they do not want to go to waste before the cold weather zaps the plants,” Barbara Brown, Oklahoma State University Extension food specialist, said.

“We’re all familiar with dried herbs that are available at the grocery store, but freezing them is a great way to preserve your homegrown herbs for use throughout the winter,” Brown said.

“Freezing works well for herbs like parsley, dill, basil, chives, lemon balm, mint and tarragon.”

To freeze herbs in water in ice cube trays, strip the leaves from stems and chop them as you would use them fresh. Fill each ice cube tray halfway with water and place about a tablespoon of herbs in each cube. Push the herbs under water as much as possible, place them in the freezer and wait for them to ice over. Add more water to top off each cube and freeze again.

Brown said that after the trays are frozen, pop out the herb cubes and store in a freezer bag that has been labeled with the name and date. Strong-smelling herbs should be double wrapped in foil to avoid the transfer of odors.

“It’s so easy to use these frozen herbs. Just

simply add the frozen cubes to soups, sauces, stews and other cooked dishes,” she said.

Another preservation method is to freeze herbs in oil. Brown suggested using a mild oil such as canola or vegetable oil, which allows more of the herb flavor to come through in cooking.

Chop two cups of herbs and mix with one-third to one-half cup of oil. The mixture can be frozen in ice cube trays or small jelly jars. Brown said the oil will not freeze solid, making it easy to scrape out as much of the herb mixture as needed for cooking.

Another option is to make a paste by mixing one-third cup of oil with two cups of fresh herbs in a blender and mix until smooth.

“Only use this oil method if you’re planning to freeze the herbs. Do not store herbs in oil at room temperature,” she said.

A third option for preservation is to freeze herbs flat in oil. Brown said some cooks prefer this method over freezing them in ice cube

trays. Place a thin layer of chopped herbs and oil inside a zipper freezer bag. Seal the bag, leaving about a half inch of the zipper open. Squeeze out excess air and seal the bag completely.

The next step, Brown said, is to place the bag flat on a baking sheet, being careful to spread out the herb/oil mixture into a thin layer, and then freeze it.

“When you’re ready to use the herb, just break or cut off as much as you need, then reseal the bag and store the rest in the freezer for later use,” she said. “Also, the herbs are ready to use when they are removed from the freezer so there’s no need to thaw.

“Fresh herbs add so much flavor to foods. With summer garden production coming to an end, freezing the herbs before Mother Nature has a chance to do so will help ensure you can add lots of flavor to meals throughout the winter,” Brown said.

OSU Extension has additional cooking and food safety information available online.

School Menus

COLEMAN

Monday Breakfast

Scrambled eggs, cinnamon toast, cereal, fruit.

Lunch

Corn dog, macaroni and cheese, green beans, fruit, or chef salad with dinner roll.

Tuesday Breakfast

Yogurt parfait, cereal, fruit.

Lunch

Cheeseburger, French fries, fruit, or chicken fajita salad with chips.

Wednesday Breakfast

Biscuit and sausage gravy, cereal, fruit.

Lunch

Chili pie (chili, cheese, corn chips), chili beans, fruit, or chef salad with dinner roll.

Thursday Breakfast

Doughnut, cereal, fruit.

Lunch

Pizza bar, Italian salad, baby carrots, fruit, or chicken fajita salad with chips.

TISHOMINGO

Monday Lunch

Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes, brown gravy, corn, hot roll, fruit.

Tuesday Lunch

Crispy tacos, beans, lettuce, tomatoes, Spanish rice, salsa, fruit.

Wednesday Lunch

Pizza, broccoli, cauliflower, carrots, fruit, cookie.

Thursday Lunch

Corn dog, beans, chips, fruit.

Friday

SCHOOLS OUT

MILBURN

Monday Breakfast

Scrambled eggs, cinnamon toast, cereal,

fruit.

Lunch

Corn dog, macaroni and cheese, green beans, fruit.

Tuesday Breakfast

Yogurt parfait, cereal, fruit.

Lunch

Cheeseburger, French fries, fruit.

Wednesday Breakfast

Doughnut, cereal, fruit.

Lunch

Chili pie (chili, cheese, corn chips), chili beans, fruit.

Thursday Breakfast

Biscuit and sausage gravy, cereal, fruit.

Lunch

Pizza bar, Italian salad, baby carrots, fruit.

WAPANUCKA

Monday Breakfast

French toast, sausage links, fruit, cereal.

Lunch

Spaghetti, garlic bread, roasted squash, fruit.

Tuesday Breakfast

Biscuits and gravy, cereal, fruit.

Lunch

Tacos, salsa, Mexicali corn, ranchero beans, fruit.

Wednesday Breakfast

Breakfast pizza, cereal, fruit.

Lunch

Beef stroganoff, broccoli, roll, fruited jello.

Thursday Breakfast

Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit.

Lunch

Fish sandwich, French fries, coleslaw, fruit.

MILL CREEK

Monday Breakfast

Whole grain muffin, cereal variety, yogurt, granola, fruit.

Lunch

Barbecue sandwich, coleslaw, celery sticks, baby carrots, whole grain chips, fruit.

Tuesday Breakfast

Breakfast burrito, cereal variety, fruit.

Lunch

Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, green peas, carrots, biscuit, fruit.

Wednesday Breakfast

Biscuit, sausage, egg, cheese, cereal variety, fruit.

Lunch

Pinto beans, diced ham, greens, cornbread, salsa, chips, onions, jalapeno peppers.

Thursday Breakfast

Crustless sandwich, cereal variety, fruit, yogurt, granola.

Lunch

Chicken pot pie, broccoli, cauliflower, romaine lettuce, cherry tomatoes, fruit.

MANNSVILLE

Monday Breakfast

Scrambled eggs, cinnamon toast, cereal, fruit.

Lunch

Rigatoni, green beans, breadstick, fruit.

Tuesday Breakfast

Yogurt parfait, cereal, fruit.

Lunch

Cheeseburger, French fries, fruit.

Wednesday Breakfast

Biscuit and sausage gravy, cereal, fruit.

Lunch

Chili pie (chili, cheese, corn chips), chili beans, fruit.

Thursday Breakfast

Doughnut, cereal, fruit.

Lunch

Pizza bar, Italian salad, baby carrots, fruit.

Tishomingo Senior Citizens Center Menus

601 West Main, Tishomingo • 371-9116

Thursday 7-9, 8-20, 10-1, 11-12, 12-2	Friday 7-10, 8-21, 10-2, 11-13, 12-25	Monday 7-13, 8-24, 10-5, 11-16, 12-28	Tuesday 7-14, 8-25, 10-6, 11-17, 12-29	Wednesday 7-15, 8-26, 10-7, 11-18, 12-30
Club Sandwich	Beans/Ham	Lasagna/Meat Sauce	Pork Chop/Mushroom Gravy	Turkey/Swiss Sandwich
Relish Tray, Cream Tomato Soup	Potato Wedges, Greens	Vegetable Blend, Marinated Onion & Cucumbers	Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans	Green Pea Salad, Tomatoes/Onions/Lettuce
Crackers	Cornbread	Garlic Bread	Dinner Roll	Sandwich Bread
Margarine	Margarine	Salad Dressing	Margarine	Mayo, Mustard, Ketchup
Cherry/Banana Jello	Fruit Cobbler	Fruit Cocktail/Whipped Topping	Peanut Butter Cookie	Bread Pudding
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Saturday - 7:00 p.m.

Sunday - Closed

Thursday - 7:00 p.m.

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Johnston County Milestones

Paid Obituary

Sharon Kay Callen



Sharon Kay Callen entered this life on Sept. 3, 1963, at Johnston Memorial Hospital in Tishomingo, Okla. Her parents were Leo L. (Jaybird) and JoAnn Harrison Callen. She was the youngest of three children, having an older brother, James, and a sister, Cheryl.

Kay attended school at Fillmore and Milburn. Later she obtained a cosmetology degree and worked in a shop for several years. She never liked being in a closed area. She drove a truck for several years, but got tired of being away from home. Kay finally found a career when she went and got a degree in dietary management. Mercy Hospital in Tishomingo hired her, and she worked there until her health issues forced her to retire this year. She left this life on Sept. 21, 2020, at her home outside of Milburn.

Kay is survived by her fiancé, David; her mother, JoAnn Callen; a daughter, Amanda; her sister, Cheryl; three grandchildren, Destiny, Scott and Faith; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

In her teen years she was baptized at the Milburn First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her father, Jaybird; a son, Cody; her brother, James; and two husbands, George Ford and Bobby Daniel.

Kay was a talented craftsperson, and enjoyed making and giving gifts to friends and relatives. She liked fishing, gardening, canning, and her little dog.

A memorial will follow at a later date at Bold Springs Cemetery outside of Milburn. Arrangements are under the direction of DeArman-Clark Funeral Home, Tishomingo.

Sowder retires from FHCSO board

The Family Health Center of Southern Oklahoma (FHCSO) in Tishomingo has announced the retirement of board member Dick Sowder.

Sowder, whose term ended in September, has been a dedicated member of the FHCSO Board of Directors since September 2005.

During his 15 years on the board he served as a member, vice president, and as president from 2008 to 2020.

Sowder's board contributions derived from his 20 years of military service, retiring as a major in the United States Army, and as a retired pastor at the Church of the Nazarene.

His service is greatly appreciated, including years of community involvement with the Chamber of Commerce, American Legion, and participating in numerous disaster response efforts for hurricane and flood sites over the years.

