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LADY INDIANS LOOK TO REPEAT AS STATE CHAMPS



Tishomingo High School's fast-pitch softball team proudly displays its 2020 Class 3A District Championship trophy, which was awarded Oct. 2 following the Lady Indians' 2-0 victory over Sperry in the regional finals. Tishomingo's quest to defend its 2019 Class 3A State Championship title begins in earnest today (Thursday) when the Lady Indians square off against Kellyville in the first round of the state tournament at Shawnee.

By John A. Small
Managing Editor

The Tishomingo Lady Indians' quest to repeat as Class 3A fast-pitch state champions took a giant step towards success last week, as the THS girls handed Sperry a 2-0 defeat at home on Oct. 2 to claim the 2020 regional tournament championship.

The Lady Indians are scheduled to begin the defense of their state title in earnest today (Thursday), Oct. 8, when they face Kellyville in the opening day of the Class 3A state tournament in

Shawnee at The Ballfields at Firelake. Game time is 1:30 p.m. Spectators will be required to wear masks due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The winner of Thursday's contest will advance to Round Two on Friday, facing the winner of Thursday's match-up against Henrietta and Sulphur at noon. The Class 3A Championship game will be played Saturday, Oct. 10, at 6:30 p.m. at Hall of Fame Stadium in Oklahoma City.

Tishomingo's post-season action got underway last Thursday, Oct. 1, with a decisive 10-0 victory over Lin-

coln Christian. THS senior Karley Stallings turned in one of the strongest hitting performances of the contest, belting a double and a home run in her three at-bats for two RBIs.

Teammate Cheyenne Wood led with three runs total, and was one of five Lady Indians to record a double during the game. Sloan Slover added two runs to the Tishomingo tally.

Grace Anderson turned in her usual strong performance, striking out 16 while giving up no walks, hits or errors in her six innings on the mound.

Later that day the Lady Indians took

to the diamond again against Keifer, winning 17-0 in five innings.

Wood, Slover, Stallings and Anderson each contributed a double in that game. Stallings scored three of the Tishomingo runs, while Wood, Jadyn Hook, Hailey McMillen, Jolee Northcutt, Jayden Anderson and Chloe Aguirre each scored two runs apiece.

The Anderson sisters both pitched during the game, with Grace striking out eight and giving up only a single hit

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Hazard pay on hold until 2021

By John A. Small
Managing Editor

Hazard pay for county sheriff's deputies and jailers will have to wait until next year.

That was the information given to Sheriff Jon Smith and the Johnston County Board of Commissioners during the commissioners' regular weekly meeting Monday morning.

Commissioners Jacky Hallmark, Mike Thompson and T.J. Clements reluctantly opted to take no action on the measure after Smith confirmed that the proposed hazard pay had not been included as a line item on his office's estimate of needs for Fiscal Year

2020-21.

As previously reported in the *Sentinel*, Smith had recommended hazard pay in the amount of \$300 a month for the county's seven deputies and 13 jailers. He has noted that, as an elected official, he himself would not be eligible to receive the additional pay.

Smith has been calling for the hazard pay for some time, citing increased reports of violence against law enforcement officers throughout the country, but made the request a formal one on Sept. 14 during a larger discussion regarding a proposed pay increase for county employees that was ultimately rejected by the commissioners due to budgetary concerns.

The commissioners at that time had expressed interest in the sheriff's proposal, but determined that it needed to be ad-

ressed as a separate agenda item.

Further discussions on the issue took place during the commissioners' meetings on Sept. 21 and Sept. 28. During the latter meeting, the commissioners again voiced support for the idea of hazard pay but tabled the matter until this week in order to consult with county auditors to determine where the funds for such pay might come from.

During this week's meeting, County Treasurer Rana Smith told the commissioners that the auditors had called her office to ask if the proposed hazard pay had been included on the sheriff's estimate of needs for the upcoming fiscal year.

She cited auditors' remarks which stated that, if it had not been in-

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Chamber banquet, Friday's THS football game canceled

This Friday's scheduled football game between the Tishomingo Indians and the visiting Frederick Bombers and the annual Johnston County Chamber of Commerce banquet are the latest local activities to fall victim to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Chamber Executive Director Jordyn Frazier announced the decision to cancel this year's banquet in a Facebook post last Thursday, Oct. 1.

Included in that announcement - which was shared on the *Sentinel's* Facebook page - was a letter from current Chamber Board President Donovan Stowe to Chamber members regarding the cancellation in the



wake of a recent uptick in the number of local confirmed COVID-19 cases.

"We were hopeful that this event could happen in an alternative environment with a number of precautions in place," Stowe's letter stated. "After seeing advisement after the latest increase, it has been determined that a gathering like this is simply not worth the risk."

Stowe and Frazier also reported that the Chamber is in the pro-

cess of putting together an online platform to announce its annual award winners, provide the annual State of the Chamber report, promote event sponsors, and host an online auction of the items received from donors.

"In addition, we will be providing our ticket holders with gift certificates to dine with our local member restaurants," Frazier said in

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Weekend Weather:

FRIDAY: Thunderstorms in spots in the morning, followed by showers in spots in the afternoon. High of 64F. SATURDAY: Warmer with some clouds early, anticipated high of 87F. Clear and mild overnight. SUNDAY: Mostly sunny and very warm, daytime high of 91F.

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Re-examination of the Columbus Myth is appropriate

(Note: The following newspaper column was originally written and published back in 1992 as my contribution to the discussion surrounding the 500th anniversary of Columbus' arrival in the New World. It generated a lot of response at the time, both pro and con, and I suspect there are folks out there who will still take offense to it today. Some things never change...)

"The land was ours before we were the land's..."

When Robert Frost recited this line during President Kennedy's inauguration in January 1961, most Americans still believed that this was true. It was all part of that notion we used to call "Manifest Destiny," the idea that America's rise from a sparsely settled continent to the world's superpower - indeed, America's very existence - has been a part of some Higher Purpose.

The story of that "Higher Purpose" has its beginnings in the voyages of Christopher Columbus, whose discovery of the New World assured him his place in history as the first American hero. Or so Mrs. Woodruff told us back in the first grade.

But history has a way of re-writing itself, and when it happens the lustre of our heroes becomes a bit more tarnished. Neither Washington nor Lincoln were as honest as we were led to believe - hardly surprising, really, since the best of men are but men at best. Jefferson - the man who wrote that "all men are created equal" - owned slaves. And the oft-told tale of Columbus is made up mostly of myths.

For example: One prime component of the Columbus Story, at least as Mrs. Woodruff and countless other teachers told it all those years ago, was that our boy Chris had set out to prove that the world was round. Seems that many sailors were convinced that their vessels would sail right over the edge of the world and plummet into

eternity.

Today, of course, we know that the belief in a round planet had already gained a solid foothold in the minds of men some time before Columbus ever set sail.

And even if it had not, it is doubtful that it would have mattered to Columbus; truth to tell, the uppermost thing on his mind was the stuffing of his own pockets. He told us so himself.

"Gold is most excellent," he wrote. "He who possesses it does all he wishes to in this world..."

Okay, so Columbus was a greedy so-and-so. And apparently something of a dunce, as well.

How else can one describe a sailor who sets out to find a shortcut to the Orient, only to bump into a large continental barricade he didn't even know existed - despite the fact that numerous mariners and explorers, most notably the Scandinavians, had visited, written about and drawn maps of this "New World" some 400 years before Columbus was born?

Historian Walter LaFeber once referred to Columbus as "the most spectacular chance taker of his time." This must surely have been true, because when the *Nina*, *Pinta* and *Santa Maria* raised anchor and set sail from the Spanish port of Palos on the morning of Aug. 3, 1492, their captain had no more idea where they were headed than anyone else aboard.

Shortly thereafter, Columbus' men came to realize that he was a few fries shy of a Full Value Meal. They were lost. They were tired. All they had to eat was fish, fish and more fish. This was not a happy crew.

Somehow Columbus managed to avert a mutiny. Perhaps he reminded his crew of the great riches that awaited them. Or perhaps they were so lost they thought they had turned back, only to be proven wrong.

Whatever the reason, the voyage continued until finally, on October 12,

Small Talk

John A. Small



lookout Rodrigo de Triana cried out the news: "Land! Land, ho!"

Vindicated at long last, Columbus triumphantly strode out upon the beach, unfurled the Spanish flag and staked his claim in the Orient in the name of Queen Isabella. How was he supposed to know he was nowhere near the Orient?

Fortunately for Columbus and his band of explorers, the local natives - or "Indios," as he called them, a term which over time became the more familiar "Indians" - took pity on the voyagers. They took these strangers into their homes, gave them shelter, gave them food. The perfect hosts.

And how did Columbus and his men thank the natives for their hospitality?

By enslaving the Indians. By killing them, either by outright murder or through the introduction of various imported diseases.

By raping and pillaging their lands, and by inviting others - DeSoto, Ponce de Leon and their ilk - to do the same.

Boy, that's gratitude for you.

In the millennia prior to Columbus' voyage, there had been many examples of cross-continental and even cross-oceanic travel and exchange between the various cultures of the earth. While not all such exchanges were peaceful, none were responsible for the genocide and ecocide that the arrival of Columbus set into motion.

Between 1492 and 1500, an estimated eight million people were killed as a direct result of the "gifts" of Western civilization. Cultures which had flourished for thousands of years ceased to exist. And a pattern of behavior was established that continued to characterize the American atti-

tude towards the Indians for hundreds of years to come.

History remembers Adolf Hitler as a monster who orchestrated the attempted annihilation of the Jewish race, and rightfully so. But we insist on remembering Columbus, whose arrival begat similar actions against Native Americans, as a hero.

I'm sorry. Something about that just doesn't seem right to me.

Throughout America, there will no doubt be numerous parades, fireworks, re-enactments and other events commemorating Columbus' voyage. The director of one such annual celebration once described their event as "a backdrop to examine the events and people that have shaped the world's destiny over the past 500 years, and to learn from and build upon those lessons as we plan for the 21st century."

Such examination is hardly inappropriate. One might even say it is 500 years overdue. For while there is much in our American heritage for us to be proud of, there is also much to be ashamed of. And we should never forget that this heritage has its origins in acts of violence and inhumanity towards a people whose only crime was that they met Columbus when he got off the boat.

POSTSCRIPT: In the 28 years since I originally wrote this column, it seems like more and more folks in this country have come to view Columbus Day in much the same manner as I have. In many places, the traditional Columbus Day observances have been replaced by Indigenous Peoples' Day; here in Oklahoma, various tribal governments designate the day as "Native American Day," or name it after their own tribe.

There are those who criticize this as "rewriting history." I disagree. If anything, it's putting history in the proper - and long overdue - context.

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Tishomingo Refuge closed to public for youth deer hunt

A large portion of the Tishomingo National Wildlife Refuge will be closed to the public on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 15-16, for a con-

trolled white-tailed deer hunt.

