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## Veterans' center construction underway Community storm shelter for 400 citizens to be included

By Jolee Northcutt  
Sentinel Correspondent

"Land of the free and the home of the brave." Honoring the brave in our country and more specifically, our community, the Johnston County Veterans board has begun construction on the new veterans' center and community storm shelter in Tishomingo.

Sentinel staff spoke with three members of the veterans board last week: Terry Hutchins, Clint Spence, and Dean Arnold.

They all described the importance of honoring the veterans in our community, and why this building is important and exciting to have built.

"We are really excited to finally have it built. A lot of people are real excited," Hutchins told the Sentinel.

"When I was a little kid, I remember going with mom and dad down there to the American Legion Hall and they had a band up there and dances, so that's how long that American Legion building has been there and that's been there before I moved here, and I was 3 years old. They need a new building, and it needs to house both parties."

The building will house both the American Legion and the VFW, and possibly the Chickasaw Nation Honor Guard, Hutchins explained.

The Chickasaw Nation is matching the \$250,000 raised to help fund the building project for the center.

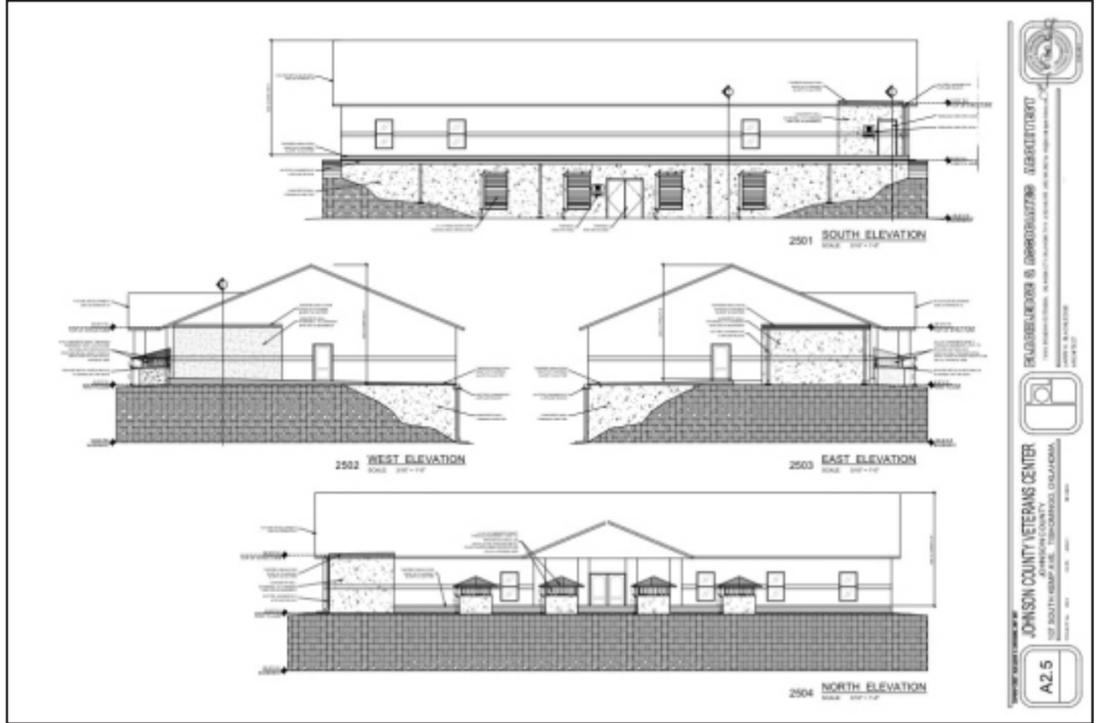
The veterans board has received funding from both the Chickasaw Nation and FEMA to get this built.

This new building will be two-story. The top level will not be completed until later but, by November, it is projected that the underground storm shelter will be finished and prepared for any weather conditions.

This storm shelter will have room for about 400 citizens in time of an emergency.

The veterans' center building, including storm shelter, will be a total of 5,000 square feet.

"It will have a number of parking areas around it, above and below. We will have to get a plan in place on how we are going to set up access to that, and who will manage that. It will probably be someone from



This Blackledge and Associates architects' drawing shows the exterior of the Johnston County Veterans' Center now underway in Tishomingo. The two-story structure will house the veterans' center and museum on the second floor, and the storm shelter on the lower floor. The second floor will be accessible at ground level from three sides.

the city that will have to manage that for us, allowing access to people in case of emergencies," Clint Spence, president of Simmons Bank, said as he discussed the specifications of the new building.

"I have watched most of our World War II veterans die waiting to see it built, but the cost of construction rose faster than money we could raise. But I am really excited about it," Dean Arnold, who has been on the committee for over 10 years, said.

"Along with the shelter, when the top half of the building is completed, a veterans museum will be added in the building.

"We probably have over a million dollars' worth

of artifacts. We want that museum inside so people can see a lot of what it's about. It is a great thing for the people of Tishomingo," Arnold said.

Looking long-term, this new building will be set up where veterans can meet with a VA service officer for assistance with medical appointments and receiving eligibility for medical services.

"This has been a long time coming, so I'm extremely excited. I know they worked on this for six years...A lot has gone into this, trying to get to this point, through failures and successes. We are extremely excited that it has started, and we are getting the ball rolling with it," Spence told the Sentinel.



## Some city voters to vote at Bullard Chapel

The polling place for Precinct 1 has been changed, according to B.J. Wheaton, secretary of the Johnston County Election Board.

Voters in Precinct 1 formerly voted at the Tishomingo Masonic Lodge #91, located at 708 E. 8th Street in Tishomingo.

Effective immediately, the new polling place will be at the Bullard Chapel Baptist Church, located at 6001 S. Bullard Chapel Road in Tishomingo.

The first election held at the new location will be the City of Tishomingo Proposition scheduled for Aug. 10.

Wheaton explained the reason for voting in Bullard Chapel is the population center for that precinct is in that area. Only four of the over 480 voters for that precinct vote in Tishomingo city elections.

Voters who have questions or concerns should contact the Johnston County Election Board at 371-3670.

The County Election Board is located at 403 W. Main St, Suite 104, in Tishomingo.

Office hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

## Mayor gives presentation to citizens PowerPoint tries to explain reason for \$9.6 million expense

On Tuesday night, July 13, the Tishomingo City Council held a special meeting to present directly to the public their plans for the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP). All five council members were in attendance, along with the new city manager, Troy Golden.

Mayor Laura Wood started with a PowerPoint presentation, discussing options given to the city council by Wall Engineering on what to do next for the WWTP. This included funding sources and the proposed one cent sales tax increase.

"The wastewater treatment plant was built in 1950s, 1960s. It was a hybrid SBR system. There was significant renovations done in 2000 and 2012. In 2020 alone, the city spent over \$100,000 in repairs just to keep the wastewater treatment plant operating," Wood stated. "I don't know if the public knows the extensive amount of time the city



Tishomingo citizens gathered recently to hear Mayor Laura Wood make her presentation on the wastewater treatment plant. The city council has voted to go with the fourth option presented by Wall Engineering for a cost of \$9.6 million.

staff has to spend at the plant, especially whenever it rained."

She went on to explain that during the Nov. 16, 2020, council meeting, the council listened to a presentation by Wall Engineering.

"At that time, they gave us four options to fix the issues with the WWTP," Wood explained. She went on to state that in May of this year, Wall Engineering

came back and presented updates to the earlier presentation. This was due to the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) issuing consent orders on the city of Tishomingo.

"In that May meeting we quickly realized our options were being eliminated throughout the process, so we needed to make a move rather quickly," Wood said.