"We have dearly loved living in the Tishomingo community. Serving alongside the



Tina Davis (third from left), CEO of the Family Health Center of Southern Oklahoma, presents longtime board member Dick Sowder (center) with a plaque commemorating his years of service to the health clinic. Also pictured left to right are fellow FHCSO board members Seigel Heffington, Tom Winkler, Fran Morrell, Bonnie Lemons and Wanda Kelly. Not pictured are Janie Pennington-Cagle, Gary McDonald, Daniel Ibarra, and Jennifer Bartel.

FHCSO board has been extremely fulfilling to watch the growth go from a modular building to the four clinics we have today," Sowder said.

"Its success is due to a board of visionaries working in unity toward a purpose, along with the county commissioners. It saddens me to leave a wonderful board and rapport of people."

Sowder and his wife Ellen plan on traveling to see more of the country.

"Dick's guidance has been invaluable to FHCSO, and I want to thank him for all he has done during his 15 years of service. Dick has brought a strong and balanced perspective plus a wealth of experience into every board meeting," FCHSO CEO Tina

Davis said.

"He led the FHCSO board during the pivotal time when we embarked on our journey to expand our healthcare service lines, while repositioning the organization to capture growth opportunities in surrounding areas.

"Both the board and the management teams are deeply appreciative of Dick's service."

OSU receives \$1.5 mil for research network

Oklahoma State University (OSU) in Stillwater has received a second year of funding worth nearly \$1.5 million to further develop the national Enhancing Electronic Extension project for improving Extension's capacity to serve the public with new programs and digital tools.

The funding is available via the New Technologies for Ag Extension cooperative grants program from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

Enhancing Electronic Extension, or E3, is a collaborative effort of OSU, the nonprofit eXtension Foundation, Eduworks and North Carolina State University. Thomas Coon, OSU vice president of agricultural programs, serves as the principal investigator for the project; Damona Doye, director of OSU Extension, is project co-investigator.

"We are honored to host the NTAE partnership for our Cooperative Extension colleagues across the Land Grant systems," Coon said.

"The need to shift to more online delivery during the pandemic reinforces the importance of having Extension professionals ready to deliver programs using the latest technologies. And being able to share online content across these universities shows the full impact and efficiency of having an integrated network of Extension professionals."

According to Chris Geith, chief executive officer of the eXtension Foundation, Oklahoma State University continues to be a strong partner in leveraging the eXtension Foundation's ability to incubate and accelerate Extension programs.

The E3 project, under the leadership of Oklahoma State University, will build upon the strengths and capacities of the eXtension Foundation and its 57,000 active users, according to the USDA-NIFA's progress report.



Two longtime members of the Tishomingo Masonic Lodge - Tom Winkler and David Cribbs - were recently honored with 50-year membership certificates during a recent presentation by Past Oklahoma Worshipful Master Ronnie Coppedge, also of Tishomingo, and Oklahoma Masonic Grand Master Bobby J. Peters. Pictured above left to right are Coppedge; John Michael West, a relative of Winkler; Tom Winkler; and Peters. Joining Coppedge and Peters in the photo below are Vicky Cribbs Wheeler, Judy Cribbs and David Cribbs



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Residents' Rights Month honors long-term patients

Across the country, residents of nursing homes and other long-term care facilities, along with family members, ombudsmen, citizen advocates, facility staff and others, will honor the individual rights of long-term care residents by celebrating Residents' Rights Month.

Residents' Rights Month is an annual event held in October by the National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care (Consumer Voice) to celebrate and focus on awareness of dignity, respect and the value of long-term care residents.

The theme for Residents' Rights Month 2020 is, "Connection Matters" to emphasize connections – to family, to friends, and to the community – as an essential component of good health and quality of life for residents.

"The months of restrictions on visitation in long-term care facilities and the inability of residents, families and friends to be together during the coronavirus pandemic has emphasized the importance of connection, of relationships, and the impact they have on all of our well-being," Lori Smetanka, executive director of the Consumer Voice, said.

The Nursing Home Reform Law, passed in 1987, guarantees nursing home residents their individual rights, including but not limited to, individualized care; respect; dignity; the right

to visitation; the right to privacy; the right to complain; and the right to make independent choices.

Residents who have made their home in other types of facilities, such as assisted living and adult care homes, maintain their rights as U.S. citizens.

Residents' Rights Month raises awareness about these rights, and pays tribute to the unique contributions of long-term residents.

The National Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program has worked for more than 40 years to promote residents' rights daily.

More than 8,000 volunteers and 1,000 paid staff are advocates for residents in all 50 states, plus the District of Columbia, Guam and Puerto Rico.

Authorized under the Older Americans Act and administered by the Administration on Aging, the program also provides information on how to find a facility, conducts community education sessions, and supports residents, their families and the public with one-on-one consultation regarding long-term care.

A long-term care ombudsman is a person who receives complaints from residents of long-term care facilities, their friends or relative, and attempts to resolve those complaints within the facility.

The ombudsman has the authority to explore problems and recom-



mend corrective action to the facility.

If you feel that any resident in a facility has had their resident rights violated and you would

like to file a complaint or have questions, simply contact the SODA Area Agency on Aging Ombudsman Program for Bryan, Carter, John-

ston, Love and Marshall counties.

Contact Tiffany Wingfield, Rebekah Williams or Julie McBride at SODA Area Agency

on Aging at (580) 920-1388; write to them at P.O. Box 709, Durant, OK 74702; or e-mail ombudsman.intake.line@okdhs.org.

Johnston County Church Guide

Bible Verse of the Week:

"So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others."

(Matthew 6:2, NIV)

TISHOMINGO ABUNDANT LIFE CATHEDRAL
99 and Morrow Lane • 371-0129
Revs. Daniel & Delores Stevens, Pastors
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Evening.....6:00 p.m.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
211 N. Broadway • 371-2112
Cordell and Erin Hines, Pastors
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:40 a.m.
Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening.....7:00 p.m.

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

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
407 E. Main • 371-3243
Luke Holmes, Pastor
(Transportation available; call for ride.)
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:40 a.m.
Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening.....6:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

MAD MINISTRIES
900 East Main • 371-8509
Ivan Richeson, Jim Branch, Pastors
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.

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

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

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
400 South Muldrow • 371-3120
Rev. Larry Strouse, Pastor
Sunday Worship.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m.
Midweek Discipleship (Wednesday).....6:30 p.m.

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

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
202 N. Neshoba • 371-2498
Rev. Joel Thompson, Pastor
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.m.
Wed. ASK Group.....3:30 p.m.
Thursday Wesley MSC.....Noon

VICTORY TABERNACLE
201 West 4th St.
(580) 257-0180
Charles Pitts, Pastor
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening.....7:30 p.m.

UNITED CHURCH
8th & Kemp
Jon Hazell, Pastor
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening.....6:30 p.m.

BROMIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
Allen Hicks, Pastor
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening.....5:45 p.m.
Wednesday Evening.....6:30 p.m.

BUTCHER PEN BAPTIST MISSION

193 E. Butcher Pen Road • 443-5675
David Boggs, Pastor
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening.....7:00 p.m.

COLEMAN COLEMAN CHURCH OF CHRIST
Highway 48
Sunday Morning.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.m.
Wednesday Evening.....7:00 p.m.

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

FOLSOM FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Rayden Whitmire, Pastor
Coleman, OK
www.folsomfwb.com
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening.....6:30 p.m.

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

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Hwy. 377 • 836-7161
Art Brown, Pastor
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.

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

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

FILLMORE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
(580) 380-6769
Rev. Michael Horath, Pastor
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening.....7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

LEAP OF FAITH FULL GOSPEL CHURCH
1.9 miles west of Mannville
Rev. Judy Anglin, Pastor
371-3442
Sunday Fellowship...10:00 a.m.

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

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211 S. Grand Ave. • 371-2065
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Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:50 a.m.
Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening.....7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening.....6:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

ROCK HARBOR CHURCH
Hwy 22, Ravia • 371-9441
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Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening.....7:00 p.m.

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

LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH OF GOD
5th and N St.
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Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening.....5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening.....7:00 p.m.

CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY
Hwy. 48 North
Frank Wallace, Pastor • 937-4430
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening.....6:00 p.m.

NEW BEGINNINGS
Kenneth & Shelly May
(580) 378-2309
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening.....7:00 p.m.

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

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Council

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able to lower the rates at some point, after completion of the current Main Street repair project and the end of the COVID-19 pandemic enables the city to bring in more sales tax revenues.

“I am definitely going to be watching our tax base,” he said.

Similar sentiments were expressed by both Vice Mayor Melissa Green and Councilwoman Laura Wood, both of whom expressed reluctance to enact the increase but cited it as a necessity the city could no longer choose to delay.

“I hate it,” Wood said during her comments. “(But) if we continue to rob Peter to pay Paul, the infrastructure is going to continue to crumble.”

“I don’t see any other way,” Green added. “I’m behind it. I didn’t want to be, but I’m behind it.”

The discussion ended with Wood making the motion to approve the rate increase. The motion was seconded by Sharon Boston, and passed by a 4-0 vote; Sue Robins was unable to attend the meeting.

The resolution approved by the council amended the city’s code of ordinances by continuing a monthly debt service fee of five dollars that is already in effect since 2016. The current minimum charge per meter is \$27.52; under the terms of the amended ordinance, the minimum charge beginning in November of this year increases to \$36.30, then to \$47.90 in November 2021.