Refuge gates at Refuge Road (Main Entrance), Murray 23 and Nida Point will be closed

to the public around 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, and will not reopen until after dark on Friday.

This hunt will not occur near the Rock Creek and Bell Creek access points on the south side of the Refuge, so they will remain open for bank fishing and other permitted activities during this closure.

Hunters under the age of 16 were selected in a random drawing by the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conser-

vation (ODWC) for this special hunt.

The hunt is sponsored by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the ODWC.

For more information on these controlled hunts, visit the ODWC controlled hunts website at www.wildlifedepartment.com/controlled-hunts.htm.

For refuge information call 371-2402, or visit the refuge website at <https://www.fws.gov/refuge/tishomingo/>.



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her announcement. "We have started a landing page and will let you know when all the information is ready for viewing."

Frazier said that information will soon be available for viewing at <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com.../JCCCVirtualBanquet>.

Meanwhile, Tishomingo Head Coach Clint Nabors announced on Tuesday that this week's home game against Frederick had been canceled.

That announcement was made in the wake of a report published last week in the Oct. 1 edition of the *Lawton Constitution*, which stated that the Frederick High School football team and staff had been placed in quarantine after an additional positive COVID-19 test at the high school.

As of the time of the *Constitution* article, Frederick school officials were reporting that 87 high school and two middle school students - along with two students at the Prather Brown Center - had been placed in quarantine.

Additionally, there were three high school, one elementary school and two Prather Brown Center staff members in quarantine at the time of that report.

The *Constitution* article also cited figures from the Oklahoma State Department of Health showing that Frederick had 85 total confirmed cases of COVID-19, with 60 recovered and two deaths as of Sept. 30.

Here in Johnston County,

the daily update by the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) released on Tuesday cited a total of 225 confirmed positive cases, up seven cases in the last 24 hours and 45 cases in the past week.

In Johnston County, the OSDH on Tuesday reported 61 active cases. This was up seven active cases in the previous 24 hours, and up 14 active cases from one week ago.

Of that total, 61 cases were said to be active, with four deceased and 161 said to have recovered. This was six recoveries over the previous 24 hours and 32 recoveries in the past week.

Total cases in Tishomingo as of Tuesday had increased to 121, up 19 from the 102 reported a week ago. According to the OSDH, 30 of these are active cases with three deaths and 88 said to have recovered.

Milburn was reporting a total of 20 cases with five active, one death and 14 recovered. Milburn's total case count of Tuesday had increased by two in the past week from 18. Active cases in Milburn increased by one over the previous 24 hours.

Coleman's total case count as of Tuesday had increased to 28 from 25 the previous week. Coleman currently has seven active cases, down one in the previous 24 hours.

In Ravia, total cases increased by two in the past week to 14. Of

those 14 cases, four were said to be currently active; that number was unchanged for the previous 24 hours, and up one active case from the same time last week.

Mill Creek's total case count as of Tuesday stood at 14, up six total cases from one week ago and four cases over the previous 24 hours. Mill Creek was reporting nine active cases as of Tuesday.

The total cases in Mannsville increased from 11 last week to 14 as of Tuesday. The OSDH on Tuesday reported four currently active cases in Mannsville, up two from the day before.

Wapanucka has had a total of six cases, with Tuesday's report showing that town's number unchanged at two active cases in the last week.

In the last six weeks, OSDH has reported four deaths from COVID-19 in Johnston County. This remains unchanged from two weeks ago.

As of Tuesday's advisory, there are 13,061 active COVID-19 cases in Oklahoma.

That advisory showed a total of 93,436 COVID-19 cases diagnosed in Oklahoma, an increase of 6,237 from one week ago. According to Tuesday's report, 79,219 of these cases were considered as recovered by OSDH.

The total death toll for the state, according to OSDH, was 1,066 as of Tuesday - up 11 over the previous 24 hours, and an increase of 35 deaths in a week's time.

Dateline: Johnston County



Wildcats of the Month

Coleman Schools recently honored its students and staff members selected as "Wildcats of the Month" for September. Honorees pictured include: Paisley Price, Pre-K; Stetson Wisdom, kindergarten; Shelton Johnson, first grade; Gunner Ferguson, second grade; Naomi Pigg, third grade; Carli Claborn, fourth grade; Jace Devault, fifth grade; Hialeah Willingham, sixth grade; Allison Collins, seventh grade; Whitley Pigg, eighth grade; Dean Bird, ninth grade; Sadie Holder, 10th grade; Jayton Johnson, 11th grade; Carrie Pitts, 12th grade; Marilyn Goodwin, elementary school staff member; and Kristy Cox, junior high/high school staff member.

Caution urged for drivers with launch of bow season

By Matthew Cravatt and Dee Fry

Ravia News

Sentinel Correspondents

As stated in the previous editions of the Ravia News, autumn weather has brought out a great many anglers, hunters and general nature lovers in the Ravia area who are surely following all safety protocols.

It is also time to voice caution for motorists in the Ravia area, as bow season opened on Oct. 1, which has a tendency to cause deer to move about, often ending up on local roads and highways, in conflict with traffic.

Time is here for anyone who hasn't performed necessary maintenance on outdoor, hunting and angling gear to get it done, and brush up on any safety information needed.

Persons with doubt of when their favorite hunting/fishing season starts and ends should check wildlifedepartment.com for detailed information.

The National Weather

Service based forecast summary for the Ravia area: Temperatures in the mid-80s with rain chances on Friday, and a bit warmer on Sunday. Cooling to the upper 70s going into the workweek, with general sunny conditions throughout.

My recommended Biblical verse for this week's issue is Philippians 4:10-13.

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.

And now news from Dee...

We had a few at the

Russett breakfast. Attending were Terry and Diana Cumbie, Plano, Texas; Lowell Easterwood Sr. and Lowell Easterwood Jr., Dickson; Hoyt Green, Ardmore; Wendyle Andrews, Tishomingo; Lucille and Jayne Deringer, Mannsville and Dee Fry, Ravia.

The next breakfast is Nov. 2 at the Country Kitchen in Madill. Come join us.

The birthdays for October are Olivia's, and at Ms. Jens Cub House, Brandon Alexander, Zane Countryman, Haven Hinton, Abbie McDaniel, Justice Magrath, Katrina Blackshear, Katelynn Mulder and Montana Putman.

Happy birthday to all.

Gotta go...dogs need treats.

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

Annual fire protection dues deadline draws near

By Jerry Blackerby

Sentinel Correspondent

Milburn News

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

The next community prayer meeting will be Nov. 5.

Normally we meet in the Milburn Community Center at 6 p.m. 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.

We have received some wonderful praise 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:

Today (Thursday), 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: What four beasts did Daniel see in a vision?

Last week's question: Who was the father of King Saul? Answer: Kish (1 Samuel 14:51). King Saul was the first king of the United Kingdom of Israel.

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"For the love of money is the root of all

evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses." (1 Timothy 6:10-12 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.

Tishomingo's Daughters meet

Members of Tishomingo's Daughters met on Sept. 24 in the Tishomingo Methodist Church fellowship hall, where social distancing could be observed.

Guest speaker for the evening was Keona Mason, who spoke on 4-H in Oklahoma and her personal experiences in 4-H.

Mason is the president of the Johnston County 4-H, and a representative of the Southeast District of 4-H.

She shared about some of the trips that she has been able to make, and she also spoke about a current project of raising funds for the Lindsey Varner Scholarship fund, sharing that club members could contribute by saving tabs from pop cans, etc.

The business meeting which fol-

lowed included discussion of the contribution of an afghan crocheted by Karen Inman, which would be donated to the fundraiser barbecue and auction for Elaina Reynolds.

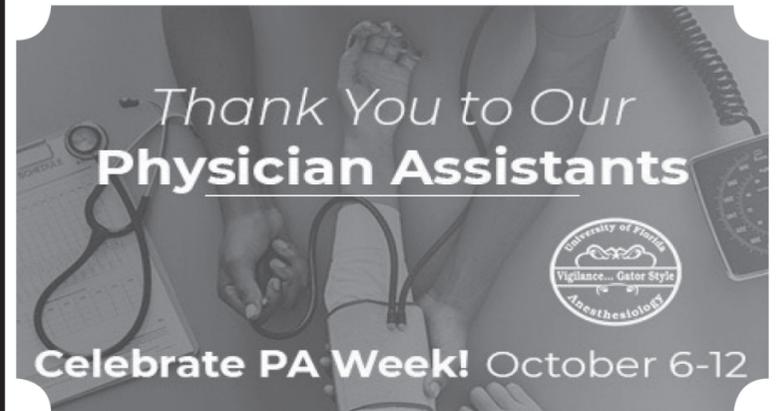
Also, it was decided that paper products to be donated to the Women's Crisis Center by club members will be brought to the November club meeting.

It was also reported that crepe myrtle trees had been purchased to help decorate the Tishomingo Cemetery.

Roll call was answered by Becky Wyatt, Lisa Coulter, Lisa Landon, Karen Inman, Mary Lokey, Tara Clary, Jenna Orr, Charolette Northcutt, Sandy Pralle, Rebecca Clary, Judy Huston, Rita Lokey, Janis Stewart, Norma Chaney and Leah Davenport.



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THANKS For GIVING

City council votes to close out CDBG sewer repair grant

By John A. Small
Managing Editor

encing platform.

Interim City Manager Janice Cain and City Clerk Darcy Ratliff also attended in person. Council member Sue Robins was unable to attend.

The meeting included a brief public hearing regarding the Community Development Block Grant that had been used for the needed sewer repairs. Michelle Powell of the Southern Oklahoma Development Association (SODA) explained that the city had received the CDBG funding for a project that had included

the removal or replacement of 1,513 linear feet of sanitary sewer main; rehabilitation of existing sewer manholes; erosion control; and other needed improvements.

Powell said the total cost of the project - which was completed in February - was \$217,508.50. The bulk of that cost was paid through the CDBG grant, with the city providing \$21,221 in match according to Powell.

Jumper expressed his appreciation to SODA for its assistance in administering the CDBG project. "You all have been a godsend," Jumper told Powell.

Following the public hearing in the issue, Green made the motion to approve closing out the grant project. The motion was seconded by Boston and passed by a vote of 4-0.

A pair of related mo-

tions - one affirming payment of all invoices related to the CDBG project, and the other approving completion of the project itself - were also approved by individual votes of 4-0.

In other business Monday, the council voted 4-0 to approve the purchase of a new vehicle for the Tishomingo Police Department in the amount of \$47,080.

Cain explained that the vehicle is being purchased under state contract, which allows the purchase without the usual bidding process.

The council also voted 4-0 to approve a request by Shanda Harper for the use of Pennington Park for a personal, Halloween-themed event on Oct. 31.

The approval is contingent upon vendors having the proper per-

mits and liability insurance as required by city ordinance.