PowerPoint given by Laura Wood:

"Option one - null and void, our system was grandfathered in. At this

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# Yes, these are the dog days of summer - but ever wonder why?

...So in my column last week, I made reference to “the dog days of summer.” An old phrase that most of us are no doubt familiar with.

Well, someone who shall remain nameless that I happen to be married to saw the reference and decided to ask, “So why do they call them the ‘dog days of summer’ in the first place?” And as much as it pains me to admit it, I didn’t know. I’ve heard the phrase used my entire life, but up until that particular moment I had no idea from whence it might have come. And I sheepishly admitted as much to the girl who so many years ago promised to love, honor and cherish - but never once said anything about limiting her occasional queries to those I know the answer to.

I mean, we all know that the period in question traditionally refers to a period of particularly hot and humid weather occurring during the summer months of July and August here in the Northern Hemisphere. But why “dog days?” Why is that the label we’ve attached to our annual suffering through summer’s peak temperatures and humidity?

Not knowing raised my reporter’s curiosity; by golly, I wanted to know the answer, too. Remembering the sage advice my mother and father had given me during so many similar occasions back when I was a wee nipper (“Go look it up, you know where the encyclopedia is!”), I started pouring through some of the reference volumes on the bookshelves of my personal home library. Four books, two glasses of tea and a bowl of Hormel Chili (no beans) later, I finally found the information I was looking for.

Turns out that this period of sweltering weather coincides with the year’s heliacal (meaning “at sunrise”) rising of Sirius, also known as the Dog Star. (I remember learning about Sirius from my sixth grade science classes - thanks, Mr. Bryant!) Sirius is part of the constellation Canis Majoris

- a.k.a. the “Greater Dog” - which is where Sirius gets not only its canine nickname but also its official scientific name: *Alpha Canis Majoris*.

Here’s another little tidbit that Mr. Bryant taught us: excluding our own sun, or Sol, Sirius is the brightest star in the sky. And in ancient Greece, Egypt and Rome, it was believed that the dawn rising of Sirius in mid- to late summer contributed to the extreme weather of the season.

In other words, it was the “combined heat” of super-bright Sirius and our old Friend Sol which these ancient cultures believed to be the cause of summer’s sweltering temperatures. Not surprising, I suppose; heck, the very name “Sirius” stems from the ancient Greek word *seirios*, which means “scorching.”

(That one I think I learned during the nine months I was stationed in Greece back when I was in the Air Force... but I might also have come across it thumbing through one of my mother’s old copies of the *Old Farmer’s Almanac*. I can’t remember for certain just now; I’ve slept once or twice since then...)

And if the extreme summer heat wasn’t bad enough, those poor old ancient Egyptians had another problem to deal with every year when the dawn rising of Sirius (known to them as “Sothis”) rolled around: namely, the start of flood season along the River Nile. Anybody who has read their Bible or watched old Cecil B. DeMille movies knows that the flooding of the Nile has been an important part of the natural cycle in Egypt since ancient times. And those of you who remember how bad Pennington Creek flooded back in 2015, well...

You really have to give those ancient Egyptians credit, though. They found a way to put all that flood water to good use by turning lemons into lemonade, celebrating the flood season as an annual holiday - known as Aswan El-Nil - for two weeks begin-

## Small Talk

John A. Small



ning every Aug. 15.

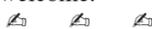
They believed that the Nile flooded every year because of the goddess Isis's tears of sorrow for her dead husband, Osiris - neither of whom are mentioned in the Bible to the best of my recollection, but both of whom have been the subject of some pretty interesting comic book stories over the years, not to mention one of the favorite Saturday morning superheroic adventure series of my youth...

(Apparently the Coptic Orthodox Church of Alexandria, traditionally said to have been founded in Egypt by Saint Mark during the middle of the first century - around A.D. 42 or thereabouts - also celebrated the flood season by ceremonially throwing a martyr's relic into the river - hence the name, “the Martyr's Finger.” How’s THAT for research?)

So there you have it. Now the next time your child or grandchild comes up to you on a miserably hot day in July or August and asks why the heck we call them the “dog days of summer,” you can settle back in your lawn chair and pop open a can of the beverage of your choice while telling them all about *Alpha Canis Majoris* and Aswan El-Nil and a cute, toga-clad 1970s TV superheroine named Isis.

And when you do, be sure to tell them that you read about it in the *Johnston County Sentinel*.

You’re welcome.



Which reminds me...

A while back, in a message posted on Facebook, a good friend of mine (a real friend, mind you, not one of those enigmatic, essentially anonymous “Facebook friends” a person is never likely to meet in real life and probably wouldn’t much like if they ever did)

spent a considerable bit of time and energy extolling the virtues of sharing community news stories and advertising on social media.

Well, okay, I’ll be the first one to admit (in fact I DID admit, right here in this column just a few weeks back) that the internet and various social media platforms can be a useful tool. But as an old-time newspaperman, my first loyalty will ALWAYS be to a community’s hometown newspaper - like this one, f’instance.

When you support your local paper, you are supporting your hometown and the people who live and work here - every bit as much as when you visit a local store to buy a new shirt or screwdriver, or go to the local burger shop of your choice for lunch.

People always like to talk about the importance of shopping at home, and it’s a valid point. But it’s a valid point that also extends to giving business to the local merchants and eateries and snow-cone stands to supporting your hometown newspaper - whether by taking out advertising, or buying an annual subscription for yourself or a loved one who may now live in another part of the country, or simply by plucking down 50 cents every week to see if any of your neighbors may have ended up in the court records...

If you say "support your local businesses," but don't advertise in or provide news items to the local paper, you're not practicing what you preach.

End of rant. Thank you for your attention.



Finally, an observation: I am SO sick and tired of people saying, “My beliefs are so important they give me permission me to ignore the law.” Or, “My opinion outweighs the evidence.” Or, “My magical thinking means reality is what I say it is.”

For the record, that’s how societies die: in the insanity of self-righteousness.

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point ODEQ changed the regulations, in 2014, and said that any system after 2014 that’s not grandfathered in, once they start

receiving consent orders, they then have to change the structure of the plant. So that is why option one is no longer an option,”

Wood stated.

“Option Two would get us minimum compliance with DEQ. It’s a cost of 4.4 million dollars. That is basically a very expensive Band-Aid that would be put on the plant, and it would kick the can down the road again for more costly repairs. So, with this again, it doesn’t give us full compliance. In years past, what we see is in two years we see two million, in two years we spend two million, just to keep the plant operational. So basically, you keep adding up these hundreds of thousands of millions of dollars that we are spending, and you add into that \$4.4 million then that obviously increases our cost to our citizens and to the city,” Wood said.

“Option three would get us fully in compliance with ODEQ items listed that they have given us the recommendations. It would address all the issues with the wastewater treatment plant, and this is continuing to be the SBR form that SBR system. Option three is a total cost of 8.5 million dollars, again this is the option that would get us in compliance with DEQ.

“SBR versus Aero-Mod, SBR is what we have.

“New technology is always coming out in every aspect of life. It is no different with the water treatment plant. There is now an option for Aero-Mod treatment. It is simple to maintain, achieves a higher level of treatment, saves on energy cost, all moving parts can be accessed from the walkways.

“This is the difference between the updated SBR that is gon-

na get us in compliance with technology and is a 1.4-million-dollar difference. Wall Engineering has told us that the difference the city is going to see over time is that this type of system is lower on operational cost. It is a 1.4 million dollar difference that the city would get back over time,” Wood stated.

“A few meetings ago the City Council unanimously voted on option number four. We think option four is going to be the best for our city, for our residents, for future growth, as we all know that growth is knocking at our doorsteps.