The water usage charge per 1,000 gallons will increase under the terms of the new ordinance, with the charge for 1,000 gallons or less included in the minimum charge per meter.

For example, customers now using between 1,001 and 2,000 gallons will see their water usage payment increase from the current rate of \$2.70 to \$3.55 this November,

and \$4.70 in November 2021.

Sewer and garbage pickup costs are not being increased at this time.

The rate change will affect a two-person household in the following manner (figures based on actual August 2020 billing on 2,000 gallons usage for a family of two, without outside watering or garden):

Water - Current billing, \$30.22; November 2020, \$39.85; November 2021, \$52.60.

Sewer - Current billing, \$19.35; November 2020, \$19.35; November 2021, \$19.35.

Garbage - Current billing, \$15.51; November 2020, \$15.51; November 2021, \$15.51.

Debt Service Fee - Current billing, \$5; November 2020, \$5; November 2021, \$5.

Total Bill - Current billing, \$70.08; November 2020, \$79.71; November 2021, \$92.46.

After November 2021, an annual automatic increase based upon CPI-W (Urban wage earners and clerical workers) will be in place.

This is based on this particular inflation index, and each annual increase will be effective in January of that year.

If the index declines, the ordinance does not allow for a corresponding decrease in water utility rates.

The CPI-W was 3.2 percent for 2019 (last complete year). This would automatically increase the water rate on the two-person family in this example by \$1.68 for 2022, with similar corresponding amounts into future years without council action.

This is a 24.17 percent increase in water rate for Year One, and an increase in total bill for the first year of 12.2 percent.

The 2022 increase will represent a total water rate increase over the original rate of 42.55 percent; total increase for the bill for a family of two is 24.21 percent over

the original amount.

Earlier during last Thursday’s meeting, the council took up the question of whether to amend or rescind the face mask ordinance it had approved on Sept. 10.

The ordinance had been approved at the time by a 3-2 vote, with Wood and Jumper voting against.

As reported in the Sept. 17 edition of the *Sentinel*, that ordinance - patterned after a similar mandate enacted in Ada earlier this year - stated that all persons “shall wear a facial mask which are consistent with CDC guidelines or facial shields when out in public (indoors and outdoors) and social distancing of six feet or more cannot be maintained.”

But it also listed a number of exceptions to the mandate listed in the ordinance, including any person with a medical condition or disability that prevents the wearing of masks, and any person at a restaurant to eat or drink at a table.

Green, who had asked that the ordinance be placed before the council for consideration, had said at the time that she did so after she was approached by two business owners seeking support for their requests that customers wear masks while at those businesses due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Green had also said that she was concerned about the possible economic impact that could result as the pandemic continues, expressing hope that the mask mandate might help the city avoid a possible second shutdown of businesses should the number of confirmed positive cases of the virus continue to rise.

But a number of residents responded with outrage and contempt for the mandate, equating

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Financial advisor assists with planning for future

This week’s Member Spotlight is on Edward Jones – Brooke Tidwell, Financial Advisor.

Tidwell began her journey with Edward Jones in 2011, as a client, to save for the future, work on financial goals, and to prepare for retirement.

She enjoyed building a relationship she could trust with her financial advisor, and grew to love the company as a whole.

“As my passion for the importance of finance grew over time, an opportunity became available to begin my career as a financial advisor with Edward Jones,” Tidwell said.

The financial solutions and strategies that she recommends are based on what’s most important to you. She loves working with clients whose financial goals are a priority.

Together, you develop plans to work toward long-term goals to prepare for retirement; live in retirement; send a child or grandchild to college; outline estate goals; and prepare for the unexpected and so much more.

She can help with financial savings, inheritance, transfers of wealth, life insurance, and employer retirement plans.

In fact, the Johnston County Chamber recently set up an account with Brooke to round out a more comprehensive employment package for its employee(s). It was so easy.

Tidwell’s office is based in Ada, but serves clients throughout Oklahoma and across the United States. She is involved in local chambers of commerce, schools, and helps with community events.

The best thing to do is ask questions. Tidwell is incredibly smart, and knows how to explain the various

Chamber News

Jordyn Frazier
JCCC Executive Director



types of plans and strategies to better help you realize what you need to do to start investing in yourself. From personal experience, she is easy to talk to and genuinely cares about her clients.

If you would like to ask her questions about what you can be doing to prepare for the future, give her a call at (580) 332-3555 or e-mail brooke.tidwell@edward-jones.com. It’s easier than you think!

As a reminder, each week our spotlights are drawn at random from the pool of members who have not yet been written about.

This may lead to businesses and organizations being spotlighted who are veteran members or brand new.

We enjoy getting to know our membership in this way, and look forward to writing about them each week.

Please participate in “Falling in Love with Our Small Businesses” this week. See an elaborated article on Page 4 of this copy of the *Johnston County Sentinel*.

The Johnston County Chamber will be celebrating with its annual banquet next Friday and Saturday, October 9-10.

Ticket holders should make note of their tickets to be sure which night they should attend, and bring them to present at check-in.

We’re looking forward to a couple of fun and safe nights!

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Crime News

Police Phone Log

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21:
6:08 p.m. - Caller reporting domestic.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22:
3:21 p.m. - Caller reporting suspicious activity.
8:14 p.m. - Caller reporting reckless driver.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23:
5:47 p.m. - Caller requesting welfare check.
9:19 p.m. - Caller reporting suspicious activity.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24:
12:04 a.m. - Caller reporting prowler.
8:34 a.m. - Caller reporting fight.
11:46 a.m. - Caller reporting hit-and-run.
12:16 p.m. - Caller reporting reckless driver.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25:
8:12 a.m. - Caller reporting suspicious activity.
10:09 a.m. - Caller reporting domestic.
10:49 a.m. - Caller reporting dog bite.
2:48 p.m. - Caller reporting reckless driver.
3:30 p.m. - Caller reporting drug found.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26:
10:28 a.m. - Caller reporting fraud.
11:16 a.m. - Caller reporting open door.
12:16 p.m. - Caller reporting suspicious person.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27:
7:10 p.m. - Caller reporting break-in.
8:44 p.m. - Alarm call.

Sheriff's Phone Log

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21:
3:59 a.m. - Caller in Milburn reporting suspicious vehicle.
11:07 a.m. - Medical call in Milburn.
5:02 p.m. - Caller in Ravia reporting theft.
10:15 p.m. - Caller in Milburn requesting extra patrol.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22:
9:39 p.m. - Caller reporting vehicle accident on State Highway 1 east of Highway 177.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23:
8:37 a.m. - Caller in Ravia requesting welfare check.
7:57 p.m. - Caller in Mannsville reporting threat.
8:51 p.m. - Caller reporting vehicle accident at Highway 177 and South Foster Lane.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24:
9:15 p.m. - Caller in Mannsville reporting suspicious vehicle.
9:29 p.m. - Caller in Ravia reporting reckless driver.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25:
12:28 a.m. - Caller in Wapanucka reporting reckless driver.
3:39 p.m. - Caller in Milburn reporting theft.
4:05 p.m. - Caller reporting road hazard on State Highway 377 south.
4:12 p.m. - Medical call in Mannsville.
5:28 p.m. - Caller reporting cow out, location not listed on log.
5:31 p.m. - Caller reporting vehicle accident, location not listed on log.
8:28 p.m. - Caller in Wapanucka reporting reckless driver.
10:13 p.m. - Caller in Coleman reporting unwanted person.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26:
12:34 a.m. - Caller in Reagan reporting suspicious activity.
8:23 a.m. - Caller in Kenefic reporting vehicle accident.
7:58 p.m. - Alarm call in Ravia.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27:
2:31 a.m. - Caller on State Highway 1 north reporting break-in.
4:38 p.m. - Medical call, location not listed on log.

Johnston County Blotter

The following cases were filed in the Johnston County Court Clerk's office in Tishomingo during the week of Sept. 18-24.

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
Shawna Marie Watson - Bail jumping.

Misdemeanors
Tommye Lee Vanfossen - Possession of controlled dangerous substance (methamphetamine); possession of drug paraphernalia.
Brandon L. Burns - Disturbing the peace.
Treba Kay Adams - Domestic assault and battery in presence of minor.
Falisha Nicole Drain - Domestic assault and battery in presence of minor.

Traffic
Richard Bappert, Oklahoma City - Speeding, 77/65; failure to pay all taxes due state; affixing improper license plate to vehicle; failure to comply with compulsory insurance law.
Sean Ojeda, Calera - Speeding, 76/65.
Callen Douglas Ragan, Coleman - Operating vehicle at a speed greater than reasonable and proper; left of center in no passing zone.
Terry Gene Ballard Jr., Tishomingo - Speeding, 65/55.
Christopher Allen Utz, Tishomingo - Failure to wear seat belt.
Michael Anthony Craft, Tishomingo - Failure to properly wear seat belt (driver).

Wildlife
None.

Civil
R.N.S. - Name change.
Midland Credit Management vs. Luis Vasquez Villafranco - Indebtedness.
Midland Credit Management vs. Fausto Sicairos - Indebtedness.
Southwestern Bell Telephone vs. Avery Construction Incorporated - Damages.