During her report, Cain told council members that she has submitted to them a letter listing information regarding the possible utilization of reimbursement funds the city will be receiving through the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

Cain said the city can receive a one-time reimbursement of \$237,000 through the federal program. Once the money has been received, Cain added, she plans to meet with the council to fully develop a plan as to how the funds are to be used.

Her letter cites information provided by Oklahoma Municipal Management Services, of which the city is a member, outlining possible options the city can

consider to "best assess use for long-term use and needs."

The CARES Act is a \$2.2 trillion economic stimulus bill passed by the 116th U.S. Congress and signed into law by President Donald Trump on March 27, in response to the economic fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The spending primarily includes \$300 billion in one-time cash payments to individual Americans; \$260 billion in increased unemployment benefits; the creation of the Paycheck Protection Program that provides forgivable loans to small businesses with an initial \$350 billion in funding (later increased to \$669 billion by subsequent legislation); \$500 billion in aid for large corporations; and \$339.8 billion to state and local governments.

Community Calendar

Coats For Foster Children

The Promise Room organization in Tishomingo is currently seeking jackets and coats of all sizes to be provided to local foster children with the advent of cooler temperatures. Those wishing to make a donation or seeking additional information are asked to call Krista Vann at (405) 740-8567.

INCA 'Socktober' Event

INCA Community Services' RSVP program is collecting new socks to help those in need. All sizes of men's, women's and children's socks are needed. Donations will benefit local homeless shelters and veterans' centers, and can be dropped off at any INCA county office. The Tishomingo Lions Club is also assisting in the effort, and donations may be given to any Lions Club member; or can be dropped off at the Johnston County Sentinel office, located at 706 West Main Street in Tishomingo. Call 371-2352 for more information.

Tishomingo Parents Meetings

Tishomingo Public Schools will host a parent committee meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 21, starting at 3:45 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to review and discuss policies, procedures and student participation in all federal education programs offered by the school district, including Title VI Indian Education and Indian Policy and Procedures. A public hearing for the review and discussion of all such policies and procedures will later be held at the beginning of the Tishomingo Board of Education meeting on Thursday, Nov. 12, at 7 p.m. Both meetings will be held at the Tishomingo Public School Administration Office, located at 1300 East Main Street. The public is welcome to attend both events.

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.

ECU nursing grads ace licensing exams

If you have ever wondered how successful East Central University's Nursing program really is, just take a look at the test results.

ECU's 2020 nursing graduates posted a whopping 94.29 percent composite first-time pass rate on the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX), which is the mandatory test that determines if the candidate is safe to begin practice as an entry-level nurse.

The NCLEX is available only to students who have already completed an accredited nursing program. There are two variations, one for registered nurses and one for practical nurses.

"Our faculty and students work very hard for this moment, and they have all done an amazing job," Darcy Duncan, director of ECU's School of Nursing, said.

"I'm so proud of all of them. What a way to finish!"

ECU's Nursing program is highly competi-

tive, with a maximum of 82 new students admitted each year.

That means the highest number of students in the program at any given time is 246. The 94.29 percent rate equates to 66 of 70 ECU nursing graduates passing the NCLEX on the first attempt.

"We are thrilled with the results and we have come to expect this kind of excellence from the nursing program, as we do with all of our graduates," Dr. Katricia Pierson, ECU president, said.

"Professor Duncan and the nursing faculty do an incredible job preparing our students for success after graduation."

ECU's Nursing program maintains a presence on the main campus in Ada, as well as a satellite campus in Durant.

Students on the main ECU campus passed the NCLEX at a rate of 94.87 percent, while students on the Durant

campus were very close behind with a pass rate of 93.55 percent.

The national first-time pass rate in 2020 was less than 90 percent.

The NCLEX exam was developed, and is

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Sooner Pharmacy Good Health Tips



Commonly prescribed drugs could increase the risk of dementia, says a new study published in the journal *JAMA Internal Medicine*. The study found that there was nearly a 50% increased risk of dementia among patients aged 55 and over who had used strong anticholinergic medication daily for three years or more. Anticholinergic drugs help to contract and relax muscles. They work by blocking acetylcholine, a chemical that transmits messages in the nervous system. Doctors prescribe the drugs to treat a variety of conditions, including chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, bladder conditions, allergies, gastrointestinal disorders and symptoms of Parkinson's disease. These medicines can have short-term side effects, including confusion and memory loss, but it is less certain whether long-term use increases the risk of dementia.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved Dupixent (dupilumab) to treat adults with nasal polyps (growths on the inner lining of the sinuses) accompanied by chronic rhinosinusitis (prolonged inflammation of the sinuses and nasal cavity). This is the first treatment approved for inadequately controlled chronic rhinosinusitis with nasal polyps.

Vaccinating babies against a virus that causes childhood "stomach flu" greatly reduces their chance of getting so sick that they need hospital care, a new study published in the journal *Scientific Reports* shows. But the study also reveals a surprise: Getting fully vaccinated against rotavirus in the first months of life is associated with a lower risk of developing Type 1 diabetes later on. As a group, children who received all recommended doses of rotavirus vaccine had a 33 percent lower risk than unvaccinated children of getting diagnosed with type 1 diabetes—a lifelong disease with no known prevention strategies or cure.

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Hazard Pay Continued from Page 1

cluded on the estimate of needs, granting the hazard pay at this point in the budget process for the new fiscal year could have an adverse impact on that process.

Treasurer Smith said granting the hazard pay now would hold up final approval of the county's new fiscal year budget, which in turn could impede the collection of county taxes scheduled to begin in December.

When Sheriff Smith acknowledged that he had not included the proposed hazard pay on his estimate of needs, Treasurer Smith told the commissioners that the issue needs to be part of the budget discussions for Fiscal Year 2021-22 that begin in April.

She also stated that the hazard pay will need to be included as a specific line item on the sheriff's office estimate of needs for 2021-22.

Sheriff Smith ruefully noted that it will thus be up to his successor to follow through on securing the hazard pay he has been seeking for his deputies and jailers.

Smith is in his final term as sheriff after announcing in March his decision to retire. Current Undersheriff Gary Dodd and challenger Randy White are running to succeed Smith in the Nov. 3 general election.

In a related item, the commissioners voted 3-0 to approve the county's estimate of needs for Fiscal Year 2020-21.

Each year as part of the process of creating a budget, each county in Oklahoma creates an itemized estimate of proposed expenditures and anticipat-



ed revenues. Each office within the county government - sheriff's office, treasurer's and assessor's offices, etc., as well as the county's public school districts - generates its own individual estimate, which in turn is provided to the county commissioners to create a summary for the county as a whole.

This summary - the estimate of needs - is printed in a local newspaper, and is also presented to the county excise board as part of the process of developing the county's budget for the coming fiscal year.

Also during Monday's meeting, the commissioners approved an agreement to purchase property located just south

of the District 3 county barn in Ravia.

Under the terms of the agreement, the county will pay \$65,142 for the property. That figure includes \$200 for half of the closing costs, and \$22 for the filing of the deed. Clements, who represents District 3, noted during the discussion that the title opinion cost has already been paid.

Hallmark's motion to approve the agreement was seconded by Thompson and passed by a vote of 3-0.

The commissioners also voted 3-0 to approve the county's annual application for \$20,000 through the state's Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) program.

Administered through the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management (OEM), the program provides state, local, tribal and territorial emergency management agencies with the resources needed for implementation of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) emergency preparedness requirements.

The \$20,000 grant, if awarded, is given to the county in quarterly installments. As reported in last week's issue of the *Sentinel*, the commissioners had voted on Sept. 28 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 EMPG for the current fiscal year.

The application approved this week is for FY 2020-21 EMPG funding.

In other business Monday, the commissioners voted 3-0 to allow county workers to enter an old railroad bed located two miles south of Wapanucka at Rock Hill Road.

Thompson stated that he plans to put in a pair of tin horns at that location to help alleviate drainage problems in the area.

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Pot Roast	Fish Sticks	Chili Cheese Dogs	Scrambled Eggs, Cheese & Sausage	Breaded Chicken Sandwich
Potatoes in Roast, Carrots in Roast	Cheesy Potatoes, Cole Slaw	Potato Wedges, Pork & Beans	Tomato Juice, Orange Wedges	Carrots/Relish Tray, Tator Tots
Dinner Roll	Hush Puppies	Hot Dog Bun	Biscuits	Sandwich Bread
Margarine	Tarter Sauce	Margarine, Mustard, Ketchup	Gravy, Margarine	Mayo, Mustard, Ketchup
Fruit Pie	Bananas/ Cream	Pineapple Chunks	Peach w/Cottage Cheese	Fruited Parfait
Milk, Tea, Water	Milk, Tea, Water	Milk, Tea, Water	Milk, Tea, Water	Milk, Tea, Water

School Menus

COLEMAN
Monday Breakfast
Waffle, scrambled eggs, cereal, fruit.

Lunch
Cheeseburger macaroni, green beans, breadstick, fruit, or chef salad with dinner roll.

Tuesday Breakfast
Chicken biscuit, cereal, fruit.

Lunch
Chicken taquitos, refried beans, tortilla chips, salsa, fruit, or chicken fajita salad with chips.

TISHOMINGO
Monday Lunch
Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, country-style gravy, green beans, hot roll, fruit.

Tuesday Lunch
Fajita salad, beans, lettuce, tomatoes, Spanish rice, salsa, fruit.

MILBURN
Monday Breakfast
Waffle, scrambled eggs, cereal, fruit.

Lunch
Cheeseburger macaroni, green beans, breadstick, fruit.

Tuesday Breakfast
Chicken biscuit, cereal, fruit.

Lunch
Chicken taquitos, refried beans, tortilla chips, salsa, fruit.

WAPANUCKA
Monday Breakfast
Breakfast bars, fruit, cereal.

Lunch
Chicken strips, broccoli rice and cheese, corn, fruit.

Tuesday Breakfast
Breakfast burrito, salsa, fruit, cereal

Lunch
Beef nachos, beans, Mexican salad, fruit.

MILL CREEK
Monday Breakfast
Biscuit, sausage, cereal variety, fruit.

Lunch
Goulash, broccoli, cauliflower, carrots, black-eyed peas, cornbread, fruit.

Tuesday Breakfast
Biscuit, gravy, bacon, cereal variety, fruit.

Lunch
Ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, pickle spear, onion, chips, fruit.

MANNVILLE
Monday Breakfast
Waffle, scrambled eggs, cereal, fruit.

Lunch

Cheeseburger macaroni, green beans, breadstick, fruit.

Tuesday Breakfast
Chicken biscuit, cereal, fruit.

Lunch
Chicken tacos, refried beans, tortilla chips, salsa, fruit.

Wednesday Breakfast
Breakfast taco (egg, sausage, cheese, tater tots), cereal, fruit.

Lunch
Barbecue pulled pork sandwich, tater tots, garden salad, dinner roll, fruit.

Thursday Breakfast
Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit.

Lunch
Breaded chicken sandwich, baby carrots, chips, fruit.