“Now the next thing we are going to need to decide is how we are going to fix it,” Wood stated.

“Essentially that falls on our citizens (paying for the WWTP).

“So, we did our part in selecting option four because we felt that is what is best for our citizens and what is best for future growth.

“Now it is the citizens’ job to determine how that is going to be paid for. There are more people in our city who are on our water services than on our wastewater services. So, this burden of \$40 per month is going to fall on fewer residents and that burden is going to be heavy, especially on the fixed income, the senior citizens, etc. The second option we have is the one percent sales tax increase. This is going to spread the financial burden to visitors, to anyone who spends goods within our city. It lessens the burden on our people and puts it towards everybody who spends money,” Wood said.

“This is what you will see on the ballot on August 10: ‘Shall the city

of Tishomingo, Okla., be authorized to levy and collect an additional one percent excise tax in addition to any and all other excise taxes now in force with the proceeds thereof being used to fund capital expenditures benefitting the city including, but not limiting to the construction of water and wastewater system improvements and with said proceeds also being available to pay debt service on obligations issued by the city in any public trust having the city as beneficiary thereof to finance or refinance said capital expenditures all as more specifically set forth in the ordinance.’

“One of the major concerns I have heard, and the council has heard, is ‘Why is this indefinite? Why is it not stopping after 30 years?’ This is the thing, for that 30 years, TMA cannot use those revenues towards anything until the loan is paid off. That is all we can use the money for, to pay the loan on the new wastewater treatment plant. After that, it can go to the vote of the people to stop the tax. The people can decide to stop it after 30 years,” Wood said.

### Public Comments

After Wood’s presentation, the citizens in attendance were given three-minute segments to respond.

“I do not live in the city limits of Tishomingo, but I will have to tell you, I cannot be in favor, nor will I encourage, a positive vote on this sales tax,” longtime area resident Betty Roan stated.

“I have reason to believe, I just do not think it’s a good idea right now. I do understand your situation, but I just

can’t encourage anyone to vote for it. I know in the past, the council and myself have had some differences, and I just don’t believe the money would be spent like you are trying to tell us it could be because it never has in the past.”

“I am not for the one cent sales tax. There are other options. I feel you are a very young city council and you have not been here very long. Your knowledge and education in our city government, I feel like you have a lot to learn. Plus, a new city manager who has no education or experience in the government,” Sue Ward said.

“I feel like you need to slow down, spend time not only to educate yourself on your city government, but the options you have been dealing with on this wastewater. You need to slow down. Talk to your people, talk to your staff. Look at the other options. Stop, back up. Give your new city manager time to study all the options, not just one wastewater plant that you see.

“Right now, the city owes approximately over 4 million dollars to the Oklahoma Water Resources Board. Three of these loans do not mature until 2052. That is 32 years still to go on these loans. Add a new water plant that’s 13 million and then a waste plant we are talking between 8, 9, 10 million dollars. There are only 1,200 people in this town with water meters and 900 on a septic (sewer system). We can’t rely on visitors coming in to do it. Take the time to talk to your businesses and see how they feel. They are scared to death of what you are fixing to

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## Dateline: Johnston County

# Coleman school prepares for the new year

By Jolee Northcutt  
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Coleman Public Schools is preparing for the upcoming school year with cleanups and reorganization.

The administration at Coleman schools has taken on many tasks and projects to freshen up the facilities and add to the campus, as well.

In a previous interview with new Principal and Athletic Director Bubba Tamez, he spoke very highly of some changes being made in the school system, along with the staff who are making that possible.

"This summer, Coach Hamilton (baseball head coach) has done a great job to get his facilities cleaned up and organized and situated. Over at the baseball fields now, we have an organized weight room and indoor hitting facility," Tamez said.

In a recent tour given to the *Sentinel*, many new things were seen backstage in the gym, as well.

The back storage area will no longer be just storage, but will be turned into a coaches office and organized storage area.

Cleanups and reorganizations are taking place all inside of the building.

Though these simple projects may seem small, they change the appearance as well as the atmosphere around staff members, students and the community.

Another new activity set in place for Coleman Public Schools was the first "Capturing Kids' Hearts" training program all staff members participated in last week.

"This program worked with teachers, coaches and administration. Even our cafeteria people and our speech and occupational therapy people came who are contracted - they aren't even employed by Coleman schools, they are employed by other agencies that come in. We were able to get everybody who sets foot on this campus to train," Superintendent Melissa Ferguson said.

The Coleman administration has hired a new high school english teacher, Melissa McDaniel, formerly an elementary school teacher at Coleman.

Katherine Wheeler will be a sup-



New to the Coleman School campus is the Family and Consumer Sciences and Vocational Science building. Interior work continues, and this facility will be added to the classroom space of the school in time for the fall semester.

port staff member for the early childhood education program at Coleman. Wheeler is one class away from graduating with her degree at Southeastern. She has completed her student teaching, and will later be certified in her position.

Ferguson's son, Greg, will also be a new member of the Coleman staff this fall as the girls' softball coach, boys' basketball, and a math teacher.

Whitney Robertson was recently hired to be the girls' basketball coach and a teacher in the schools, as well.

As reported in last week's *Sentinel*, Am-

ber Tamez will also be a newly hired member of the Wildcat staff. She will be a third grade teacher in the elementary school.

Both Ferguson and Tamez mentioned how excited they were to announce that there will be many new classes taught in the schools.

For the high school, they are introducing to the students Ag One, which will be taught by Robert Ferguson.

"We are not going to be chartered through the FFA just yet... but we are on the way to getting there," Superintendent Ferguson stated.

Family and Consumer Sciences will also be a new class accessible for the Wildcats, which will be taught by Darlene Bailey.

She will also be teaching a few art courses for the Wildcats.

Both vocational science and family and consumer science classes will be sharing a building across the street on the Coleman campus. A brand-new vocational science building is in the process of being finished before school starts back up.

It has home economics and ag in it - so it may be one of the only ones in the state that is like that -

but the hope is that right behind that, they will be building an ag shop in the next year or two.

Another great program that will begin for the elementary school this coming year will be run by previous teacher Stephanie Daniels, and will be a half-day reading intervention program.

Superintendent Ferguson also mentioned that enrollment is up so far this summer by about 10 students.

The Wildcats will be welcoming two foreign exchange students this fall, as well. One student is from Belgium and the other from Ecuador.

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do to them," Ward, a former city councilperson, concluded.

"I really couldn't get a good idea from the proposal just how this proposed system is supposed to work. I thought I'd go online and find out. Well, I found a lot of people advertising the system online but I didn't really find a good explanation of it. I thought I'd find a comparison between SBR and this new proposed system. Couldn't find that, either. So, I think that is something the council really needs to educate themselves on, is just how this new system works. Why is it really better?" Rex Morrell, long-time councilperson and former mayor, asked.

"Before you spend 10 million dollars, get a second engineering opinion. Get a third engineering opinion, maybe even get a fourth engineering opinion before you spend 10 million dollars. The SBR system was adopted by the council in the late 1990s.

"When I came on the council, it had already been approved. We had to approve the 1.2 million dollar contracts for it. I know that it is a headache. It is an expensive and difficult system to operate if you do not have adequately trained personnel.

"Does the engineering company have any vested interest in recommending this particular contract? Is there any kind of connection?" Morrell concluded.

"Right now, you are grandfathered in," Brayden Williams, of Wall Engineering, said.

"Starting in 2014, if you get a consent order you have to switch and add another basin for a third SBR cell. The reasoning for that is you cannot fill or treat water at the same time in an SBR, so you need that third additional basin to be able to take one out of service to do maintenance.

"Any consent order now causes you to have to upgrade to the third

additional basin," Williams added.