Small Claims
Ginia Elaine White-Bacon vs. Anthony Cabniss - Forcible entry and detainer.
Yulinda Williams vs. Kimberly Denise Brown - Forcible entry and detainer.

Marriages
Alan Whitfield Faulk, 48, Wapanucka, and Jennifer Danielle Powell, 42, Wapanucka.
Joedan Nix Bigham, 39, Tishomingo, and Raven Cheyanne Alyne Eason, 28, Tishomingo.
Chance Lee Cannon, 48, Tishomingo, and Vicki Lucille Ermeling, 49, Tishomingo.

Divorces
None



Local business awards funds for JCSO web cams

Doctor Ron Austin (third from left), and members of his staff at Austin-Rand Dental Center of Tishomingo, presents a check in the amount of \$10,000 to Johnston County Sheriff Jon Smith and Undersheriff Gary Dodd during a brief ceremony on Tuesday. Smith and Dodd told the *Johnston County Sentinel* that the donation will be used immediately to purchase state-of-the-art body cameras for all JCSO deputies. It is the latest of such public donations awarded to the sheriff's office; according to a statement released by Smith's office on Tuesday, the JCSO was last year given a donation a \$2,500 by a local businesswoman and rancher. That money was used to purchase a 800 mhz radio for one of the JCSO patrol units.

Local woman wanted for bail jumping

A Tishomingo woman already charged with a felony count of larceny of an automobile is now being sought for bail jumping.

According to documents on file at the Johnston County Court Clerk's Office, the new charge was filed against Shawna Marie Watson after she "willingly failed to surrender herself to the court" by Aug. 25.

The court documents state that Watson had failed to appear for a scheduled appearance in Johnston County District Court on Aug. 20, incurring a forfeiture of the \$15,000 bond she had posted on Jan. 20, 2019.

The bail jumping charge carries a possible sentence of imprisonment for up to one year and/or a \$1,000 fine if convicted.

As first reported in the Jan. 31, 2019, edition of the *Sentinel*, the original larceny count stemmed from allegations that Watson - whose address was listed at the time as Ravia - had taken a 1971 Ford pickup owned by Daniel Robert Martin, also of Ravia, without Martin's consent.

If convicted on the larceny count, she faces a possible sentence of imprisonment for a period not to exceed five years, and/or a fine equal to three times the value of the property, plus restitution.

State senator plans to file bill regarding local police funding

Oklahoma State Sen. Rob Standridge (R-Norman) announced this week that he plans to file legislation later this fall to make sure local governments don't ignore the will of their citizens when slashing police department budgets.

"We're still working on the language, but basically, if the citizens voted to increase police personnel or additional funding, their local government couldn't just come back in later and slash that budget," Standridge said in a press release dated Monday, Sept. 28.

"The issue would have to go back to the



Rob Standridge

voters to decide if they wanted those reductions or not."

Standridge said a second component of the legislation would block any state aid or grants from going to local governments that cut law enforcement budgets.

"I'm very concerned about what's happening, not just around the country, but here in Oklahoma," Standridge said. "If a local government decides to do that, then I think there should be consequences. That's what I want to address with my legislation."

Standridge has also announced planned legislation to strengthen Oklahoma statutes about rioting by ensuring those responsible for the destruction of property are held fully accountable for restitution.

Legislators can formally file legislation for the 2021 session beginning Nov. 15.

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Sports Beat

Despite strong first half, Indians fall 33-6 to Davis *Tishomingo scheduled to travel to Marietta this Friday night*

By John A. Small
Managing Editor

There is much that perhaps could be said about the Tishomingo Indians' district opener against Davis at home last Friday.

Perhaps. But the fact that Coach Clint Nabors led his team off the field without the traditional photos with parents or post-game interview with the local newspaper probably says it all.

After a first half that saw Tishomingo put forth their best performance in recent memory, the Indians' game slowly unraveled in the third quarter and imploded in the fourth, losing possession four times - three fumbles and an intercepted pass - and also failed to recover a Davis fumble en route to suffering a 33-6 defeat.

The loss puts Tishomingo's record at 0-3 overall and 0-1 in district play going into this week's road game at Marietta. Kickoff is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Friday night.

Last week's saw Tishomingo receive the opening kickoff after the Wolves won the toss and deferred to the second half.

Hunter Stephens returned that kickoff to the Indians' 35-yard line, setting off a lengthy series of plays that ate up the clock and ended with a turnover on downs when Stephens was stopped just short of picking up a first down at the Davis 31.

Tishomingo's defense stepped up at that point and forced a loss of yardage on the first play of the Wolves' possession.

An offside call against the Indians moved Davis up five yards, but two plays later the Wolves lost yards again and punted on fourth-and-4.

The punt put Tisho-

mingo on its own 1-yard line, and the Indians managed to pick up six yards over the next three plays. On fourth-and-4 Stephens kept the ball on a fake punt and scrambled to the Tishomingo 33 for the first down as the buzzer sounded the end of the first quarter.

The score remained 0-0 until the 6:47 mark in the second quarter, when a Davis ball carrier maneuvered around the THS defenders and into the end zone.

The extra point attempt failed, putting the Wolves at 6-0.

Tishomingo started its next possession at its 38, and immediately picked up a first down courtesy of a 10-yard charge by Stephens. It was the first of a 10-play series that culminated with the Indians standing at first-and-goal on the Davis 5.

Another Stephens carry put Tishomingo on the 1, then Stephens took the handoff again to dart in for the touchdown with 24 seconds remaining in the half. The kick on the extra point attempt went wide to the left, leaving the score tied at 6-6.

As the clock ticked off the final seconds of the half it looked as if the Indians might get another chance to score when Tishomingo's Justin Cardenas intercepted a Davis pass at the Wolves' 16.

But that left only one second on the clock, not enough for Stephens to get into the end zone before the end of the half.

The third quarter seemed to hold promise for further Tishomingo heroics, as the Indians recovered a Davis fumble on the opening kickoff to immediately gain possession.

Three successive carries by Stephens quickly put the Indians at fourth-and-1. But an illegal procedure call sent Tishomingo five yards



Tishomingo's Hunter Stephens (No. 28 above) moves the ball within a yard of the end zone near the end of the second quarter of last Friday's game against Davis. The very next play would see Stephens run in for a touchdown. In the photo at right, THS junior Justin Cardenas (No. 5) zeroes in on a Davis defender to help Stephens pick up some much-needed yardage. (Sentinel staff photos by Joshua Small)



backwards, and the ensuing pass attempt went incomplete to give the ball back to Davis.

That set the stage for a slow, methodical Wolves drive that ended with a touchdown on second-and-goal from the Indians' 1. This time the extra-point attempt

saw Davis run a successful two-point conversion to gain the 14-6 lead with just 1:42 left in the period.

The quarter ended with Tishomingo at first-and-10 at its own 46 for four plays into the possession. That's when the meltdown started.

After being driven back a yard on the first play of the period, Stephens carried again for no gain. Colby Gray's pass on third-and-11 was intercepted, putting the Wolves in possession at the Tishomingo 46.

The THS defense managed to hold Davis to a single yard over the next two plays, and a hit by Gray on third-and-9 resulted in a fumble that

the Indians were not able to recover.

Now at fourth-and-10, the Wolves punted and Tishomingo started its next possession at its own 10.

The first play of that possession saw the first of the Indians' three lost fumbles during the quarter. Two plays later the Wolves scored and picked up the extra point to improve their lead to 20-6 at the 7:28 mark.

Tishomingo started its next possession near its 35 and managed to pick up only six yards before another fumble on third-and-4 returned the ball to Davis. The next five plays saw the Wolves score again with 2:34 left on the clock,

and the successful kick increased their advantage to 26-6.

Insult was added to Tishomingo's misery seconds later when the Indians lost yet another fumble on their 34.

Davis immediately responded with a touchdown run on the first play of that possession, then scored the extra point for the 33-6 lead with 2:14 left to play.

After the next kickoff put Tishomingo at its 10, back-to-back carries by Aiden Clark and Cruz Martinez advanced the Indians to third-and-five.

But that's as far as they got; the final buzzer sounded as Martinez carried again for only a short gain.

Wildlife goes nuts for acorns

It is the time of year when Oklahoma wildlife goes nuts - over acorns.

The floors of the state's wooded areas are loaded with these delectable little nuggets of goodness.

"Oklahoma wildlife feasts on acorns to help build up fat reserves for the winter," Dwayne Elmore, Oklahoma State University Extension wildlife specialist, professor and Bollenbach Chair in OSU's Department of Natural Resource Ecology and Management, said.

"Lots of animals eat acorns, including blue jays and squirrels, and insects such as acorn weevils. They definitely take advantage of this time of year when the acorns supply is flush to help build fat reserves for the winter," Elmore said.

"However, it's deer that we most associate with eating acorns. Although deer have a diverse diet, their favorite thing to nosh on in the fall is acorns. In fact, acorns can constitute up to 25 percent of a deer's autumn diet. The acorns

are easy to digest and provide protein needed for healthy wildlife."

Acorns are the seed of the oak, and as fall approaches they drop from trees and provide a smorgasbord for wildlife.

This popular food supply has a narrow window of availability, and exists only about two to three months out of the year in the autumn.

Production can vary considerably. Elmore said that during some years production can be light, which can actually help deer hunters.

When acorn counts are high, deer can be harder to predict because they have resources everywhere and are less likely to use food plots. Acorn production depends on late spring frosts and summer rainfall.