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Johnston County Milestones

Harcrow honored by Phi Theta Kappa international team



Natalea Harcrow

The coronavirus pandemic that has had an impact on many walks of life has stepped in again.

Murray State College student Natalea Harcrow was to be honored in Oklahoma City by Speaker Charles McCall, Oklahoma House of Representatives House District 22, in March 2020. She had been chosen as a member of Phi Theta Kappa International to receive one of two awards.

According to the State of Oklahoma Citation of Recognition, the Oklahoma Association of Two-year College Presidents and the

Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges recognize 40 of Oklahoma's brightest two-year college students each year through the All-Oklahoma/USA Coca-Cola Academic Team.

The citation states that Oklahoma is one of 38 states participating in the state academic team program through Phi Theta Kappa International.

The student must be nominated by their college president and have at least a 3.5 cumulative grade point average.

Murray State College present-

ed the recognition on behalf of the citizens of Oklahoma, and commented about the great pride in recognizing one who had excelled. They expressed congratulations and best wishes.

Harcrow graduated from Tishomingo High School with the Class of 2019.

Harcrow's parents are Kelcey and Bryant Upton and David Harcrow.

She is the granddaughter of Danny and Carla Daniels, and David and Janet Harcrow, all of Tishomingo.

MSC coach selected for NJCAA event

Murray State College head men's basketball coach Kevin O'Connor, who led the Aggies to a 25-6 record and a 14 seed in the 2020 NJCAA championship tournament, has been selected to participate in the inaugural TopConnect NJCAA symposium set for Oct. 8-9.

The inaugural class is comprised of 30 head men's basketball coaches and 11 head women's basketball coaches.

O'Connor was named NJCAA Division I Region II Coach of the Year for the 2019-20 season, one of 50 impactful coaches in men's JUCO basketball by Silver Waves Media, and *HoopDirt.com* Junior College Coach of the Week.

"Coach O'Connor has had a hugely successful year and we congratulate him on being chosen to participate in this new and exciting event," MSC President Joy McDaniel said.

TopConnect works in conjunction with East Tennessee State University's doctoral program in Global Sport Leadership, and is a subsidiary of Connected Media LLC. The three-word mantra of "Connect.



MSC Men's Basketball Coach Kevin O'Connor outlines plays with team members during the 2019-20 winning season.

Prepare. Lead." identifies the purpose of TopConnect.

NJCAA President and CEO Dr. Chris Parker and JUCO Advocate CEO Brandon Goble will hold a conversation on breaking through the junior-college stigma.

Under O'Connor, who was named head coach of the men's basketball program in July 2017, the Aggies were ranked in national NJCAA Division I polls for the first time in program history when they received a 21st-place ranking in January 2020.

Over the next four weeks, the Aggies rose as high as 10th place and

rode a 13-game winning streak into the last two weeks of the season.

Tournament play was later canceled due to COVID-19 concerns.

Obituaries

Johnny Wendell Threadgill

TISHOMINGO – No services are scheduled at this time for Johnny Wendell Threadgill, 59, of Tishomingo. The son of the late Johnny Lee Threadgill and Molly Mae (Silking) Threadgill, he was born Nov. 6, 1960, in Cleburn, Texas, and died Oct. 1, 2020, in Denison, Texas.

He moved to Tishomingo in 1997 and spent most of his life working as a mechanic. He was preceded in death by a brother, Phillip Gene Threadgill.

Survivors include a sister, Sherry Bogard of Tishomingo; and other relatives.

The family has chosen cremation. Arrangements are under the direction of Tishomingo Funeral Home.

Paid Obituary

Joan Carol Weems Scott

Joan Carol Weems Scott, 72, of Tishomingo, Okla., passed away Sept. 30, 2020, at Baxter Regional Medical Center in Mountain Home, Ark. She was born Dec. 16, 1947, in Sayre, Okla., to the late Paul Schmidt and Joyce Wright Schmidt.



Joan was raised in Oregon, Sayre and Kenefic, Okla., before graduating high school in Caddo, Okla. She attended Southeastern and later Cook County College, where she received her RN degree. Joan worked at Johnston Memorial Hospital as director of nursing for 12 years before starting Victory Home Health and Hospice, which continues to be family-owned and operated and has grown to many other locations, along with Victory Medical Equipment. In 2019 she opened Touchless Car Spa in Tishomingo.

She was a member of the First Assembly of God Church in Tishomingo, where she enjoyed singing and teaching Sunday school. Joan also enjoyed cooking, sewing, painting, gardening, ranching, and working with cattle; she also loved traveling and attending her grandchildren's activities.

She married Autry Harold Weems on March 23, 1991, in Tishomingo, and he preceded her in death on Nov. 23, 2017. Joan married David Scott on July 16, 2020; he survives in Mountain Home, Ark.

Other survivors include her children, Jill Parham and husband Jeremy and Kim Cripps, all of Tishomingo; her grandchildren, Forrest Latham, Dalton Latham, Lexi Latham, Justin Parham, Alec Cripps and Paden Cripps; a great-grandchild, Caiden Latham; two brothers, Lynn Schmidt and wife Brenda and Tim Schmidt and wife Dana, all of Mead, Okla.; and a sister, Pauletta Martin and husband Will, Raleigh, N.C.

Visitation was Monday, Oct. 5, at the Watts Funeral Home in Madill, Okla., from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., with family hour from 6 to 8 p.m.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Oct. 6, at 10 a.m. at the Assembly of God Church in Tishomingo, Cordell Hines and Jeremy Parham officiating. Interment followed in the Condon Grove Cemetery in Milburn.

Forrest Latham, Dalton Latham, Justin Parham, Alec Cripps, Paden Cripps and Creed Ballinger served as pallbearers.

Memorials may be made to the Victory Angels Foundation, 714 E. Main, Tishomingo, OK 73460

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

Paid Obituary

Linda Byles

Linda Byles, 65, passed from this life on Sept. 23, 2020, at Mercy Hospital in Oklahoma City, Okla. Linda was born March 16, 1955, in Madill, Okla., to Wanda (Benge) Akins and Albert Akins.



Linda attended Ravia School and Tishomingo High School, and went to Southern Oklahoma Vo-Tech, receiving certification as a CNA and CMA. She worked at several nursing homes throughout her career, and retired from Brookside Nursing Home in Madill this past year.

Linda had many friends. She enjoyed being outdoors working in her yard, gardening, and "hunting for mushrooms." She liked to travel to different places when she got a chance, loved going to concerts, and would never miss a chance to see her "favorite" of all time, Dwight Yoakum.

Linda's favorite pastime was pushing a button at the local casino hoping to win a dollar "or two, or three." One of the most enjoyable things for Linda to do was getting together with the family each weekend and having cookouts, especially when all of her children and grandchildren were able to attend. That made it more special for her.

Linda enjoyed life, her family and children, and especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and her dog, Ruby.

Linda was preceded in death by her husband of 48 years, Jim Byles, and her father, Albert Akins. Those she leaves behind to cherish her memories are her children, Melisha Byles of Oklahoma City, and Jimmy Byles and wife Brandi of Ravia; her grandchildren, Landon Byles, Danielle Lewis, Dylan Byles and Ethan Byles; two great-grandchildren, Kevin Lewis and Makinley Lynn Lewis; her mother, Wanda Akins; three brothers, Kenneth Akins and wife Audra, Billy Akins and wife Judy, and Dewayne Akins and wife Debbie; two sisters, Susan Worcester and husband Jimmy, and Debbie Dickerson; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends who will deeply miss her.

Paid Obituary

Mary Annette Black

Mary Annette Black, 82, of Tishomingo, passed from this life on Saturday, Oct. 3, 2020, at Norman Regional Hospital in Norman, Okla. Annette was born Sept. 13, 1938, in Tishomingo, Okla., to Roy and Minnie Davis Black.



She spent all her years calling Johnston County home and her working years as homemaker for her family. She was a member of the Assembly of God Church in Tishomingo until her health made it harder to attend.

Annette is preceded in death by her parents, Roy and Minnie Black; two sisters; and two brothers.

Those she leaves to cherish her memories include her two daughters, Joyce Hefley and husband Mark of Clarita, and Sue Black of Tishomingo; her grandchildren, Amanda Black of Chickasha, Brandy Biggs of Sherman, Texas, Steven Biggs of Palestine, Texas, Tommy Biggs of Durant, Okla., Kyla Reinhart and husband John of Tishomingo, and Amy Vaughn of Elgin, Okla.; 13 great-grandchildren; a brother, Jackie Black; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends who will deeply miss her.

A graveside service to honor and celebrate the life of Mary Annette Black will be held at 2 p.m. today (Thursday), Oct. 8, at the Bullet Prairie Cemetery in Ravia. Arrangements are under the direction of DeArman-Clark Funeral Home, Tishomingo.

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Wheeler honored as Dynamic Woman of the Year

Ten years ago, Chickasaw weaver and fashion designer Margaret Roach Wheeler was inducted into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame.

Now, while closing a chapter in her life, she is being named the 2020 Dynamic Woman of the Year by Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby.

"Margaret is a multitasking individual who has devoted her career to creating beautiful art and promoting Chickasaw culture," Anoatubby said.

"She is an artist, teacher, mentor and businesswoman whose work will have a positive impact for generations."

Wheeler has mentored new generations of weavers; shaped the artistic learning opportunities offered from within the Chickasaw Nation; founded a first-of-its-kind weaving business; brought influential artists into the heart of the tribe; and shepherded in community members to learn Chickasaw culture.

"I do what I love, and to be

rewarded for that is just the greatest thing. I wouldn't change anything," Wheeler said.

"I was so humbled by the Hall of Fame. It just made me realize I wanted to earn it. I wanted to be there, create things, perform, help Chickasaws."

And so she did, with a dedication and work ethic she said was instilled by her parents.

The roles of educator, mentor, cultural advocate and businesswoman are perhaps not the ones for which Wheeler are most known, but they are very much how she spent her time with the Chickasaw Nation since moving to Sulphur and putting down roots.

Lona Barrick, executive officer of cultural tourism for the Chickasaw Nation, was one of the first within the tribe to notice Wheeler and offer an intriguing invitation. It was an offer to collaborate with Chickasaw composer Jerod Tate and Chickasaw poet Linda Hogan.