"So, from what I see and what I've been educated on, like I said, we've had two presentations from Wall Engineering that have been very helpful, and this does come from the ODEQ," Wood said.

"We put Band-Aids on this plant for several years. These Band-Aids have fallen at times where the council has to approve \$150,000 in one meeting for more band-aids to be put on this plant.

"It is unfortunate we've been put in this situation, but there's two decisions that need to be made at the end of the day. One of the decisions is to propose a one percent sales tax, which again goes on anybody who spends money on goods in Tishomingo. The second option is to raise sewer rate customers' bills by \$40, which would be an extreme burden on those residents, which we all can agree on."

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# State News

## State treasurer: gross receipts set records as economy grows

**OKLAHOMA CITY** — Oklahoma's expanding economy pushed Gross Receipts to the Treasury into record high territory for both 12-month revenue and June collections, State Treasurer Randy McDaniel announced last Wednesday, July 7.

Receipts of \$14.32 billion during fiscal year 2021, which ended June 30, were reported to be the highest on record during any 12-month period in Oklahoma history. Collections of \$1.54 billion from the past month are the highest for any June.

The substantial increase in gross receipts can be attributed to growth in economic activity along with some non-economic factors, including more than \$10 billion in direct federal payments to Oklahomans in response to the pandemic and the timing of income tax payment deadlines.

Last year's income tax deadline was delayed from April to July, so it's included in the current 12-month report along with payments due this year.

In addition, June receipts are boosted by the change in this year's income tax payment deadline from April to June. Total income tax collections are up by more than 21 percent for the fiscal year and 73 percent for the month.

McDaniel said oil and gas gross production tax collections show the biggest percentage increase of all major revenue sources for the month.

Gross production receipts of \$79.7 million

are up by more than 300 percent from June of last year when payments were at a record low due to depressed oil prices.

### Other Indicators

The Oklahoma Business Conditions Index expanded its growth in June. The monthly index was set at 73.6, up from 68.9 in May. Numbers above 50 indicate economic expansion is expected during the next three to six months.

The May unemployment rate in Oklahoma was reported as 4.0 percent by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The state's jobless rate was down from 4.1 percent in April and from 9.5 percent in May 2020.

The U.S. unemployment rate was set at 5.8 percent in May.

### June Collections

Compared to gross receipts from June 2020, McDaniel said, collections in June 2021 show the following:

- Total monthly gross collections are \$1.54 billion, up \$440.2 million, or 40.2 percent.

- Gross income tax collections, a combination of individual and corporate income taxes, generated \$704.9 million, up by \$297.6 million, or 73.1 percent.

- Individual income tax collections are \$519.5 million, an increase of \$193.3 million, or 59.3 percent.

- Corporate collections are \$185.4 million, up by \$104.3 million, or 128.6 percent.

- Combined sales and use tax collections, including remittances on behalf of cities and counties, total \$523.9 million

— up by \$53.1 million, or 11.3 percent.

- Sales tax collections total \$453.3 million, an increase of \$48.4 million, or 12 percent.

- Use tax receipts, collected on out-of-state purchases including internet sales, generated \$70.6 million, an increase of \$4.7 million, or 7.1 percent.

- Gross production taxes on oil and natural gas total \$79.7 million, an increase of \$60.1 million, or 305.8 percent.

- Motor vehicle taxes produced \$85.9 million, up by \$10.3 million, or 13.6 percent.

- Other collections composed of some 60 different sources, including taxes on fuel, tobacco, medical marijuana and alcoholic beverages, produced \$140.7 million — up by \$19.1 million, or 15.7 percent.

- The medical marijuana tax produced \$6 million, up by \$475,893, or 8.6 percent from June 2020.

### Twelve-Month Collections

Combined gross receipts for the past 12 months compared to the trailing 12 months show:

- Gross revenue totals \$14.32 billion. That is \$1.3 billion, or 10 percent, above collections from the previous period.

- Gross income taxes generated \$5.32 billion, an increase of \$945.1 million, or 21.6 percent.

- Individual income tax collections total \$4.44 billion, up by \$577 million, or 14.9 percent.

- Corporate collections are \$879.1 million, an increase of \$368.1 million, or 72 percent.

- Combined sales and use taxes generated \$5.82 billion, an increase of \$347.2 million, or 6.3 percent.

- Gross sales tax receipts total \$4.96 billion, up by \$231.3 million, or 4.9 percent.

- Use tax collections generated \$858.7 million, an increase of \$115.9 million, or 15.6 percent.

- Oil and gas gross production tax collections generated \$754.3 million, down by \$74.9

million, or 9 percent.

- Motor vehicle collections total \$822.3 million, an increase of \$38 million, or 4.9 percent.

- Other sources generated \$1.6 billion, up by \$49.2 million, or 3.2 percent.

- Medical marijuana taxes generated \$66.1 million, up by \$23.7 million, or 55.9 percent.

### About Gross Receipts to the Treasury

The monthly Gross Receipts to the Treasury report, developed by the state treasurer's office, provides a timely and

broad view of the state's economy.

It is released in conjunction with the General Revenue Fund report from the Office of Management and Enterprise Services, which provides information to state agencies for budgetary planning purposes.

The General Revenue Fund, the state's main operating account, receives less than half of the state's gross receipts with the remainder paid in rebates and refunds, remitted to cities and counties, and apportioned to other state funds.

## Child stimulus payments start

As part of the federal stimulus legislation known as the American Rescue Plan, through December, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is making available half the total credit amount taxpayers with children would normally be entitled to when filing taxes.

According to the federal agency, the first Child Tax Credit payments were distributed July 15.

The option is worth up to \$300 per child per month, depending on individual eligibility. Participants can claim the other half of the credit when they file their 2021 income tax returns. Families also have the option each month of unenrolling from the program for the rest of the tax year.

On its face, participation in the American Rescue Plan seems sim-

ple enough, Clampet said; the payments are automatically scheduled unless taxpayers opt out.

The risk lies in accounting for events between now and then — the uncertainty of an economy in flux. A positive turn could cause difficulty later.

Some of the key components of the plan:

- Most families do not need to take any action to receive payment. Normally, the IRS will calculate payments based on 2020 tax returns. If a return is not available, either because it has not been filed or it has not yet been processed, the IRS will instead use 2019 filing information.

- The payment will be up to \$300 per month for each qualifying child

under age 6, and up to \$250 per month for each qualifying child ages 6 to 17.

- The IRS has scheduled advance Child Tax Credit payments for July 15, Aug. 13, Sept. 15, Oct. 15, Nov. 15 and Dec. 15.

- Taxpayers can go online to the agency's Child Tax Credit update portal to notify the IRS of changes in their income, filing status and other information.

However, others will have to ask themselves whether they can get by until filing 2021 taxes next spring.

"There's no easy answer. It really is a personal choice that will have to be based on a clear understanding of the family's finances," she said.

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## Tishomingo Express Pharmacy Good Health Tips



New research published in The FEBS Journal has found a significant association of low plasma vitamin D level with the likelihood of COVID-19 infection among patients who were tested for COVID-19, even after adjustment for age, gender, socio-economic status and chronic mental and physical disorders. Furthermore, low vitamin D level was associated with the risk of hospitalization due to COVID-19 infection, although this association wasn't significant after adjustment for other confounders.

Appendicitis is the most common cause for emergency abdominal surgery in childhood, affecting 80,000 children in the United States each year, but nonoperative treatment options are viable. A new study published in JAMA found antibiotics alone successfully treated children with uncomplicated appendicitis and was associated with fewer disability days at one year.