"Deer hunters have a good understanding of the importance of finding trees that are dropping acorns, because the deer tend to concentrate there in October and November," he said.

Acorns are produced by all species of oak found in Oklaho-

ma. While there is some variation in animal preference between the various oak species, all are consumed.

In central Oklahoma, the two most common oak are the post oak and the blackjack oak. In western Oklahoma, the dwarf shinnery oak is prevalent, while in the eastern portion of Oklahoma species such as black oak, Shumard oak and southern red oak are more common.

According to the State Department of Wildlife Conservation, deer hunters in Oklahoma can look forward to the upcoming hunting seasons, including:

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YOUR 2020 TISHOMINGO INDIANS



Tishomingo junior linebacker Hunter Stephens (far right) prepares to return to his feet after diving in for what proved to be the Indians' only TD of the night against Davis last Friday, Sept. 25. (Sentinel staff photo by Joshua Small)

2020 Football Roster

Number	Name	Class	Positions
2	CRUIZ MARTINEZ	FRESH	DB/RB
3	ZACHARY CURRY	SOPH	DB/WR
4	CREED BALLINGER	SR	LB/WR
5	JUSTIN CARDENAS	JR	DB/WR
9	NICK STROUSE	JR	DB/QB
10	LANE CRYER	JR	DB/WR
20	JAKE McGEE	FRESH	DB/WR
21	STEPHEN BALL	SOPH	DB/WR
23	COLBY GRAY	SOPH	LB/QB
26	PENNINGTON MAY	JR	LB/RB
28	HUNTER STEPHENS	JR	LB/RB
30	PABLO NAJERA	SOPH	LB/RB
33	SEAN HARIEN	SOPH	LB/RB
40	NATE COPELAND	SOPH	LB/WR
48	DAKOTA PRITCHARD	JR	DL/RB
50	GAGE REDD	SOPH	DL/OL
55	TYLER KNIGHT	FRESH	LB/OL
58	CAMDEN CABINESS	SR	DL/OL
62	ROMAN RAWLS	FRESH	DL/OL
65	JIMMY PRIDDY	SOPH	DL/OL
66	JARRED HOUSLEY	JR	DL/OL
74	JACOB CARTER	SR	DL/OL
75	ETHAN CARTER	SOPH	DL/OL
77	ELIJAH MIRANDA	FRESH	DL/OL
84	LEVI UNDERWOOD	SR	LB/WR
88	AIDEN CLARK	SOPH	LB/WR

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Assistant Coaches:

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Team Managers:

Olivia Alexander, Brooklyn Claborn, Emily McCarter

Aug. 28 MADILL - Canceled
Sept. 4 ALLEN - Canceled
Sept. 11 PAULS VALLEY - Lost, 29-6
Sept. 17 KINGSTON - Lost, 42-0
Sept. 25 DAVIS - Lost, 33-6
Oct. 2 MARIETTA - AWAY
Oct. 9 FREDERICK - HOME
Oct. 15 COALGATE - AWAY
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Oct. 30 LINDSAY - HOME
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Nov. 6 MARLOW - AWAY

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CUTE, 4 BDRM., 2 BTH. FRAME, comp. roof, pier and beam foundation, ceiling fans, window unit cooling, gas heating, covered front porch, kitchen stove and refrigerator go with house, two storage building, metal fencing in back yard, sets on several lots in ravina, sets on the corner of Third Street, 109 3, needs some repair work. Asking \$28,000.

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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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Legal Notices

(Published September 24 & October 1, 2020)
STATE OF OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Advertisement to Contractors - October 15, 2020
10:30 A.M. Bid Opening
 Plans and proposals for this bid opening will be ready for sale on September 24, 2020. No bidding proposals will be issued to any Contractor after October 14, 2020 10:30 A.M. The cost for each bidding proposal is \$50.00 + tax. State Standard Specifications may be purchased by contacting Office Services Division.

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906 S. Ohio, Tishomingo, OK - Brick home, great location near Murray State College, 2b/2b, bonus room that could be a third bedroom, has sunroom, garage, additional covered parking, two outside storage buildings. Call Abby, (580) 371-1023, for your showing. \$120,000

No refunds will be made for bidding documents or specification books purchased.

Sample proposals, preliminary plans, long form and short form notices, order forms, bid tabs and awards, can be accessed on ODOT's Web site: <http://www.okladot.state.ok.us/contracts/index.htm>.

Bids must be prepared as directed by the State Standard Specifications. Unless otherwise specified, bids for all projects must be submitted over the internet to Bid Express (<http://www.bidx.com>) using AASHTOWare Project Bids. Instructions for using Bid Express, Project Bids, and the electronic bidding process are available from the Office Engineer Division. When written bids are allowed, sealed proposals may be delivered directly to the Office Engineer Division prior to the scheduled bid opening. For written bids, do not disassemble the bidding proposal in any way.

Any firm bidding a project as a joint venture must complete the 'Request for Joint Venture' form, which is posted on the ODOT website, prior to the bid opening.

Unless otherwise specified in the proposals, all bids must be submitted with a proposal guaranty equal to 5% of the bid total.

A Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at 10:00 A.M. on October 02, 2020 concerning this October 15, 2020 10:30 A.M. bid opening in the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) Commission Room. Submit any questions or concerns to the Office Engineer Division via email: ODOT-Prebid.Question@odot.org, fax: 405-522-0972, or phone: (405) 521-2625. Please include the words "Pre-bid question(s)" along with the call order and the

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JOHNSTON COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

In the Matter of the Estate of GREGORY HAROLD BLAIR, Deceased.

Case No. PB-2020-19

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of Gregory Harold Blair, Deceased:

All creditors having claims against Gregory Harold Blair, Deceased, are required to present the same with a description of all security interests and other collateral (if any) held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to Jean-Marie Blair Hall, Personal Representative, at the law offices of Republic Law Group, at 7 East Main Street, Ardmore, Oklahoma, 73401, addressed to Jeffrey S. Landgraf, attorney for the Personal Representative, on or before the following presentment date: November 18, 2020, or the same will be forever barred.

Dated this 14th day of September, 2020.

/s/ Jean-Marie Blair Hall
Jean-Marie Blair Hall,
Personal Representative

Jeffrey S. Landgraf,
OBA #19507
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Attorney for Petitioner,
Jean-Marie Blair Hall

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NOTICE OF AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING A PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PROJECT

All interested persons are hereby given notice that the INCA Community Services, Inc. dba JAMM Transit is seeking financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration, for the purpose of operating a rural public transportation project. Grant funds will be used to purchase one replacement vehicle and one expansion vehicle for operations in Atoka and Johnston Counties. If any person desires a public hearing to consider the social, economic and/or environmental effects of the proposed project, may submit their request in writing to JAMM Transit, PO Box 807, Atoka, OK 74525 by no later than October 14, 2020. A copy of the grant proposal is currently available for public inspection and copying at 371 W. 10th Street, Atoka, OK 74525 and 202 S. Capital, Tishomingo, OK 73460.

(Published September 24, October 1 & 8, 2020)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JOHNSTON COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

Jeremy David Studdard;

Jane or John Doe, spouse if any of Jeremy David Studdard;

Khiana Leigh Reese;

John or Jane Doe, spouse if any of Khiana Leigh Reese;

Occupants of Premises, if any,

State of Oklahoma, ex rel Oklahoma Tax Commission,

Defendants.

Case No. CJ-2020-20

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

SS:

COUNTY OF JOHNSTON

TO: **Jeremy David Studdard; Jane or John Doe, spouse if any of Jeremy David Studdard; Khiana Leigh Reese; John or Jane Doe, spouse if any of Khiana Leigh Reese; Occupants of Premises, if any of 102 South Mill Street, Ravia, OK 73455.**

TAKE NOTICE that you have been sued by Plaintiff, Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc., in the District Court of Johnston County, State of Oklahoma, Case No. CJ-2020-20 and you must answer the Petition of said Plaintiff on file in said cause on or before November 16, 2020, or the allegations of said Petition will be taken as true, and judgment will be rendered against you foreclosing your interest in the real estate, awarding to the Plaintiff a first Mortgage lien upon the following-

scribed real estate situated in Johnston County, Oklahoma, to-wit:

LOTS THIRTEEN (13) TO TWENTY FOUR (24), BOTH INCLUSIVE, BLOCK SIXTY FIVE (65), TOWN OF RAVIA, JOHNSTON COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, AS SHOWN BY THE OFFICIAL PLAT AND SURVEY THEREOF.

and

2010 PINEHURST MOBILE HOME VIN: CSS010911TXAB (the "Property")

foreclosing said mortgage lien and ordering the subject real property sold with or without appraisal as Plaintiff shall elect at the time judgment is rendered; for all of which you will take due notice. This is a request for an **IN REM ONLY** Judgment.

WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL this 17th day of Sept., 2020.

/s/ Cassandra Slover
Cassandra Slover
Court Clerk

By: /s/ Tina Pittman
Tina Pittman
Deputy

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Public Notice

Tishomingo Housing Authority's 2021 Annual Plan is complete and available for public inspection, comments or suggestions. The 2021 Annual Plan can be viewed at the Tishomingo Housing Authority's Office located at 1005 N. Byrd, Tishomingo Oklahoma on Monday through Friday from 8:00am-12:00pm. Tishomingo Housing Authority's Board of Commissioners will meet on November 9, 2020 at the Tishomingo Housing Authority's Office located at 1005 N. Byrd, Tishomingo at 2:00pm to finalize and approve the 2021 Annual Plan.