The project was called Lowak

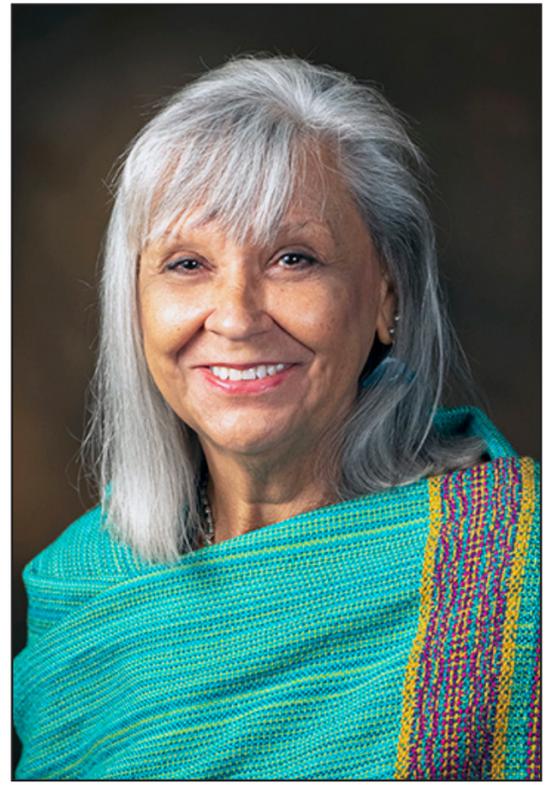
Shoppala', a collaborative multimedia stage production. It showcased Chickasaw clothing through history, and Wheeler – then a successful world-trotting artist in her own right – designed the costuming. It was the first big project which brought Wheeler back to the area her family had once called home.

Soon, Wheeler was asked to become one of the Chickasaw Nation's Artists in Residence.

"It has just been a wonderful homecoming for me, to be able to come here and find my culture through the artist in residence. I found my culture and family in the Chickasaw Nation," she said.

It wasn't long before she got involved with the Chickasaw Nation Arts Academy teaching fashion design. Earlier in life, she worked as a high school teacher, so it was a welcomed and familiar role.

Wheeler later served as the artist in residence at the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian in New York.



Margaret Roach Wheeler

Chickasaw elected officials take oath of office Oct. 1

Five Chickasaw Nation officials elected during the July 28 general election were sworn into office Thursday, Oct. 1.

Responsible distancing guidelines were followed during the ceremony, which was live-streamed nationwide.

Four legislators and one tribal Supreme Court Justice took the oath of office, which was administered by Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court Chief Justice Linda English Weeks.

Legislators Connie Barker, Marietta; Karen Goodnight, Goldsby; J. Lisa Impson, Ada; and

Steven Woods, Davis, reaffirmed their oath of office. Supreme Court Justice Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon, of Sul-

phur, was also sworn into office during the ceremony.

Chickasaw Legislators and Supreme Court

Justices serve a three-year term.

The Chickasaw Nation Legislature is comprised of 13 members,

elected from the Chickasaw Nation's four legislative districts - Panola, Pickens, Pontotoc and Tishomingo.

The Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court consists of three Supreme Court Justices elected by Chickasaw citizens.



Five Chickasaw Nation officials elected during the July general election were sworn into office last Thursday, Oct. 1. Pictured left to right are Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court Justice Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon and Chickasaw Nation legislators Dr. Karen Goodnight, Connie Barker, J. Lisa Impson and Steven Woods.

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Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening.....7:00 p.m.

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Wednesday Evening.....7:00 p.m.

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

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Wednesday Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.
Thursday Overcomers.....7:00 p.m.

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

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Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening.....6:30 p.m.

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Johnston County Church Guide

Bible Verse of the Week:

**"If only you would be altogether silent!
For you, that would be wisdom."**

(Job 13:5, NIV)

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

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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
Tuesdays.....8:00 p.m.
Wednesdays.....Noon

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Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
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Wed. ASK Group.....3:30 p.m.
Thursday Wesley MSC.....Noon

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

UNITED CHURCH
8th & Kemp
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

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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 School.....10:00 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
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Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening.....10:30 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.....6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Evening.....7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
211 S. Grand Ave. • 371-2065
Rev. Kevin Russell, Pastor
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:50 a.m.
Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening.....7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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

LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH OF GOD
5th and N St.
(580) 364-2709
Leon & Sharon Crites, Pastors
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening.....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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Annual Alfalfa Bill bike ride still on tap for Oct. 17

We are so excited to move forward with this year's 34th Annual Alfalfa Bill Century Bicycle Ride, an outdoor event, which makes it already that much safer with everything going on.

This year's ride features six routes, up one from prior years, and will take cyclists through three Oklahoma counties, should they choose the 100-mile journey. From the seasoned bicyclist to the beginner or youth, there is a route for everyone.

Try the 10-, 20-, 30-, 47-, 64- or 100-mile ride, with a bounty of support and supplies from our volunteers. We will have rest stops set up about every 10 miles that are stocked with water, drink supplements, pickles, bananas, and the famous Alfalfa Bill power cookies.

Bicycle repair equipment will also be available. Our SAG drivers will follow the groups to ensure the motorists slow down on busy roads and keep our riders safe.

Please note that bicyclists will be traveling our rural highways on Oct. 17, so be prepared to slow down and go around. We will be placing signs along the highways to alert drivers, as well.

This year, we have added some great benefits to the event, including loading the routes on *RidewithGPS.com*. This site allows the riders to download their route to their mobile device to follow as they ride.

They can also follow the painted arrows at each of the turns, thanks to our friend Gary Cook.

Another new feature is that we will be providing a meal to those who are interested for \$10 each.

Now that we are past Oct. 1, the fee to participate is \$45 per person. This includes registration; this year's unique, long-sleeve T-shirt; support along all routes; and supplies.

We're excited to be using a local company, Super Cheap T-shirts, again for our shirts. They are available for purchase by members of the community for \$20.

Our sponsors will be featured on the back of the T-shirts, as well as on individual signs posted near the rest stops, for those who bumped up a level.

We are grateful for the support of local businesses which makes this event happen. Businesses that would like to include swag items or offer a discount to ride participants can drop off items by Oct. 14.

We currently have 81 registered

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Jordyn Frazier
JCCC Executive Director



and we expect to see at least 90. This is up from 2019.

We have been sending current and past participants information about Johnston County and Tishomingo for the last couple of weeks, encouraging them to come for the weekend and enjoy our small-town atmosphere.

Many of them come from big cities to enjoy the scenery and quiet. We're encouraging them to stay, shop and experience Johnston County.

We will be asking everyone to social distance as much as possible, and all interaction will be in an outdoor setting. We will not require masks but welcome anyone who would like to wear one while interacting face-to-face.

Our volunteers at rest stops will be provided with gloves and hand sanitizer, and all supplies will be packaged individually. We will ask riders at the start to distance from one another, but naturally everyone will spread out as the ride gets going.

We believe this will be a fun and safe event, and hope that everyone will be kind and courteous.

For more information or to register, visit *BikeReg.com* and search for the 34th Annual Alfalfa Bill Century Bicycle Ride.

Register by Oct. 9, and you'll be entered to win an engraved, insulated mug.

Thank you to our sponsors: Brenda Rowe Realty, Blessing Gravel, Chickasaw Nation, CJ's Dispensary, LL, Complete Home Health, Courtesy PC, Family Health Center of Southern Oklahoma, Heffington Realty, Houser Furniture, Johnston County Farm Bureau, and the *Johnston County Sentinel*.

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Mill Creek Students of the Month

Mill Creek School recently honored its Students of the Month for August 2020. Pictured left to right are: (back row) Delaney Brown, Nadia Neasbitt, Alex Edwards, Kendrik Albertson and Evan Blasko; (front row) Akira Arles, Braylee Farley, Rhaegan Baker, and Carter Rose.

ECU online program ranked among U.S.'s most affordable

East Central University's online Human Services program has been recognized as one of the most affordable in the nation.

According to online research group the Education Reference Desk – which draws its numbers from the National Center for Education Statistics – ECU ranks second on the most affordable list.

"We have quality along with affordability," Dr. Katricia Pierson, ECU president, said.

"Our graduates from the Human Services program are employed in a wide range of fields, in-

cluding substance abuse counseling; family support; and social and rehabilitation services. I'm pleased that we have been recognized for our online Human Services degree program."

According to the Utah-based research group, the colleges and universities considered for these rankings are regionally or nationally accredited, offer at least one fully online human services degree, and were collected from official accrediting agency websites.

"I am very impressed

with the commitment of the faculty in this program to our students," Kate Lang, dean of ECU's College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, which oversees the online Human Services program, said.

"It has been exciting to see the creativity that our faculty bring to designing these online courses."

For more information about the Education Reference Desk and the report's methodology, visit www.eduref.net.

To apply to ECU, visit www.ecok.edu/apply.

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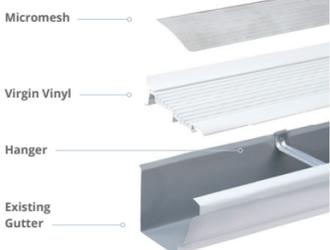
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ALT offers audition workshop

Ardmore Little Theatre (ALT) invites children interested in acting to an audition workshop on Monday, Oct. 12.

The free workshop will provide a brief orientation to the stage and give the kids a chance to see how ALT auditions take place, helping them to be more comfortable when trying out for a show.

The session will be led by Monica Stofa, a veteran actor and director with the community theatre.

Though tailored for kids, any interested person is welcome to participate in the 7 p.m. session at the Goddard Center. No reservations are required.

Participants should enter through the stage door on the north side of the building. Face masks are required, and all persons entering Goddard Center for the event will have their temperature taken. Social distancing guidelines will be followed.

For more information on the workshop or the actual auditions, call (580) 223-6387.

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Crime News

Police Phone Log

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28:

7:27 a.m. - Caller reporting reckless driver.
 9:40 a.m. - Caller reporting theft.
 2:39 p.m. - Caller reporting disturbance.
 6:12 p.m. - Caller reporting unattended child.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29:

12:33 a.m. - Caller reporting noise complaint.
 9:58 a.m. - Caller reporting suspicious activity.
 2:13 p.m. - Caller reporting break-in.
 6:40 p.m. - Caller requesting welfare check.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30:

1:57 a.m. - Alarm call.
 9:08 p.m. - Caller requesting welfare check.
 9:41 p.m. - Alarm call.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1:

12:39 a.m. - Caller reporting dispute.
 3:54 p.m. - Caller reporting intoxicated pedestrian.
 4:46 p.m. - Caller reporting vehicle accident.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2:

3:42 p.m. - Caller reporting property damage.
 4:21 p.m. - Alarm call.
 8:56 p.m. - Caller reporting gas drive-off.
 11:42 p.m. - Caller reporting verbal altercation.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3:

No calls recorded on log.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4:

9:33 a.m. - Caller reporting threat.
 1:22 p.m. - Caller reporting intoxicated pedestrian.
 2:04 p.m. - Caller reporting assault.
 4:27 p.m. - Caller reporting hit-and-run.
 4:30 p.m. - Alarm call.