For patients, especially those living with chronic conditions, nonadherence to prescription medicines due to cost is a common problem. By not filling prescriptions, skipping doses, delaying refills, or splitting pills, patients risk compromising the therapeutic benefit of their treatments. A new study looked at survey data from 11 high-income countries. They found that the largest disparities for non-adherence occurred among younger women in the U.S. The study results are published in the journal Health Affairs. The study also showed that in the U.S., one in four younger women reported cost-related nonadherence compared with one in seven younger men, with no significant female differences among older adults in any of the eleven countries.

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# Kutz replaces Johnson on Murray State board

Springer resident Leslie Larsen Kutz has been appointed by Gov. Kevin Stitt as a new member of the Murray State College Board of Regents.

Kutz, who succeeds outgoing member Frank Johnson who served on the college's governing board for 14 years, will serve a seven-year term ending in June 2028.

A lifelong resident of southern Oklahoma and a proud member of the Chickasaw Nation, Kutz is a graduate of Wynnewood High School and Murray State College, and is currently pursuing a master's degree in social work at the University of Oklahoma.

She currently serves as the executive director of Ardmore Family Literacy, a nonprofit that works with adults in need of a high school equivalency diploma.

"Leslie will be an amazing addition to the board at Murray State College because she has a passion for helping others realize their potential. We look

forward to having her experience and background as part of the landscape at Murray State College," MSC President Joy McDaniel said.

In addition to serving as president of the Ardmore Literacy Leadership Executive Board, she is also on the board of trustees for the Oklahoma Chapter of the Nature Conservancy, and previously served as education chairman of the Ardmore Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

"The work in this field made me very interested in serving in a capacity that supports post-secondary opportunities, specifically through the community college route," Kutz said.

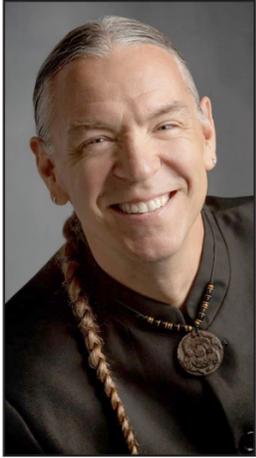
"As a graduate of Murray State College, I am excited to be a part of the continued success and expansion of this local institution and my alma mater."

Kutz, who lives on a ranch in Springer with her husband, Dr. Rick Kutz, also enjoys travel and hiking adventures.



MSC Regent Leslie Larsen Kutz

# Chickasaw composer named cultural affairs ambassador



Tate

Chickasaw classical music composer Jerod Tate is one of 31 cultural ambassadors appointed to the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

Tate's appointment will take him on a monthlong, multi-country virtual tour where he will engage with international audiences through public concerts; interactive performances with local musicians; lectures and demonstrations; workshops; jam sessions; and media interviews.

The endeavor is through the U.S. Department of State's American Music Abroad Program for the 2021-22 season.

"As a U.S. Department of State cultural ambassador, I have the unique privilege of expanding the world's view of modern North American Indians. Through the lens of a Chickasaw classical composer, global citizens will be able to experience Indian Country amid symphonic expression. I cannot wait to get started," Tate said.

Tate strongly identifies with his Chickasaw culture and includes it in all of his compositions. American Music Abroad activities focus on younger and underserved audiences in countries where people have few opportunities to meet American performers and experience their music firsthand.

Born in Norman, Tate resides in Oklahoma City and is a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.

Tate is dedicated to the development of First American classical composition. Tate's recent commissions include "Shellshaker: A Chickasaw Opera" for Mount Holyoke Symphony Orchestra; "Ghost of the White Deer," concerto for bassoon and orchestra for Dallas Symphony Orchestra; and "Hózhó (Navajo Strong)" and "Ithánali (I Know)" for

White Snake Opera Company. He recently hosted San Francisco Symphony's "Currents" series, and curated a performance by the ETHEL Quartet at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

His music has been featured on the HBO television series *Westworld*.

Tate has held composer-in-residence positions for Music Alive, a national residency program of the League of American Orchestras and New Music USA, the Joyce Foundation/American Composers Forum, Oklahoma City's New View Summer Academy, Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation and Grand Canyon Music Festival Native American Composer Apprentice Project.

Tate was the founding composition instructor for the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy and has taught composition to First American high school students in Minneapolis and Toronto, as well as the Hopi, Navajo and Lummi reservations.

Tate is a three-time commissioned recipient from the American Composers Forum; a Chamber Music America's Classical Commissioning Program recipient; a Cleveland Institute of Music Alumni Achievement Award recipient; a governor appointed Oklahoma Creativity Ambassador; and an Emmy Award winner for his work on the Oklahoma Educational Television Authority documentary, *The Science of Composing*.

In addition to his work based upon his Chickasaw heritage, Tate has worked with the music and language of multiple tribes, including Choc-

taw, Navajo, Cherokee, Ojibway, Muscogee, Pechanga, Comanche, Lakota, Hopi, Tlingit, Lenape, Tongva, Shawnee, Caddo, Ute, Aleut, Shoshone, Cree, Paiute and Salish/Kootenai.

Among available recorded works are "Iholba' (The Vision)" for solo flute, orchestra and chorus, and "Tracing Mississippi," concerto for flute and orchestra, recorded by the San

Francisco Symphony Orchestra and Chorus, on the Grammy Award winning label "Azica Records."

His most recent release, "Lowak Shoppala'," is a fusion of modern classical music and theater in eight scenes featuring orchestra, narration of a libretto by Chickasaw poet and Pulitzer Prize finalist Linda Hogan, children's chorus, traditional Chicka-

saw and classical vocal soloists, and First American storytellers. Each scene depicts a part of Chickasaw culture and history performed in the Chickasaw language.

Tate earned his bachelor of music in piano performance from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, and a master's degree in piano performance and composition from the Cleveland Institute of Music.

# Request your absentee ballot

The deadline to request absentee ballots by mail is approaching.

Applications must be received by the County Election Board no later than 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 3.

Absentee voting is available to all voters and can be submitted several ways.

"In Oklahoma, no excuse is needed to vote by absentee ballot, and it's easy to apply. Voters

can submit their application online, in-person or even by mail," Johnston County Election Board Secretary B.J. Wheaton said.

Applications for absentee voting are available at the County Election Board, or can be downloaded at [oklahoma.gov/elections](http://oklahoma.gov/elections).

Wheaton reminds voters that only the applicant can submit his or

her own absentee ballot application. It is against the law to submit an absentee ballot application for another person.

Voters who submit their application in-person at the County Election Board will be asked to provide proof of identity.

Voters with questions about the absentee voting should contact the County Election Board at 371-3670.

## Community Calendar

### Little League Football signup

Tishomingo Little League Football and Cheerleader sign-up will be Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the Tishomingo Middle School Gym. Registration fee per student is \$70.

### Lions Club Meets

The Tishomingo Lions Club will meet at noon on Thursday, Aug. 5, at the Dog House at Ole Red in Tishomingo. The public is welcome to attend.

**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.**

# Bromide Volunteer Fire Department Auction July 31 9 a.m.

1985 Chevy 1-ton flat bed  
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1976 Ford pumper  
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# Johnston County Milestones

## Paid Obituary

### Norman Gene Blue

Norman Gene Blue, age 75, of Tishomingo, Okla., passed from this earth on July 6, 2021. He was one of 16 children, born to Robert "Curry" and Evelyn (Slossan) Blue on Dec. 8, 1945, in Sacramento, Calif.



Norman was known for his strong work ethic and was a self-employed, skilled builder. He also worked in refrigeration restoration early on in his life. His wife Sonya could always be found working alongside him whatever the job was. He truly was a jack-of-all-trades, and could build just about anything.