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(Published October 1, 2020)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JOHNSTON COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

In the Matter of the Application of

Holly Connelly, as guardian and next friend of R.N.S., a Minor Child, to Change her Name.

Case No. CV-2020-25

NOTICE OF FILING PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Holly Connelly, as guardian and next friend

of R.N.S., a minor child, has filed a Petition to have the minor child's name changed in the District Court of Johnston County, Oklahoma.

The Petition has been set for hearing by the District Court of Johnston County in the County Court House, located in Tishomingo, Oklahoma, on the 30th day of October, 2020, at 10:30 o'clock a.m. and that any person may file a written protest in the case prior to the date set for hearing.

Any person may file a written protest in the case prior to the date set for hearing.

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

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JOHNSTON COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

JAMES TROY OWENS,

Plaintiff,

v.

GAYLA ANN OWENS,
VICKI MCGINLEY, LUKE MASTERS, EVAN MASTERS, MADISON MASTERS SERVEN, ANDREW MASTERS, LYDIA MASTERS, EMILY MASTERS, and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees and assigns, immediate and remote of: JAMES FOSTER OWENS, Deceased, DONNIE SUE OWENS a/k/a DONNA SUE OWENS, Deceased, JOHN MASTERS, Deceased, STEVE MASTERS, Deceased,

Defendants.

Case No. CV-2020-17

AMMENDED NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The State of Oklahoma to:

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to said real property.

Dated this 24th day of September, 2020.

Court Clerk of Johnston County, Oklahoma
By: /s/ Jaqueline Murk
Jaqueline Murk
Deputy

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Plaintiff,

v.

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Plaintiff,

v.

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Plaintiff,

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Virtual SEASAM and SEASAM Youth launches online market

Many of the artists participating in the Artesian Online Art Market deemed the event a success, according to James Wallace, director of visual arts, media and design for the Chickasaw Nation Department of Culture and Humanities.

“It went really well, especially since this was the first online art market we have ever hosted. It was really a group effort, with several departments working together,” Wallace said.

“I feel that teamwork really paid off, and allowed us to give the artists and the public a nice online experience.”

Many artists enjoyed success, selling items they

submitted to the online market. Artists rotated inventory to offer options to patrons and were rewarded with sales.

With pandemic numbers climbing in Oklahoma and in many other states, the Chickasaw Nation is preparing to showcase artwork online again for the Southeastern Art Show and Market (SEASAM), taking place annually during the Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and Festival.

SEASAM began in 2005, and has become a staple of the Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and Festival.

“We are working on some things for Virtual SEASAM and SEASAM Youth that will make it a little different,” Wallace said. “The overall market experience will be remarkably similar, and we will allow the artists and buyers to connect directly.

“There are two main components that I’m really looking forward to, including SEASAM Youth and a competition component.”

The online market launches today (Thursday), Oct. 1, and the virtual market will remain up through Dec. 31. This will give the artists and buyers an outlet for sales through the holiday season.

the City addressed many of those leaks and greatly improved water efficiency; and

WHEREAS, the Chickasaw Nation assisted the City in obtaining nearly \$2,000,000.00 in grant funding from the U.S. Economic Development Administration and pledged additional financial assistance towards the new Water Treatment Plant construction; and

WHEREAS, the City obtained an additional \$3,101,000 in grant funding to defray the cost of the new Water Treatment Plant. However, that still leaves \$7,119,000 to be covered through a loan from US-Rural Development Association (“US-RDA”); and

WHEREAS, despite the City’s efforts to make its system more efficient, to capture lost utility revenue, and to obtain grant funding, an increase to utility rates is unavoidable; and

WHEREAS, the Chickasaw Nation reimbursed the City for the cost to hire NewGen Strategies & Solutions, experts in providing water and wastewater rate consulting, to analyze the City’s water and wastewater rates and, if necessary, to develop sustainable rates

and projected rates for new development and new accounts; and

WHEREAS, NewGen analyzed all available billing and financial data, provided numerous funding scenarios and recommendations incorporating the City’s current and projected debt, operating and capital needs, potential impacts of connections for Murray State College, ability of the utility to comply with required financial terms of US-RDA, and factored in mitigating factors, such as payoff of one infrastructure loan. Based on the resulting analysis, NewGen found that the City’s current rates do not recover its current costs—nor are current rates sufficient to enable the City to qualify for the proposed loan and funding package offered by US-RDA, which is necessary to build the new Water Treatment Plant. Accordingly, NewGen proposed a multi-year plan of adjustments to the City’s water utility rates that forecast revenues sufficient to meet the City’s cost of providing this service and comply with the financial covenants required by US-RDA.

WHEREAS, in order to qualify for the grant and loan funding package from US-RDA to pay for the new

Water Treatment Plant, the City must meet and sustain a debt coverage ratio of 1.25. Currently, the City does not meet that debt coverage ratio. As such, the City must adopt the water rates developed by NewGen to qualify for the loan; and

WHEREAS, while NewGen evaluated both water and wastewater rates, this ordinance only addresses water rates. The City has requested an engineering report on its wastewater system to confirm the cost of needed improvements before considering any potential wastewater rate increases; and

WHEREAS, the City is aware of several economic development projects that require the increased capacity of the new Water Treatment Plant before those projects can proceed. The City anticipates that those increased water users will, in time, assist in mitigating future utility increases and provide the opportunity to restructure residential rates to provide rate relief while enabling the City to still meet all its financial obligations; and

WHEREAS, the City understands increases in utility rates can present hardships

to its citizens. As such, the City continues to take steps to improve the quality and integrity of the utility, including the billing system. For example, the City has secured the services of a consultant through Rural Development at no charge to the City to review the utility billing system to ensure the bills are being properly assessed under the current rates and assist with changes needed to the system to ensure billing accuracy; and

WHEREAS, the City shall periodically analyze the financial performance of the utility and the rate plan and make equitable adjustments to the plan as needed to ensure the utility is financially and operationally sustainable, in compliance with quality standards, and providing continuous quality services. It is anticipated that with the economic growth that will be possible following the construction of this Water Treatment Plant subsequent financial reviews may include restructuring of the rate plan to align cost recovery with the cost of service by rate classification, providing the potential of rate relief, particularly to low usage residential ratepayers.

THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUN-

CIL FOR THE CITY OF TISHOMINGO, OKLAHOMA that Section A12.004 of Appendix A12 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Tishomingo, Oklahoma are hereby amended to read as follows:

4. Water Usage Rates
(a) There is hereby imposed upon each water account a monthly debt service fee in the amount of \$5.00. (Ordinance 2016-05, adopted 07/05/2016).

(b) The minimum charge per meter shall be:

Meter Size (inches)
All meters

Current Minimum Charge
\$27.52

Minimum Charge Nov-2020
\$36.30

Minimum Charge Nov-2021
\$47.90

(c) The water usage rate shall be:

Volume Charge per 1000 gallons
0-1,000 gallons Included in minimum charge per meter

Current rate

\$2.70

Rate Nov-2020
\$3.55

Rate Nov-2021
\$4.70

1,001-2,000 gallons
Current rate
\$2.70

Rate Nov-2020
\$3.55

Rate Nov-2021
\$4.70

2,001-3,000 gallons
Current Rate
\$2.75

Rate Nov-2020
\$3.60

Rate Nov-2021
\$4.75

3,001-4,000 gallons
Current Rate
\$2.80

Rate Nov-2020
\$3.65

Rate Nov-2021
\$4.80

4,001-10,000 gallons
Current rate
\$2.85

Rate Nov-2020
\$3.70

Rate Nov-2021
\$4.85

10,001+ gallons
Current rate
\$2.90

Rate Nov-2020
\$3.75

Rate Nov-2021
\$4.90

(d) Each December 1, upon review by the Tishomingo Municipal Authority, the utility rates and customer charge shall increase, as needed, by the annual change in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) as computed as the annual percent change from January of the previous year to January of the current year, rounded to the nearest one/one-hundredth (1/100) of one cent, but in no event shall the rates decrease should the annual change in CPI-W result in a negative percent change. The effective date of any CPI increase shall be January 1 of each calendar year. The CPI is published routinely by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics at www.bls.gov.

REPEALER

All former ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting or inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, said portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective on November 1, 2020.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 24th day of September, 2020.

WOODY JUMPER,
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Stacy Underwood
Deputy Clerk
(Seal)

(Published October 1, 8, & 15, 2020)

NOTICE TO SELL COUNTY PROPERTY (Acquired at Resale)

NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to the receipt of bid, that I, Rana Smith, County Treasurer of Johnston County, Oklahoma will on the 21th day of October, 2020, beginning at 10:00 am at my office in the Court House of Johnston County, sell separately the herein-after described tracts, parcels, or lots of land, all situated in Johnston County, Oklahoma and heretofore acquired by said County at Resale authorized by 68 O.S. § 3125. Following the description of the property separately offered for sale is the name of the bidder and the amount bid, as follows:

Description
Lot 42 Block D Holiday Haven

Bidder
Jeffery and Shelly Douglas

Amount Bid
\$282.56

Description
Lot 50 Block D Holiday Haven

Bidder
Jeffery and Shelly Douglas

Amount Bid
\$261.03

The said property will be sold separately sold to the highest competitive bidder, for cash in hand, or to the original bidder at the amount bid if there be no higher price offered, subject to the approval of the Board of County Commissioners.