Sheriff's Phone Log

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28:

3:13 p.m. - Caller on North McIntosh Road reporting trespassing.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29:

2:59 a.m. - Caller in Bromide reporting dispute.
 6:59 a.m. - Caller in Mannsville reporting suspicious vehicle.
 4:44 p.m. - Caller in Milburn reporting theft.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30:

11:09 a.m. - Caller reporting abandoned vehicle at Highway 78 and Prairie View Road.
 11:49 a.m. - Caller in Milburn reporting domestic.
 4:42 p.m. - Caller in Milburn reporting theft.
 8:31 p.m. - Caller in Milburn reporting suspicious person.
 9:29 p.m. - Caller in Milburn reporting domestic.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1:

11:08 a.m. - Caller in Milburn reporting suspicious vehicle.
 11:20 a.m. - Caller in Butcher Pen reporting abandoned vehicle.
 4:32 p.m. - Caller in Mill Creek reporting trespassing.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2:

8:34 a.m. - Caller on State Highway 78 east reporting burglary.
 12:36 p.m. - Caller reporting suspicious vehicle, location not listed on log.
 9:42 p.m. - Caller in Mannsville reporting suspicious activity.
 10:09 p.m. - Caller in Mannsville reporting suspicious activity.
 11:46 p.m. - Caller in Tishomingo reporting suspicious person.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3:

3:49 a.m. - Caller in Reagan reporting vehicle in ditch.
 4:01 a.m. - Caller in Ravia reporting domestic.
 12:39 p.m. - Caller in Mill Creek reporting burglary.
 2:44 p.m. - Caller reporting trespassing, location not listed on log.
 4:28 p.m. - Caller in Kenefic reporting horse out.
 6:28 p.m. - Caller reporting suspicious activity, location not listed on log.
 8:05 p.m. - Caller in Connerville reporting missing juvenile.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4:

12:05 a.m. - Caller in Milburn reporting stolen vehicle.
 4:27 p.m. - Caller in Mannsville reporting hit-and-run.

Johnston County Blotter

The following cases were filed in the Johnston County Court Clerk's office in Tishomingo during the week of Sept. 25-Oct. 1.

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

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

Felonies

None.

Misdemeanors

Tommy Wayne Yows - Operating vehicle without a valid driver's license.

Michelle Marthea Freeman - Allowing unauthorized person to operate vehicle.

Calen Jay Arnold - Leaving scene of accident resulting in damage to fixtures.

Tara Lea Cardinale - Possession of drug paraphernalia.

Jeffrey Alan Simmons - Driving motor vehicle under influence of drugs; possession of marijuana; possession of controlled dangerous substance.

Michael Sean Hobbs - Possession of marijuana.

Odilon Rodriguenz Satelo - Operating motor vehicle without a valid driver's license.

Traffic

Daniel Lee Walker, Tishomingo - Failure to properly wear seat belt (driver).

Daniel Damon Maxey, Tishomingo - Failure to properly wear seat belt (driver).

Jeremy Lance Lotheridge, Tishomingo - Failure to properly wear seat belt (driver).

Mandy Renea Smith, Tishomingo - Failure to properly wear seat belt (driver).

Michael Lee Grant, Lone

Grove - Inattentive driving resulting in collision.

Paden Cruz Cripps, Tishomingo - Failure to properly wear seat belt (driver).

Rickey Lee Sheldon, Tishomingo - Failure to properly wear seat belt (driver).

Ashely Renee Houser, Tishomingo - Failure to properly wear seat belt (driver).

Trent Michael Goodman, Ada - Failure to properly wear seat belt (driver).

Troy Alan Bornman, Milburn - Failure to properly wear seat belt (driver).

James Brian Brown, Mill Creek - Failure to properly wear seat belt (driver).

Barbara Marie Harner, Milburn - Failure to properly wear seat belt (driver).

Aaron Daniel Williams, Tishomingo - Failure to properly wear seat belt (driver).

Jasheena Jade Hudgins, Tishomingo - Failure to properly wear seat belt (driver).

Dana Marie Wagnon, Kingston - Failure to properly wear seat belt (driver).

Gary L. Hensley, Coalgate - Failure to properly wear seat belt (driver).

Jonathon Larkin Sherwood, Ada - Failure to properly wear seat belt (driver).

Thomas Lee Roberts Jr., Tishomingo - Failure to properly wear seat belt (driver).

Jennison Danielle Dodd, Tishomingo - Failure to properly wear seat belt (driver).

Terry Lee Hughes, Tishomingo - Failure to properly wear seat belt (driver).

Tommy Wayne Yows, Tishomingo - Failure to properly wear seat belt (driver).

James Vincent Golden, Tishomingo - Failure to properly wear seat belt (driver).

Kyle Matthew Cofer, Tishomingo - Failure to properly wear

seat belt (driver).

Cheyenne Nicole Jackson, Durant - Speeding, 87/65.

Tommy Wayne Yows, Tishomingo - Failure to carry security verification form.

Calen Jay Arnold, Kingston - Operating motor vehicle without driver's license in immediate possession; failure to carry security verification form; alter or change title, registration, license plate or decal; inattentive driving resulting in collision.

Dawson W. Berna, Tishomingo - Operating vehicle at a speed greater than reasonable and proper.

Wildlife

None.

Civil

Mark Stanley Fuchik vs. State of Oklahoma - Expunge-ment of records.

Genia Elaine White-Bacon vs. Anthony Cabiniss - Quiet title.

Nitro-Lift Technologies LLC vs. Verdisys LLC - Breach of contract.

Crown Asset Management LLC vs. Jessica Lee Lawley - Indebtedness.

Small Claims

Marty K. Brown vs. Anthony Cabaniss - Forcible entry and detainer.

Debra Forsythe vs. Anthony Cabaniss - Forcible entry and detainer.

Kenneth Kendrick vs. Anthony Cabaniss - Forcible entry and detainer.

Marriages

Phillip Wayne Newton, 41, Mill Creek, and Lindsey Marie Smith, 36, Mill Creek.

Divorces

None

Be cautious when transferring cash via apps

In today's fast-paced culture, being able to make a quick payment to a friend or business directly from a bank account can be handy.

In the world of smart phones, money transfer apps have become a necessity for many.

While convenient, those apps do come with some concerns, said Cindy Clampet, Oklahoma State University Extension family resource management assistant specialist.

"These apps add to the convenience of making purchases online or person-to-person anytime consumers don't want to use cash or a paper check," Clampet said, outlining two types of cash-transfer apps.

"Some, such as PayPal, feature a secure payment system which guarantees the safety of the transaction. Others, such as CashApp, Venmo and Zelle, don't offer such security and can be misused by scammers who want to steal your money."

Clampet urges consumers to use caution if they opt for unsecure transactions because scammers have found a variety of ways to drain bank accounts. Unfortunately, there is very little that can be done to retrieve the money after a transaction.

Unsecure apps typically do not offer a phone number for immediate customer assistance. Clampet said if money starts disappearing from the consumer's account, it can take days before getting a

response from the cash transfer company.

"Oftentimes, by the time the company contacts the consumer, their account has been drained," she said.

Scammers also may develop authentic-looking websites with fake customer support phone numbers. When that happens, Clampet said, consumers are directed to make a transfer to ensure the app is working properly, but then the account is drained by the scammer.

Sometimes the issue is not the app itself, but a scammer using a stolen credit card. Clampet said when a cash-transfer app company discovers the problem, it will reverse the charges and the con-

sumer will take the loss.

"A variation on this money-theft scheme is the scammer will deposit money into your account, then contact you to report it was a mistake and ask for a refund via another transfer. When the cash transfer company reverses the charges, you're out the money you've already refunded," she said.

"This typically results in the cash transfer company saying there's nothing they can do."

The Better Business Bureau (BBB) offers some advice for consumers who use cash transfer apps and for those who have been scammed:

- Report the crime to police, banking institu-

tions, BBB and the Federal Trade Commission;

- Link the app to a credit card, not a bank account;

- Never transfer money using public or unsecured Wi-Fi;

- Regularly check credit reports;

- Set up a multifactor authentication for accounts that require a PIN;

- Do not use cash transfer apps to sell items online; and

- Use cash transfer apps only with trusted family and friends.

"Consumers must do everything they can to protect their accounts because there's a scammer out there just waiting to take their money," Clampet said.

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Sports Beat

Indians refuse to give up in 21-6 loss at Marietta THS plays next at Coalgate Oct. 15 due to this week's cancellation

By John A. Small
Managing Editor

It was another long night for the Tishomingo Indians last Friday, as they traveled to Marietta and ended up on the wrong end of the 21-6 final in the second contest on their 2020 district schedule.

Even so, Coach Clint Nabors came away from the contest with nothing but pride in the way his team once again refused to give up and kept up the good fight.

"I was just super proud of the kids who traveled because of their guts and courage for this team, this school, and this community," Nabors told the *Sentinel*. "They went and played in a game where 95 percent never came off of the field. We have several guys in new spots, and some we just had to plug in the week of (the game)."

"I'm just so proud of this group, and I will never ever question their guts and determination for this community."

The loss leaves Tishomingo at 0-2 in district play and still looking for its first win for the current season.

The Indians had been scheduled to host Frederick this Friday, Oct. 9. But school officials announced Tuesday that the game had been canceled due to five players on the Frederick team having tested positive for COVID-19. (See related story on Page 1.)

With this week's game canceled, the Indians will next play Thursday, Oct. 15, at Coalgate. Kickoff is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

Last week's contest saw the Indians defense put to the test early. After returning the opening kickoff to its own 33-yard line, Marietta used its first possession to string together a lengthy series of drives that lasted for much of the first quarter.

Midway through that series, the host team would benefit from an off-sides call against Tishomingo that turned third-and-five into a Marietta first down at the THS 44.

It was the first of a number of penalties that would dog the Indians throughout the night, and set the stage for a long run on the next play that put Marietta just short of the end zone.

Tishomingo's defense held Marietta to no gain on the first-and-goal effort, then pushed the offense backwards for a two-yard loss. But Marietta made up that lost yardage to set up third-and-goal from the 1-yard line, then scooted in for the first touchdown of the night.

The successful extra-point kick gave Marietta the 7-0 lead with 7:12 left in the opening quarter.

Tishomingo launched its first possession of the night with a kickoff return by Cruz Martinez that gave the Indians first down on their own 32.

After losing a yard on the first play, Tishomingo was hit by a 10-yard holding penalty that moved the ball back to second-and-21. Colby Gray then ran a quarterback keeper that put the Indians back near the original line of scrimmage.

Gray held on to the ball again for a five-yard gain to set up the fourth down. The punt return put Marietta on its own 38 to start the next possession, touching off another series of drives that ate up the clock to finish the period.

The second quarter opened with Marietta at fourth-and-7 on its own 47. The opening snap saw Marietta's ball carrier go wide around the THS defense and all the way in for another touchdown. The kick was again good, improving Marietta's lead to 14-0 with 11:54 left in the half.

That's where the score remained when the buzzer sounded halftime, as both teams stepped up their defense for the duration of the period.

Tishomingo took the first kickoff of the second half to its own 35 to launch its own lengthy series of drives - which included a first down awarded after Marietta was finally flagged on an off-sides call.

But two plays later Tishomingo saw a first-and-10 become first-and-15 thanks to a delay of game penalty. The Indians battled back, but advanced only as far as fourth-and-8 to set up the punt that went out of bounds at the Marietta 20.