Norman had a great love of the outdoors. When he wasn't working he spent his time fishing, hunting, gardening or tinkering in his shop. He told great stories and he always had the best jokes. He could be hardheaded and opinionated, but he had a great sense of humor and was always ready to welcome you to come and sit with him on his front porch.

Norman served his country from 1965 to 1967 in the United States Army as an ammunition specialist during the Vietnam War. He was tasked with receiving, storing and issuing guided missiles, large rockets and explosives.

Norman is preceded in death by his parents, Robert "Curry" Blue and Evelyn (Slossan) Blue; five brothers, Randy Alan Blue, Perry "Chic" Blue, Evert Blue, Stoney Blue and Johnny Blue; brother-in-law, Morris Glenn Anderson; and one sister, Anna Moran and her husband Richard.

He is survived by his wife, Sonya (Godwin) Blue, four daughters and two sons, Tabethia Griffin and her husband Eddie of Texas, Norma Jean Clement and her husband Kerry of Texas, Randy Blue of Oklahoma, Veronica Harden and her husband James of Oklahoma, Samantha Lewis of Oklahoma, and David "Bubba" Moody and his wife Cristal of Oklahoma.

He cherished his 20 grandchildren, Dalton Griffin, Demi Griffin, Kerra Clement, Connor Clement, Channing Clement, Christopher Blue, Sarah Blue, Brittany Harden, Daniel Tew, Damian Harden, Darian Harden, Daisy Harden, Emilee Moody, Camden Elkins, Callie Lewis, Tayler Smith, Tyler Smith, Skyler Smith, Arron Palmer and Jack Owen, and four great-grandchildren.

He is also survived by two sisters, Nancy Anderson of Texas, and Ameilia "Sissy" Blue of Oklahoma; seven brothers, Harry "Pip" Blue and his wife Brenda, Rick Blue, Lester Blue, Billy Blue, Rodney "Cookie" Blue, Darrell "Hound" Blue and Todd Blue, all of Oklahoma; as well as many special nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at the DeArman-Clark Funeral Home in Tishomingo on July 25 at 3 p.m. His nephew, Brandon Blue, will officiate and longtime friend, Darrell W. Walker, will give the eulogy. After the service, there will be a celebration of his life held at his home down at the bottom.

### Jerry Frank McCarver

**TISHOMINGO** - Jerry Frank McCarver, 81, passed away on July 18, 2021, in Ardmore, Okla. Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, July 23, 2021, at Condon Grove Cemetery in Milburn, Okla.

Services will be held under the direction of DeArman-Clark Funeral Home, Tishomingo.

## Food distribution program reopened

The Chickasaw Nation Food Distribution Program (FDP) is now open for in-person visits, by appointment.

Specific entry guidelines have been set in place to allow the participant to have a safe visit.

"We are really excited about reopening the nutrition centers," Rachael Collins, director of food distribution and farmers market program, said.

"I am excited for our community and staff to be reunited. I am really proud of the hard work our staff has put into reopening."

Masks, temperature checks and screening questions are required before entry. Responsible distancing will also be encouraged. Visitation will be by appointment, with only one person per household able to attend the scheduled appointment.

The food distribution program is designed to help promote health and raise nutrition levels of eligible First American households by providing food packages with a wide variety of food choices, including fresh produce and frozen meats.

"It is really great for our clients to be able to make choices," Collins said.

"We have recipe cards in our stores that allow participants to make health decisions for themselves."

While grocery stores in-person visits were not allowed at the nutrition centers during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, more than 24,000 curbside pickups took place for food distribution program clients.

For more informa-

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## Art Tech grants selected for Mannsville and Ravia

Ravia and Mannsville Public Schools have been selected to receive a new innovative fine arts program for the 2021-22 school year.

Oklahoma Art Tech is a \$5.8 million grant over five years to expand access to visual arts, dance, drama or music courses to schools that would otherwise have limited or no arts programs.

"Every child deserves access to a well-rounded education, which includes exploration of the arts. Art Tech is addressing this need in rural schools, which experience greater challenges in offering specialized academic programs," State Superintendent of Public Instruction Joy Hofmeister said.

"The infusion of fine arts into the classroom promotes engagement that enriches overall student learning and achievement, and is an evidence-based strategy that supports the success of the whole child."

Art Tech, administered by the Oklahoma State Department of

Education and funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education, equips classroom teachers with a no-cost, standards-based fine arts curriculum and art supplies.

In addition, visiting teaching artists provide monthly hands-on lessons. Teachers and school administrators also have access to a state arts education specialist for instructional support, guidance and collaboration.

Art Tech will focus on PreK-5 programs in its initial year, and will expand to include middle schools and high schools in 2022-23.

Applications for next year will reopen in fall for all districts.

Art Tech is possible through partnerships with the Chickasaw Nation; Osage Nation; Oklahoma Arts Council; University of Central Oklahoma's LX Studio; and University of Oklahoma's Center for Educational Development and Research.

Thank you to all Johnston County participants for making the Compassion Ministry a great success for the homeless and less fortunate. Thank you for all your donations of clothing, coats, shoes and miscellaneous. Due to our age and health it is time for us to close this ministry after 3 years of many blessings for us and many others.  
God bless you all,  
David and Judy Cribbs

## Thank You

The family of the late Charles Selwyn Hughes wishes to express their sincere gratitude to everyone who showed us sympathy on our recent sad bereavement.

Thank you to all our extended family relations, neighbors, and friends who helped and supported us prior to the funeral and during in so many different ways. We are truly appreciative.

We would like to say that Elara care Hospice out of Ardmore treated everyone with respect, dignity and passion. Thank you, R.N. Ursula Whitson, for all you did for us during this time. We could not have done this without your support and knowledge.

Thank you to Chelsey LaFevers of DeArman-Clark Funeral Home in Tishomingo, and many other friends and family members who helped with the service to make it truly memorable. He would have been very proud of the way it turned out.

Thank you, Mill Creek Pentecostal church ladies, for the fabulous meals and prayers during this time.

Thank you to those who traveled to be with us during this time. To all who sent cards, flowers, plants and food, it was truly appreciated.

As it would be currently impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our appreciation.

He is gone from our sight, but never from our hearts.

*The Hughes Family*

## Local students to graduate SOSU

Southeastern Oklahoma State University (SOSU) in Durant will hold two summer commencement ceremonies on July 30 and 31.

The following Johnston County students are candidates for graduation: Amy Dawn Caskey and Laura Lynn Holt, both of Tishomingo; and Sherry A. Mayo of

Wapanucka.

The schedule is as follows:

Friday, July 30, at 6 p.m., Bloomer Sullivan Arena – Graduate students (Master's candidates).

Saturday, July 31, 9 a.m., Bloomer Sullivan Arena – Undergraduate students (Baccalaureate candidates)

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# Chickasaw Storytellers' series Winter Fire airs on OETA-PBS

The documentary series *Winter Fire*, produced by the Chickasaw Nation, is being shown in Oklahoma on OETA-PBS each Saturday at 1:30 p.m. through Aug. 7.

*Winter Fire* is an award-winning documentary series sharing stories related to the history, culture and people of the Chickasaw Nation.

The episode "Traditional Medicine" aired July 3. Other episodes

include "Arrival in Indian Territory," "Douglas Johnston," "And our Mothers Cried," "Voices of our Ancestors" and "Tribal Resurgence."

The *Winter Fire* series symbolizes stories shared within the warm glow of Chickasaw families, passed down from generation to generation, combined with historical record.

Topics include the forced removal from the Chickasaw Homeland; the boarding school era

when traditional culture was tested; the revitalization of the endangered Chickasaw language; and the survival of the Chickasaw Nation itself.

Many of the stories reflect universal themes shared by several First American nations thriving in Oklahoma today.