The apportioned cost of advertisement and other expense incident to said sale shall be paid by the purchaser, in addition to the amount bid upon said properties.

Witness my hand this 29th day of September, 2020.

Rana Smith
Johnston County Treasurer

(Published October 1, 2020)

Financial Statement of the Various Funds for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020
Estimate of Needs for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021
Coleman Public Schools, School District No. I-35, Johnston County, Oklahoma

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AS OF JUNE 30, 2020	GENERAL FUND DETAIL	BUILDING FUND DETAIL	CO-OP FUND DETAIL	NUTRITION FUND DETAIL
ASSETS:				
Cash Balance June 30, 2020	\$ 464,845.72	\$ 30,695.83	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Investments	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 464,845.72	\$ 30,695.83	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
LIABILITIES AND RESERVES:				
Warrants Outstanding	\$ 68,165.64	\$ 786.60	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Reserves From Schedule 7	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	\$ 68,165.64	\$ 786.60	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
CASH FUND BALANCE (Deficit) JUNE 30, 2020	\$ 396,680.08	\$ 29,909.23	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

ESTIMATED NEEDS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021

GENERAL FUND	SINKING FUND BALANCE SHEET
Current Expense	1. Cash Balance on Hand June 30, 2020
Reserve for Int. on Warrants & Revaluation	2. Legal Investments Properly Maturing
Total Required	3. Judgments Paid To Recover By Tax Levy
FINANCED:	4. Total Liquid Assets
Cash Fund Balance	Deduct Matured Indebtedness:
Estimated Miscellaneous Revenue	5. a. Past-Due Coupons
Total Deductions	6. b. Interest Accrued Thereon
Balance to Raise from Ad Valorem Tax	7. c. Past-Due Bonds
	8. d. Interest Thereon after Last Coupon
ESTIMATED MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	9. e. Fiscal Agency Commissions on Above
1000 Other District Sources of Revenue	10. f. Judgments and Int. Levied for/Unpaid
2100 County 4 Mill Ad Valorem Tax	11. Total Items a Through f
2200 County Apportionment (Mortgage Tax)	12. Balance of Assets Subject to Accrual
2300 Resale of Property Fund Distribution	Deduct Accrual Reserve if Assets Sufficient:
2900 Other Intermediate Sources of Revenue	13. g. Earned Unmatured Interest
3110 Gross Production Tax	14. h. Accrual on Final Coupons
3120 Motor Vehicle Collections	15. i. Accrued on Unmatured Bonds
3130 Rural Electric Cooperative Tax	16. Total Items g Through i
3140 State School Land Earnings	17. Excess of Assets Over Accrual Reserves *(Page 2)
3150 Vehicle Tax Stamps	
3160 Farm Implement Tax Stamps	
3170 Trailers and Mobile Homes	
3190 Other Dedicated Revenue	
3200 State Aid - General Operations	
3300 State Aid - Competitive Grants	
3400 State - Categorical	
3500 Special Programs	
3600 Other State Sources of Revenue	
3700 Child Nutrition Program	
3800 State Vocational Programs	
4100 Capital Outlay	
4200 Disadvantaged Students	
4300 Individuals With Disabilities	
4400 Minority	
4500 Operations	
4600 Other Federal Sources of Revenue	
4700 Child Nutrition Programs	
4800 Federal Vocational Education	
5000 Non-Revenue Receipts	
Total Estimated Revenue	

SINKING FUND	BUILDING FUND
13d. j. Unmatured Coupons Due Before 4-1-2021	Current Expense
14d. k. Unmatured Bonds So Due	Reserve for Int. on Warrants & Revaluation
15d. i. Whatever Remains is for Exhibit KK Line E	Total Required
16d. Deficit as Shown on Sinking Fund Balance Sheet	FINANCED:
17d. Less Cash Requirements for Current Fiscal Year in Excess of Cash on H	Cash Fund Balance
18d. Remaining Deficit is for Exhibit KK Line F	Estimated Miscellaneous Revenue
	Total Deductions
	Balance to Raise from Ad Valorem Tax

CO-OP FUND	CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS FUND
Current Expense	\$ 0.00
Reserve for Int. on Warrants & Revaluation	\$ 0.00
Total Required	\$ 0.00
FINANCED:	
Cash Fund Balance	\$ 0.00
Estimated Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 0.00
Total Deductions	\$ 0.00
Balance	\$ 0.00

CERTIFICATE - GOVERNING BOARD

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, COUNTY OF JOHNSTON, ss: We, the undersigned duly elected, qualified and acting officers of the Board of Education of Coleman Public Schools, School District No. I-35, of Said County and State, do hereby certify that at a meeting of the Governing Body of the said District begun at the time provided by law for districts of this class and pursuant to the provisions of 68 O.S. 2001 Section 3003, the foregoing statement was prepared and is a true and correct condition of the Financial Affairs of said District as reflected by the records of the District Clerk and Treasurer. We further certify that the foregoing estimate for current expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, as shown are reasonably necessary for the proper conduct of the affairs of the said District, that the Estimated Income to be derived from sources other than ad valorem taxation does not exceed the lawfully authorized ratio of the revenue derived from the same sources during the preceding year.

/s/ Kevin Harner
President of Board of Education

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th of September, 2020.

/s/ Lindsey Claborn
Notary Public #16009864
Exp. 10/13/24
(Seal)

Environmental health pro helping tribes in northwest

Chickasaw citizen Ryan Sealy has a heart for helping Native Americans.

So much so, she earned her master's degree while also working for seven years at the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board.

The knowledge she's gained from her studies, she said, will help her better serve those living in Indian Country.

She serves the Native American tribes of Oregon, Washington and Idaho in environmental health.

"I wanted to be better at my job and be able to do even more," Sealy said of her decision to pursue higher education.

"I decided to go to graduate school at North Dakota State University. They are the only program in the whole country that has the American Indian Public Health for master's.

"It was a part of the work I was already doing," she said of her degree. "I wanted to be able to do better work and have more of a background, especially in Indian Country where everything

is pretty nonprofit and you're always applying for lots of grants."

Environmental health is a new arena for Sealy. She has worked previously in various positions since she started at the health board, including sexual assault prevention, tobacco prevention and breastfeeding promotion.

"The opportunity came up," Sealy said.

"I was sort of getting burned out on doing tobacco work because I'd done it for so long. I wanted to grow and learn more. When the job came up, I applied. It's a lot more of an interesting topic to me."

Sealy was hired for her current position as the coronavirus pandemic took hold in the U.S., so her job duties have shifted to help assist tribes with the pandemic.

"I'm working with tribes on their reopening plans and the protocol, elders' center and health centers and daycares," she said.

Working with Native American tribes,

she said, was not a one-size fits-all model.

"In my area I work with 43 tribes," she said.

"Every tribe that I go to is so specifically different. Their ideas are different, or what they are doing is different. When you talk about American Indian people, you're not talking about one group of people. You're talking about so many different hundreds and hundreds of groups of folks who have different needs."

It was working one-on-one with tribes and their people that first showed Sealy that it would take listening to their needs to fully assist them the best she could.

"When I first started work, I didn't realize the depth of it all until I was in the field," Sealy said.

"What I did with the last tribe isn't going to be the same as this tribe. It did humble me to just sit back and really be told what is it that they are focusing on and what do they need help with. What you think they



Ryan Sealy

need is not what they need. They have got to tell you what they need. It's really about putting com-

munity first." As a Native American, Sealy understands the complexities and how

important it is to handle each tribe and its needs with care and respect.

"For a lot of Native people, it's really important that we have more of our people doing the work for us," she said.

"Building upon that, another thing that I really believe in is exercising the right of tribal sovereignty. It is so important and something we don't ever want to lose. Having that - more tribal people working in those positions for their people - will help keep that moving forward."

Sealy's devotion to

Indian Country has grown thanks to the support she received from the Chickasaw Nation throughout her pursuit for education.

"It's really amazing that they put so much effort into lifting their people up and making sure that they're able to live a good quality of life," she said.

It was the support from the Chickasaw Nation, as well as close family and friends in her life, that pushed Sealy to not give up.

"It takes a village to raise a kid and that's kind of how it was with me," she said.

Action *Continued from Page 1*

\$100 to \$150 a month.

Dodd noted that three local counties at present do not offer such hazard pay, but added that one of those counties is second in the state with regards to base pay for deputies and jailers.

He did not identify any of the counties which he had researched.

As they had during their previ-

ous two meetings, the commissioners voiced support for the concept of hazard pay.

Hallmark, himself a former state corrections employee, went on record as saying he felt hazard pay was well deserved.

"I'd like to see it happen," Hallmark said. "We've been a little behind the times here in this for some time. But we

need to figure out a way to make it work, since it is not budgeted. It is something we're going to have to put a little thought into."

The issue is expected to be placed again on the commissioners' agenda for next Monday, Oct. 5.

In another item related to the Johnston County Sheriff's Office, the commissioners approved

an application, resolution and agreement with UMB Bank which will allow the JCISO to participate in a credit card program solely intended for sheriff's office travel expenses.

Smith told the commissioners that sheriff's offices in several other Oklahoma counties are participating in the program.

He noted that the program is used exclusively for anything related to travel expenses, including vehicle repairs and food or lodging in the event of deputies transferring prisoners or other required duties involving long-distance travel.