The host team immediately picked up five yards on the first play of the possession, but a fumble on the second down was recovered by Tishomingo at the Marietta 26 with 6:19 left in the period.

Right away Tishomingo was hit with another five-yard penalty on a false start call. From there the Indians picked up two yards which they lost again on the ensuing play, putting them at third-and-15.

It was then that Gray fired off what proved to be the play of the night for Tishomingo - a long pass to Justin Cardenas, who ran all the way in for the touchdown with 5:05 remaining in the third period.

But the attempted two-point con-



Tishomingo's Justin Cardenas carries the ball into the end zone after catching a long pass from quarterback Colby Gray in what proved to be the Indians' only scoring play of the night at Marietta last Friday, Oct. 2. In the photo below, Gray fires off a pass to sophomore teammate Aiden Clark (*Sentinel* staff photos by Joshua Small)



version was stymied by an incomplete pass, leaving Marietta with the 14-6 lead.

Marietta would score again at the 7:26 mark in the fourth quarter. After recovering a Tishomingo fumble on a third-and-4 play near the Indians' 5, the Marietta carrier celebrated by darting in for the TD on the first play of the new possession.

The successful kick gave Marietta the 21-6 lead it would hold onto until the final buzzer. Tishomingo's efforts

to bounce back during its next possession were thwarted by a pair of back-to-back pass attempts that should have been - but were not - called as pass interference against the host team.

Two possessions later Marietta would finally get tagged with a pass interference call late in the quarter, but by then the damage was irreversible.

The very next play saw Marietta intercept a Tishomingo pass to regain possession for the final moments of the contest.

Lady Indians *Continued from Page 1*

in three innings. Sister Jayden pitched two innings and threw five strike-outs while giving up one walk.

That victory set the stage for Friday's regional championship game against Sperry. Tishomingo scored one run in the second inning and one in the third, while holding Sperry scoreless over the seven-inning match-up.

Grace Anderson furthered her impressive pitching career with 17 strike-outs, while giving up only one walk and no hits.

The week leading up to the annual regional tournament saw Tishomingo claim victories over four opposing teams. Information regarding those games were not provided to the *Sentinel* in time for publication in last week's issue.

The string of victories that rounded off the regular season began at home Sept. 21 as the Lady Indians handed Kingston a 2-0 loss. Hook and Wood scored the two THS runs in that contest, and each also belted a double to further the Lady Indians' cause.

Grace Anderson struck out 18, walked two and gave up a single hit in that seven-inning contest.

Tuesday, Sept. 22, saw the Lady Indians play host again to Durant, whom they sent

home after four innings with a 10-0 defeat.

Four members of the THS squad - McMillen,



Tishomingo catcher Logan Bryant waits on a sign from Coach Charles Hook during one of the Lady Indians' Class 3A regional tournament games last week. (Photo courtesy of Tomi-Lynn Hook)

Slover, Wood and Logan Bryant - each belted a double en route to that Lady Indians victory. Slover scored three of the Tishomingo runs, while McMillen and Northcutt each scored twice.

Grace Anderson struck out 10 and gave up two hits to record her latest victory in that contest.

On Saturday, Sept. 26, Tishomingo hosted Calera and came away

with a 7-0 win, anchored once again by Grace Anderson's reliable efforts on the mound.

Anderson pitched all seven innings, striking out 19 while giving up no hits and only one walk.

Hook contributed both a homer and a double in the contest, scoring twice and recording one of the team's seven total RBIs. Slover and McMillen were also

credited with a double apiece in the game.

Finally, on Sept. 29, Tishomingo ended its regular season schedule by battling to a 1-0 win over visiting Latta.

Jayden Anderson scored in the fifth inning off an RBI hit by Hook to give Tishomingo the victory.

Grace Anderson struck out 15 and gave up one hit in the seven-inning contest.

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Tishomingo's Colby Gray (No. 23) looks for an opening through the Marietta defense during a quarterback keeper play in last week's road game. (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
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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
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62	ROMAN RAWLS	FRESH	DL/OL
65	JIMMY PRIDY	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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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 - Lost, 21-6
Oct. 9 FREDERICK - Canceled
Oct. 15 COALGATE - AWAY
Oct. 23 COMANCHE - AWAY
Oct. 30 LINDSAY - HOME
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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

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

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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

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“Glenda Galvan is a gifted storyteller, teacher and historian who has dedicated her life to promot-

ing, preserving and revitalizing Chickasaw culture and history,” Anoatubby said.

“Her efforts to teach the storytelling tradition and her work to help preserve historic sites such as the Chickasaw White House help ensure future generations better understand and appreciate our culture and history.”

The honor was created in 1999 by the Chickasaw Nation to spotlight Chickasaws who have committed their lives to the preservation and revitalization of Chickasaw culture, language and traditions.

“I was really surprised and this award is the most precious one to me because of what it means - pre-

serving our culture,” Galvan said.

“I love the culture of the Chickasaw Nation and who we are. I also love who we were. Our ancestors before us passed down our stories and history. They worked diligently to keep the Chickasaw culture proud, and it is up to us to continue that legacy,” she said.

Galvan has published three children’s books in both English and Chickasaw, and presented these stories at the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C. Born in Coal County, Okla., Galvan worked for the Chickasaw Nation for more than 27

years before retiring as manager of the Chickasaw White House, located in Emet.

Galvan was born into the Fox Clan of the Chickasaw Nation and is the storyteller for her clan. Her family name, Ayakatubby, means “to go down and kill” in Chickasaw. Her family served the tribe as hunters.

She has served on numerous museum boards and her writing has been published by organizations such as the Smithsonian Institute, the National Park Service, Wonderland Press, Chickasaw Press and Chelsea House Publishers. She often



Glenda Galvan

travels the country, as well as Canada and Mexico, sharing her culture and traditional Southeastern First American stories.

Galvan received a bachelor’s degree

in education from the University of Oklahoma, and was the first curator and repatriation representative for the Chickasaw Nation Museum and Library.

2020 or said Petition will be taken as true and judgment rendered adjudging and decreeing Plaintiff to be the owner of said real property and entitled to the possession thereof, and that the Defendants have no right, title or interest therein, quieting the title of the real property.

Dated this 24th day of September, 2020.

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

(Seal)

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NOTICE TO SELL COUNTY PROPERTY

(Acquired at Resale)

NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to the receipt of bid, that I, Rana Smith, County Treasurer of Johnston County, Oklahoma will on the 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 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 8 & 15, 2020)

NOTICE TO VACATE

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORDINANCE 14.201 - 14.208 “VACATION OF STREETS, ALLEYS, RIGHT-OF-WAYS, AND EASEMENTS” THE TOWN OF MANNSVILLE IS PLANNING ON VACATING THE ALLEY WAY SITUATED ON BLOCK 99, RUNNING PARALLEL WITH 13TH AVENUE IN JOHNSTON COUNTY, MANNSVILLE, OKLAHOMA ON OCTOBER 19, 2020.

THERE WILL BE DISCUSSION REGARDING THIS ON OCTOBER 19, 2020 AT THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 6:30 PM AT THE MANNSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER. ANY PERSON HAVING INTERESTS IN THIS PROJECT SHOULD COME TO THE MEETING AND BE HEARD. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT SHONDA BARNES AT (580)371-3334.

(Published October 8 & 15, 2020)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JOHNSTON COUNTY

STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE

CLYDE RUNYAN, Deceased.

PB-2019-22

NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT AND PETITION FOR ORDER ALLOWING FINAL ACCOUNT, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP, DISTRIBUTION AND DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that PENNY L. RUNYAN, Administratrix of the **ESTATE OF CLYDE RUNYAN, deceased**, having filed in this Court her Final Account and Petition for Order Allowing Final Account, Determination of Heirship, Distribution and Discharge and that the said account and petition will be heard by this Court in the Johnston County Courthouse in Tishomingo, Oklahoma, on the 28th day of October 2020 at 11:30 o'clock a.m. All persons interested in said estate are notified then and there to appear and show cause, if any they have, why the said account should not be settled and allowed, the heirs of the **ESTATE OF CLYDE RUNYAN, deceased**, determined, the said estate distributed, and the personal representative discharged.

Dated this 1st day of October, 2020.

/s/ LAURA J. CORBIN
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

FOB F. JONES, OBA #015269 Attorney for Administratrix 1010 W. 2nd Sulphur, OK 73086 (580) 622-6888

(Published October 8, 15, 22, 29 & November 5, 12 & 19, 2020)

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

DEWAYNE MIMS AND SAMANTHA MIMS, Plaintiffs,

vs.

THE KNOWN AND UNKNOWN SUCCESSORS OF MARTHA BROWN, FULL BLOOD CHICKASAW, ROLL #2098 and MAUREEN PHELPS s/p/a MAUREEN L. PHELPS, each deceased, and

WESLEY BROWN, FULL BLOOD CHICKASAW, ROLL #2244; MARTIN BROWN; JOHNSLIN HART s/p/a JOSLIN HART; and BETTY BROCK JACKSON, if living, and, in the alternative, if deceased, their UNKNOWN SUCCESSORS,

Defendants.

Case No. CV-2020-20

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: The Known and Unknown Successors of Martha

Brown, Full Blood Chickasaw, Roll #2098 and Maureen Phelps s/p/a Maureen L. Phelps, each deceased, and Wesley Brown, Full Blood Chickasaw, Roll #2244; Martin Brown; Johnslin Hart s/p/a Joslin Hart; and Betty Brock Jackson, if living, and, in the alternative, if deceased, their Unknown Successors.

You are hereby notified that you have been sued in the District Court of Johnston County, in Cause CV-2020-20 wherein Dewayne Mims and Samantha Mims are the Plaintiffs and you are Defendants and that you must answer the Petition of the Plaintiffs on or before November 19th, 2020, or judgment will be rendered accordingly adjudging that Plaintiffs are the owners of and in the peaceful possession of the following described real property as set forth in the Petition, situated in Johnston County, Oklahoma, to-wit:

The South Half of the Southeast Quarter (S/2 SE/4) of Section Thirty-three (33), Township Two (2) South, Range Five (5) East of the Indian Meridian and Baseline, and a tract of land located in Lot Two (2) and Lot Three (3), Section Four (4), Township Three (3) South, Range Five (5) East of the Indian Meridian and Baseline, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest Corner of Lot 2; thence N89°55'06"E along the North line of said Lot 2 a distance of 50.00 feet; thence S44°56'49"W a distance of 70.75 feet to a point on the West line of Lot 2; thence S00°01'28"E along the West line of Lot 2 a distance of 606.18 feet to a point on the East right of way line of Highway 1; thence N22°02'57"W along the East right of way line a distance of 76.84 feet to the Southeast Corner of a tract of land described in Book 165 at Page 767 in the Office of the Johnston County Clerk; thence along the East line of said Book 165 at Page 767 for the following three courses: 1. Thence N18°17'12"W a distance of 304.77 feet; 2. Thence along a non-tangent curve to the left having a radius of 3044.79 feet, an arc length of 201.24 feet, a chord bearing of N23°56'34"W and a chord distance of 201.20 feet; 3. Thence N26°38'45"W a distance of 124.60 feet to a point on the North line of Lot 3; thence N89°55'32"E along the North line of Lot 3 a distance of 261.72 feet to the point of beginning,

judicially determining the death and heirship of Martha Brown, Full Blood Chickasaw, Roll #2098, and quieting and confirming Plaintiffs title and possession therein as in the Petition set forth.