To watch additional episodes from the *Winter Fire* series, visit [Chickasaw.tv](http://Chickasaw.tv).



## Shelton-Stefani wedding held July 3

Tishomingo area rancher, businessman and country singer Blake Tollinson Shelton recently married the former Gwen Renee Stefani of Encino, Calif. The couple were united in marriage by clergyman Carson Daly. The ceremony took place at Gwen's Chapel near Mill Creek, Okla., on July 3. Mr. and Mrs. Shelton intend to make their home in the Tishomingo area, with other residences in Los Angeles, Calif., and Nashville, Tenn.

# Johnston County Free Fair set for Aug. 23-28

The Johnston County Free Fair is back.

"Johnston County, we know you have been cooped up during this pandemic, trying to keep yourself busy making all kinds of crafts, growing a garden, and trying new recipes," Denise Hook, on behalf of the Johnston County Fair Board, said.

"It's time to get out and enjoy yourself again. We want to see you and what you've been up to. Show us what you've got by bringing it out to the 2021 Johnston County Free Fair."

Check-in for exhibits will be August 23 and 24.

Maybe you want to show off those new dance moves you've been learning? Whatever



er the case may be, there will be something for everyone.

Be sure to check out the Johnston County Free Fair schedule for dates and times to enter your goodies. The

theme of this year's fair, which promises to be better than ever, is "Seeds of Change."

Look for the fair book in an upcoming issue of the *Johnston County Sentinel*.

# Don't forget to visit senior citizens in nursing homes

It is that time of the year when the heat is on and summer is upon us, and the kids want to go outside and play in the water, eat watermelon, and have ice cream.

Parents are planning summer vacations for the family. Everyone is looking for fun and love this summer.

But what about those who are unable to get outside and play in the water or take vacations, such as the elderly and the ones who are in nursing homes?

What can be done to make their summer this

year as close to fun as it was when they were young?

It can happen with volunteers.

Taking time to visit with residents in nursing homes can be beneficial not only for the resident, but for the volunteer as well. Helping a resident relive a memorable summer, by just visiting, can be very rewarding.

Plan to make this summer fun and filled with love for those who are in nursing homes by volunteering.

Contact a nursing

home to visit so you can bring joy to someone's life and to yourself.

If you need help to get started or would like to become an Ombudsman volunteer, contact SODA Area Agency on Aging Ombudsman supervisor Tiffany Wingfield at (580) 775-7478 or write to her at P.O. Box 709, Durant, OK 74702.

Flexible training schedules are available. Ombudsman supervisors are available to speak to your group or organization upon request.

## Johnston County Church Guide

### Bible Verse of the Week:

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth . . ."

(Matthew 6:19 NIV)

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Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship.....10:40 a.m.  
Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening.....7:00 p.m.

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

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Angelia Poole, Co-Pastor  
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Tuesday Overcomers.....12:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.  
Thursday Overcomers.....7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

**MAD MINISTRIES**  
900 East Main • 371-8509  
Ivan Richeson, Pastor  
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Evening.....6:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

**UNITED CHURCH**  
8th & Kemp

Jon Hazell, Pastor  
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening.....6:30 p.m.

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

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

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

**COLEMAN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
6610 OK Hwy. 48 S., Coleman, OK (580) 937-4311  
Drake Bendabout, Pastor  
[www.colemanbaptist.com](http://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 Whitmore, Pastor  
Coleman, OK  
[www.folsomfwb.com](http://www.folsomfwb.com)  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.m.  
Sunday Evening.....6:00 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.

**CONNERRVILLE BLUE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Hwy. 377 North • 836-7882  
Larry Hawkins, Pastor  
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening.....6:30 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  
Randy Wade, 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.

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

**LEAP OF FAITH FULL GOSPEL CHURCH**  
1.9 miles west of Mannsville  
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  
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 Benedict, 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.

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

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

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

**LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH OF GOD**  
5th and N. St.  
(580) 364-2709  
Leon & Sharon Crites, Pastors  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening.....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.



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## Sports Beat

# Tish Lady Indians softball season begins

**By Jolee Northcutt**  
*Sentinel Correspondent*

Finally, softball season begins. Tish Lady Indians have received their schedule for the summer games that will take place at the Tishomingo softball complex.

One and only senior Kenzlea Elkins, who is also a member of the 2019 and 2020 back-to-back state champions, shared her excitement and goals for herself, as well as her team, this upcoming season with the *Sentinel*.

“There is a lot of excitement coming from the end of last year’s season. My one goal with this upcoming season is to repeat what we have accomplished in the past two seasons. That does not come without hours of work, and I believe that these incoming freshmen know what it’s going to take to get there.”

Along with the excitement coming from the last few years, Elkins describes her personal and team goals for her last ride as a Lady Indian softball player.

“Some personal goals are to keep a positive attitude on and off the field, keeping the girls engaged in the game

by never letting the dugout get quiet, to play hard for myself and for my teammates, to push the girls to do their absolute best, and to have an amazing time.”

Her goals for the Lady Indians are to “work together as a team, to work and achieve individual and team goals, to hold each other accountable, to end the season with no regrets, and to make it back to the state tournament.”

Coach Charles Hook also spoke with the *Sentinel* last week on his thoughts and feelings towards the new season and the new group of freshman girls, as well as returning players.

“We are excited about the upcoming season. We have two returning starters from our back-to-back state championship team. We have three upperclassmen: Cheyenne Wood, outstanding outfielder and hitter, Jayden Anderson will take over the pitching duty, and our only senior, Kenzlea Elkins, who is an outstanding outfielder that should provide our young team with valuable leadership.”

Hook also mentioned that the group of freshmen will get lots of playing time and experience this year. “This

will be a young team that will be fun to watch,” he said.

He said his expectations for the team are always the same, which is to play at a high level and to always compete for championships.

The Lady Indians’ summer league started Tuesday evening, July 20, af-

ter having a cancellation for Monday nights games due to the rain.

The results of Tuesday’s games will be published in next week’s edition for Johnston County Sports Beat.

Makeup games for Monday are to be played Friday, July 30, at 5 and 7 p.m.



| Date            | Opponent            | Place      | Time  |
|-----------------|---------------------|------------|-------|
| Aug. 9-10       | LCC Tournament      | Tishomingo | TBA   |
| Aug. 12         | Kingsdon            | Kingsdon   | 5:00  |
| Aug. 13         | Davis               | Davis      | 5:00  |
| Aug. 16         | Heavner             | Heavner    | 5:00  |
| Aug. 19-21      | Tish. Tournament    | Tishomingo | TBA   |
| Aug. 23         | Hugo                | Tishomingo | 5:00  |
| Aug. 24         | Antlers             | Antlers    | 5:00  |
| Aug. 26         | Coalgate            | Tishomingo | 5:00  |
| Aug. 30         | Atoka               | Atoka      | 5:00  |
| Aug. 31         | Hugo                | Hugo       | 5:00  |
| Sept. 2         | Valliant            | Tishomingo | 5:00  |
| Sept. 4         | Plainview           | Tishomingo | 10:30 |
| Sept. 6         | Colbert             | Tishomingo | 5:00  |
| Sept. 7         | Heavner             | Tishomingo | 4:30  |
| Sept. 9-11      | Silo Tournament     | Silo       | TBA   |
| Sept. 15        | Coalgate            | Coalgate   | 5:00  |
| Sept. 16        | Antlers             | Tishomingo | 5:00  |
| Sept. 19        | Atoka               | Tishomingo | 5:00  |
| Sept. 20        | Valliant            | Valliant   | 5:00  |
| Sept. 21        | Silo                | Silo       | 5:00  |
| Sept. 23        | Calera              | Calera     | 5:00  |
| Sept. 25        | Madill              | Tishomingo | 11:00 |
| Sept. 30-Oct. 2 | Regional Tournament | TBA        | TBA   |
| Oct. 7-9        | State Tournament    | TBA        | TBA   |

## ECU offering data science program

If you have ever considered yourself a technology, information and numbers person, then East Central University (ECU) has the perfect program of study for you.