The agreement was approved by a vote of 3-0.

The commissioners also voted 3-0 to approve a resolution calling for the disposal of an old desktop computer belonging to the sheriff's office.

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

- Voted 3-0 to approve a change order for the grant-funded Nitro-Lift construction project in the amount of \$1,602, for changes in the new building's footage size to accommodate the load of the building;

- Voted 3-0 to approve the annual resolution calling for the placement of Johnston County Election Board funds in the county's General Fund;

- Voted 3-0 to approve the county's fourth quarter request for payment in the amount of \$5,000 as the final installment of the county's \$20,000 Emergency Management Performance Grant for Fiscal Year 2020; and

- Voted 3-0 to approve a resolution seeking funding through the state's County Road Machinery and Equipment Fund for 2021.

Thompson said the funds, if awarded, will be used for the purchase of a 125-hp tractor with front-end loader and 11-foot road groomer for District 1; and a 10-wheeler truck with 15-yard dump bed for District 2.

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BOARD OF HEALTH PUBLICATION SHEET - JOHNSTON COUNTY, OKLAHOMA FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE VARIOUS FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020, AND ESTIMATE OF NEEDS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021, OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF JOHNSTON COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

EXHIBIT "Z" STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AS OF JUNE 30, 2020

ASSETS:	
Cash Balance June 30, 2020	
Investments	
TOTAL ASSETS	
LIABILITIES AND RESERVES:	
Warrants Outstanding	
Reserves for Interest on Warrants	
Reserves From Schedule 8	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	
CASH FUND BALANCE (Deficit) JUNE 30, 2020	

HEALTH FUND Detail	
\$ 841,737.42	
\$ 0.00	
\$ 841,737.42	
\$ 60,049.14	
\$ 0.00	
\$ 36,800.00	
\$ 96,849.14	
\$ 744,888.28	

ESTIMATED NEEDS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021

GENERAL FUND	HEALTH FUND	SINKING FUND BALANCE SHEET	SINKING FUND
Current Expense	\$ 1,024,979.88	1. Cash Balance on Hand June 30, 2020	\$ -
Reserve for Int. on Warrants & Revaluation	\$ 0.00	2. Legal Investments Properly Maturing	\$ -
Total Required	\$ 1,024,979.88	3. Judgments Paid To Recover By Tax Levy	\$ -
FINANCED:		4. Total Liquid Assets	\$ -
Cash Fund Balance	\$ 744,888.28	Deduct Matured Indebtedness:	
Estimated Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 0.00	5. a. Past-Due Coupons	\$ -
Total Deductions	\$ 744,888.28	6. b. Interest Accrued Thereon	\$ -
Balance to Raise from Ad Valorem Tax	\$ 280,091.60	7. c. Past-Due Bonds	\$ -
		8. d. Interest Thereon after Last Coupon	\$ -
		9. e. Fiscal Agency Commissions on Above	\$ -
		10. f. Judgments and Int. Levied for/Unpaid	\$ -
		11. Total Items a Through f	\$ -
		12. Balance of Assets Subject to Accrual	\$ -
		Deduct Accrual Reserve if Assets Sufficient:	
		13. g. Earned Unmatured Interest	\$ -
		14. h. Accrual on Final Coupons	\$ -
		15. i. Accrued on Unmatured Bonds	\$ -
		16. Total Items g. Through i.	\$ -
		17. Excess of Assets Over Accrual Reserves**	\$ -
		SINKING FUND REQUIREMENTS FOR 2020-2021	
		1. Interest Earnings on Bonds	\$ -
		2. Accrual on Unmatured Bonds	\$ -
		3. Annual Accrual on "Prepaid" Judgements	\$ -
		4. Annual Accrual on "Unpaid" Judgements	\$ -
		5. Interest on Unpaid Judgements	\$ -
		6. Annual Accrual From Exhibit KK	\$ -
		Total Sinking Fund Requirements	\$ -
		Deduct:	
		1. Excess of Assets Over Liabilities	\$ -
		2. Surplus Building Fund Cash	\$ -
		Balance to Raise By Tax Levy	\$ -

EXHIBIT "Z"
** If line 12 is less than line 16 after omitting "h" deduct the following each in turn from line 4, "Total Liquid Assets".

13d. j. Unmatured Coupons Due 4-1-2021

14d. k. Unmatured Bonds So Due

15d. l. Whatever Remains is for Exhibit KK Line E.

16d. Deficit as Shown on Sinking Fund Balance Sheet.

17d. Less Cash Requirements for Current Fiscal Year in Excess of Cash on Hand (From Line 15d Above).

18d. Remaining Deficit is for Exhibit KK Line F.

CERTIFICATE - GOVERNING BOARD

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, COUNTY OF JOHNSTON, ss:
We, the undersigned Board of Health of Johnston County, Oklahoma, do hereby certify that at a meeting of the Board of Health of the said County, begun at the time provided by law for Counties and pursuant to the provisions of 68 O.S. 1991 Sec. 3002, the foregoing statement was prepared and is a true and correct condition of the Financial Affairs of said County as reflected by the record of the County Clerk and Treasurer. We further certify that the forgoing estimate for current expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021, as shown are reasonably necessary for the proper conduct of the affairs of the said Board of Health, that the Estimated Income to be derived from sources other than ad valorem taxation does not exceed the lawfully authorized ration of the revenue derived from the same sources during the preceding fiscal year.

/s/ Dr. Clay Garrett
Chairman of Board

/s/ Mike Thompson
/s/ Becky Henthorn
Member Member

Attest /s/ Kathy Ross
County Clerk

(Seal)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th of June, 2020.

/s/ Alanda E. Smith
Notary Public #07011600
Exp. 12/06/2023
(Seal)

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Chickasaw Festival to feature virtual pashofa class

Pashofa has been a traditional Chickasaw meal for centuries.

During the Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and Festival, the Chickasaw Nation is hosting a virtual pashofa cooking class today (Thursday), Oct. 1, at 6 p.m. during cultural evening.

The virtual class is available at AnnualMeeting.Chickasaw.net and on Facebook.com/TheChickasawNation.

Consisting of cracked corn (hominy) and pork, which is covered in water and boiled for several hours, pashofa was more than sustenance.

It was traditionally made at ceremonial events in large pots. Women came together to prepare enough to feed an entire village. This required several pounds of cracked corn.

When time came to prepare pashofa, corn pounders made from hollowed-out tree trunks were used to crack hominy kernels.

Next, the corn was poured into boiling water in a pashofa pot. Pork was added and the mixture continued to cook until it was soft and soupy. This process could take a good portion of the day, depending on how much pashofa was prepared.

One of the most important steps in cooking pashofa is to stir the pot regularly. This ensures the corn will not stick to the bottom of the large iron pots.

Pashofa paddles were designed specifically for this purpose. They were carved with long handles, broadened at one end like a spoon, but flat with a straight edge for scraping. The strong heartwoods of hickory, bois d'arc and oak trees were used because they were made so well.

These paddles lasted several generations, handed down as a cherished treasure from one family to the next. The handles wore smooth after many years of use, a legacy of the loving, hardworking hands of Chickasaw ancestors.

Next to the corn pounder, the pashofa pot was a necessary item in Chickasaw households.

Before European trade, Chickasaw women crafted large clay vessels for cooking pashofa. The process of making these pots took much labor and many hours of preparing the clay, building and fashioning the pot by hand, and waiting for the clay to dry before firing.

Though the pots were well-made and served many people, the metal kettle began appearing as European trade increased. They were virtually indestructible, and spared hours of making ceramic pots. Many pashofa pots were handed down among Chickasaw families for generations.

This virtual pashofa cooking class offers a chance to learn more about the cultural significance of this important dish and see how it is made.

For a complete list of virtual events, classes and tours, visit AnnualMeeting.Chickasaw.net.



A demonstrator at the Chickasaw Cultural Center stirs a cast iron pot of pashofa with a pashofa paddle. A virtual pashofa cooking class has been scheduled for today (Thursday), Oct. 1, starting at 6 p.m. in conjunction with the Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and Festival.

Tips offered to make fall gardening easier

Now that fall has fallen, Oklahoma gardeners can turn to Oklahoma State University Extension for helpful tips on how to prepare for the end of the year.

OSU Extension's fall gardening fact sheet includes a wide range of vegetables that can outlast other summer crops, as well as how to prepare the soil for the next growing season.

"The foundation for a healthy garden is keeping crops properly watered and monitoring for pests on crops," David A. Hillock, OSU Extension consumer horticulturist, said.

Beginning with proper soil preparation, the fact

sheet moves through basic steps needed to obtain a successful production.

Other fall gardening suggestions include:

- Store seeds in a cool, dry location or even in a refrigerator or freezer;
- Most vegetable crops will benefit from supplemental irrigation. The drip technique is particularly helpful; and
- Cover seeded rows to reduce soil temperature

and drying.

The fact sheet also includes a chart of popular garden vegetables such as garlic, turnips, radishes, lettuce and onions, a long with guidance appropriate to all levels of gardening skill.

"If you're a beginner gardener, just start small. Only choose types of vegetables that you know you like and you will eat," Hillock said.

"Making sure you get

the right types of vegetables that will grow in a short period of time that will ripen before the winter weather is important."

Keeping the garden simple for the first time allows gardeners to develop their skills with an eye toward more variety the following year.

More gardening information is available on OSU Extension's website.



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