Given under my hand and seal this 5th day of October, 2020.

/s/ Cassandra Slover,
COURT CLERK

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Commissioners Proceedings

(Published October 8, 2020)

Monday, September 28, 2020

Chairman Mike Thompson called regular meeting of 9-28-20 to order at 9:15 a.m. Answering aye was Thompson, Jacky Hallmark and TJ Clements. Others present Jon Smith, Gary Dodd, Jason Bryant, Kathy Ritchie, Jon Smith, Guyla Hart, Sharline Pitmon and Kathy Ross.

Hallmark moved to approve minutes of 9-21-20, second by Clements, vote aye Hallmark, Clements and Thompson.

Board took no action on implementing Hazard Pay for the Sheriff Deputies and Jail Employees. This will be checked on and will report back 10-5-20. Sheriff Smith states that he and Gary Dodd has done so checking on surrounding counties and their hazard pay ranges from \$100 to \$330 extra per month for deputies and 0 to \$100 extra per month for jailers, some counties do not participate.

Hallmark moved to approve Resolution for Disposing of Equipment, Desktop Computer, SN 20110409, B-224-34, second Clements, vote aye Hallmark, Clements and Thompson.

Hallmark moved to approve Change Order #4 for CD-BG-EDIF Nitro-lift Project, second Clements, vote aye Hallmark, Clements and Thompson. This change order changes to footing sizes to accommodate metal building loads.

Hallmark moved to approve to Application, Resolution and Agreement for Credit Card Program with UMB Bank, N.A. for Sheriff Department Travel Expenses, second Clements, vote aye Hallmark, Clements and Thompson. This will be used for the Sheriff's travel for transports, ect.

Clements moved to approve Resolution for County Road Machinery and Equipment Revolving Fund Request for 2021, Second Thompson, vote aye Hallmark, Clements and Thompson. Dist #1 will be applying for a Tractor 125 hp with attachments, front end loader and 11 ft road groomer. Dist #2 will be applying for 10-Wheeler Truck with 15 yd dump bed. Dist #3 no equipment at this time requested.

Hallmark moved to approve FY 20-21 Resolution for Election Board to Direct Treasurer to place funds in General Fund for reimbursements of elections, second Clements, vote aye Hallmark, Clements and Thompson.

Clements moved to approve FY 2020 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Request for Payment for

4th Quarter, \$5,000.00, second Hallmark, vote aye Hallmark, Clements and Thompson.

Transfers: None, Monthly Blankets: General, Health, Dist #1, Dist #2, Dist #3, Sheriff, Monthly Report: None, Claims: 911 74, AT&T, 883.92, 75, MID AMERICA TELEPHONE, 224.79, CBRI 6, CED #4, 13350.60, 7, CED #4, 2000.00, 8, CED #4, 9183.10, Drug Court 6, EDMONDSON, CRAIG, 1750.00, ½ Comm 91, CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES, 62.00, General 617, QUILL, 150.50, 618, AirMedCare Network, 4796.00, 619, TB TECH COMMUNICATIONS, 450.32, 620, VYVE BROADBAND, 97.44, Health 33, STANDLEY SYSTEMS, 91.95, 34, ONG, 38.62, 35, PEARL WOODY, 190.00, Highway 419, VULCAN MATERIALS, 10.00, 420, CED #4, 1173.00, 421, CED #4, 86.00, 422, JOHNSTON COUNTY DOZER, 270.00, 423, HOOTEN OIL, 1420.45, 424, WELCH STATE BANK, 1458.14, 425, PREMIER TRUCK GROUP, 36.32, 426, PITMON OIL, 1526.88, 427, CHICKASAW PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS, 150.00, 428, ZKC WELDING, 1179.00, 429, TISHOMINGO MOTOR SALES, 249.00, 430, TISHOMINGO MOTOR SALES, 131.10, 431, UTZ, CHIRSTOPHER, 275.00, 432, C.L. BOYD, 28.69, 433, DIRECT DISCOUNT TIRE, 4140.00, Lodging 3, JOHNSTON CNTY INDUSTRIAL AUTH., 1177.79, F-FF 12, QUILL, 164.94, BSF 87, COURTESY P.C., 85.00, 88, AT&T MOBILITY, 520.52, 89, PLASTIX PLUS, 875.76, 90, COURTESY P.C., 139.00, 91, ADA PAPER COMPANY, 70.54,

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

Hallmark motioned to adjourn meeting at 10:15 a.m., second by Clements, vote aye Hallmark, Clements and Thompson.

Approved on 5th of October, 2020

(Seal)

Attest: /s/ Kathy Ross, County Clerk

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

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Anoatubby says unity makes Chickasaw Nation strong

During his annual State of the Nation address Oct. 3, Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby said that unity, perseverance and a commitment to one another has kept the Chickasaw Nation strong during these trying times.

Delivering his State of the Nation Address virtually due to the pandemic, Anoatubby spoke directly to the Chickasaw people.

"We miss seeing you in person. Our gathering brings home the fact that each one of us is part of something greater than ourselves," he said.

"Together we are one family, one community, one nation. Our nation is strong because we are one."

Moving the annual meeting from Fletcher Auditorium on the Murray State College campus to a virtual format is part of the comprehensive plans the Chickasaw Nation has implemented this year to help contain the virus, while continuing to provide services.

"By modifying our operations, we have been able to safely and effectively offer programs and services to our people and the community. We are meeting this challenge with diligent effort, innovation and determination," Anoatubby said.

In early March, members of the Chickasaw Nation leadership team began actively monitoring the beginnings of what would later be declared a global pandemic.

"Very early on as we watched the news around the world, our leadership team began discussion about the potential impact of this new infectious disease," Anoatubby said.

"We knew it was serious and took decisive action to help minimize the spread of this new virus."

Anoatubby declared a public health emergency in the Chickasaw Nation on March 17, and most businesses were closed to help contain the virus and protect the community.

"While we knew this decision would have a significant impact on tribal revenues, our priority was, and is, the health and safety of our citizens, community and team members," he said.

Despite an 11-week closure of many tribal businesses and offices in 2020, the Chickasaw Nation financial base strengthened this year.

"Our strong financial base and capital reserves are crucial in supporting our Nation through this pandemic," he added.

Capital reserves supported more than 8,000 employees who were re-assigned to shelter in place. Those reserves also supported the continuation of core programs and services for Chickasaw citizens.

"I am pleased to report the Chickasaw Nation continues to possess a strong financial base due to prudent actions, the responsible stewardship of many and reserves from past success," Anoatubby said.

Health care has long been a high priority for the Chickasaw Nation, which operates a hospital, four clinics, eight pharmacies, a diabetes care cen-

ter, emergency medical services, four nutrition centers, eight WIC offices and six wellness centers.

Technology and innovation have led to an expansion of virtual health-care visits this year as a solution to continue to meet the health-care needs of Chickasaws and First Americans.

"We expanded virtual visit capability across the department of health and developed plans to continue to offer high quality health care throughout this crisis and beyond," Anoatubby said.

The Chickasaw Nation Department of Health treated more than 52,000 patients virtually, and the tribal pharmacy and pharmacy refill center filled more than 2 million prescriptions this year.

Also in 2020, a new and expanded pharmacy opened on the Ada South Campus.

Chickasaw Nation Area Community Health Representatives (CHR) provided nearly 84,000 services to about 3,000 Chickasaws in 2020, and the Chickasaw Nation Department of Family Services provided more than 12,000 virtual therapy and counseling sessions and about 12,500 virtual program and service interactions in 2020.

More than 11,000 meals per month were served to Chickasaw elders this year, including during the pandemic.

"Our department of aging displays a dedication to our elders which never wavers," he said.

Chickasaw Nation Transportation services provided about 28,500 rides to medical appointments for Chickasaws this year, as well.

A mental health initiative was recently instituted for Chickasaw citizens and employees that focuses on living healthier lives.

The Chickasaw Nation also currently operates four COVID-19 testing centers at Chickasaw Nation Health Clinics in Ardmore, Purcell and Tishomingo, and the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada, which are open to the public.

The Chickasaw Nation COVID-19 Citizen Support program was developed for all Chickasaws living in the United States who have experienced loss of income or other financial or situational impacts resulting from the current pandemic.

Assistance ranges from help purchasing personal protective equipment to devices needed for distance learning and homeschooling; telework packages; and support for Chickasaw citizens who own their own businesses.

"We know many Chickasaw families across the United States have been significantly impacted from the COVID-19 pandemic," Anoatubby said.

In an effort to continue connecting during a time of responsible distancing, the Chickasaw Nation launched new virtual communications, as well as transitioned programs to an online format.

Videos share information about a variety of topics from health and wellness to cultural and cooking resources



Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby delivers his annual State of the Nation address last Saturday, Oct. 3, during the virtual Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting.

at chickasaw.net/COC.

To maintain responsible distancing guidelines, significant milestones of three Chickasaw Nation facilities were celebrated virtually this year. The McSwain Theatre in Ada marked its 100th anniversary; and the award-winning Chickasaw Nation Cultural Center, in Sulphur, celebrated its 10th anniversary, as did the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada.

The Chickasaw Nation is building several new facilities to assist in combating the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Plans are underway for a 12,000-square-foot Chickasaw Nation Alternative Care Facility on the Ada South Campus, using CARES Act funds.

"This alternative care facility will allow for increased capacity to care for patients during health emergencies," Anoatubby said.

"It will also expand our ability to provide testing and training critical to improving COVID-19 mitigation measures.

Renovations are also underway to convert a tribal building into a multi-use facility that will serve as a unified incident command center, offer

COVID-19 drive-through testing and vaccination site, and personal protective equipment storage.

The facility will be a distribution point for strategic inventory of supplies during times of emergency.

Historic court cases, which reaffirmed tribal sovereignty and upheld gaming compacts, were decided in 2020.

Governor Anoatubby described the Supreme Court decision in the McGirt case as a "very significant decision."

The court ruled that the Muscogee Creek reservation established long before Oklahoma statehood had never been disestablished, thus holding the federal government to its treaty obligations. The ruling will eventually be applied to the Chickasaw Nation.

"Anticipating that, we are continuing our work to prepare," he said.

A separate 2020 court decision affirmed renewal of the Chickasaw Nation gaming compact with the state of Oklahoma, and confirmed the tribe's position that the compacts renewed.

The United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma ruled Tribal State gaming compacts in Oklahoma automatically renewed on Jan. 1 for another 15-year term.

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