ECU’s mathematics and computer science department just unveiled its new concentration in data science - a study program that combines elements of math, computer science and statistics - to provide students with the skills they need

to interact with data in the modern world.

“This program concentration has been several years in the making, with key members of the department working hard to ensure the right combination of courses,” Dr. Mary Harper, chair of ECU’s mathematics and computer science department, said.

ECU graduates with a data science concentration will obtain the necessary computer skills to find, process, organize

and manage data in a variety of formats, as well as the mathematical skills to conduct statistical analysis, identify key insights, and the ability to communicate those results to others.

The data science field is growing quickly, and those who study it are in demand.

If you are interested in learning more about ECU’s new data science program, please contact Harper at [mharper@ecok.edu](mailto:mharper@ecok.edu).



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# Crime News

## Police Phone Log

### MONDAY, JULY 12:

12:41 a.m. - Caller requesting welfare check.  
 10:23 a.m. - Caller reporting reckless driver.  
 11:36 a.m. - Caller reporting suspicious activity.  
 6:30 p.m. - Caller reporting theft.

### TUESDAY, JULY 13:

12:13 p.m. - Caller reporting verbal altercation.  
 6:17 p.m. - Caller reporting reckless driver.

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 14:

12:02 p.m. - Caller reporting theft.  
 8:31 p.m. - Caller reporting unwanted person.

### THURSDAY, JULY 15:

3:39 p.m. - Caller reporting threat.

### FRIDAY, JULY 16:

12:35 a.m. - Caller reporting domestic.  
 5:35 p.m. - Caller reporting suspicious activity.

### SATURDAY, JULY 17:

1:47 a.m. - Caller requesting extra patrol.  
 12:33 p.m. - Caller reporting trespassing.  
 4:02 p.m. - Caller reporting disturbance.  
 4:31 p.m. - Caller reporting counterfeit money.

### SUNDAY, JULY 18:

4:42 p.m. - Caller reporting suspicious activity.  
 9:43 p.m. - Caller requesting welfare check.

## Sheriff's Phone Log

### MONDAY, JULY 12:

9:37 a.m. - Caller on Village Lane reporting theft.  
 3:33 p.m. - Caller reporting suspicious activity at Highway 1 and Jewel Sikes Road.  
 10:15 p.m. - Caller reporting unattended vehicle at S. Church Road and Highway 1.

### TUESDAY, JULY 13:

8:35 a.m. - Caller reporting suspicious vehicle on Seeley Chapel Road.  
 12:26 p.m. - Caller in Milburn reporting verbal altercation.  
 12:57 p.m. - Caller reporting abandoned vehicle on Highway 78 east of Tishomingo.  
 6:02 p.m. - Caller reporting suspicious activity on Golf Course Road.

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 14:

8:44 a.m. - Caller in Mill Creek reporting animal neglect.  
 4:24 p.m. - Caller in Mannsville reporting theft.  
 11:57 p.m. - Caller in Wapanucka reporting suspicious activity.

### THURSDAY, JULY 15:

8:42 a.m. - Caller in Mannsville reporting vandalism.  
 9:31 a.m. - Medical call near Mill Creek.  
 11:49 a.m. - Caller from Ravia reporting disturbance.  
 6:55 p.m. - Caller reporting road hazard on Highway 78 at Egypt Road.

### FRIDAY, JULY 16:

1:00 a.m. - Caller in Mill Creek reporting threat.  
 12:41 p.m. - Caller in Mannsville reporting intoxicated pedestrian.

### SATURDAY, JULY 17:

12:11 a.m. - Caller in Milburn with noise complaint.  
 6:33 a.m. - Caller in Tishomingo reporting assault.  
 12:33 p.m. - Caller in Tishomingo reporting trespassing.

### SUNDAY, JULY 18:

9:15 a.m. - Caller in Millburn reporting assault.  
 11:33 a.m. - Caller in Ravia reporting abandoned vehicle.  
 10:52 p.m. - Welfare check in Mannsville.

## Johnston County Blotter

The following cases were filed in the Johnston County Court Clerk's office in Tishomingo during the week of July 9-15.

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

Barbara Jean Martin - Child endangerment by driving under the influence (two counts).

### Misdemeanors

Bobby Wayne Bohannon - Public intoxication.

Barbara Jean Martin - Driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of drugs.

Juan Manuel Montoya Nunez - APC of vehicle under the influence

### Traffic

Christopher Turrobiartes, Madill - Speeding, 75/65.

Justice Tylan Holybee, Lone

Grove - Failure to properly wear seat belt (driver).

Robert Paul Watkins, Tishomingo - Failure to properly wear seat belt (driver).

Preston Jacob Wallace, Allen - Speeding, 75/65.

Dycota Lynn Miller, Ardmore - Speeding, 75/65.

Lisha Dawn Oxley, Sulphur - Speeding, 75/65.

Aubree Nicol Brakefield, Harrah - Speeding, 75/65.

Casey Delane Blue, Tishomingo - Failure to comply with compulsory insurance law.

Baylee Nicole Massey, Leonard, Texas - Failure to properly wear seat belt (passenger).

Zu Bin Zhu, Antioch, Calif. - Speeding, 80/65.

Roy G. Kelly, West Monroe, La. - Speeding, 77/65.

Duane Ron Pinson, Douglas, Ariz. - Speeding, 113/55.

Shaden Wesley Graham, Ravia - Failure to properly wear seat belt (driver).

Vernon Eric Moore, Mill Creek - Failure to properly wear seat belt (driver).

Duane Ron Pinson, Douglas, Ariz. - Failure to properly wear

seat belt (driver).

Kierra Nichole Hendricks, Tishomingo - Speeding, 75/65.

### Wildlife

Joseph D. Sandusky - Illegal possession of alcohol in a restricted area.

### Civil

State of Oklahoma, ex rel vs. Yi Mei Li - Seizure and forfeiture.

Valle Serrulata LLC vs. Jamie M. Beaird and Gary D. Horton - Indebtedness.

### Small Claims

Kristen Davidson vs. Britni Carrigo - Forcible entry and detainer.

Carrie Holt vs. William Cody Songer - Rent, court cost, service, eviction

### Marriages

None.

### Divorces

Keri Diane Gierke vs. Jon Michael Gierke

Michael Cameron Dean vs. Jessica Olivia Dean

## Woman charged with child endangerment Misdemeanor DUI drug charge also filed

A 67-year-old Ravia woman has been charged in Johnston County District Court with two felony counts of child endangerment by driving under the influence.

According to documents on file at the Johnston County Court Clerk's office, Barbara Jean Martin was driving a white Chevrolet Impala on July 7 in Ravia when she was stopped by two deputies with the Johnston County Sheriff's office.

According to an affidavit filed by Deputies Joseph Schanz and Ty Richeson, they were in-

vestigating a call in connection with an unwanted person at a residence in Ravia when they observed the Impala pulling into a driveway just off Mill Street.

According to the affidavit, when they approached the vehicle and began speaking with Martin, who was behind the wheel, she began showing signs of being under the influence of methamphetamine.

There were four passengers in the vehicle with Martin, two of whom were minor children ages 7 and 9.

She was placed under

arrest, the affidavit says, after Schanz administered a Rhomberg test and determined that she was under the influence of methamphetamine.

Martin also reportedly admitted that she had other narcotics in her system.

She was transported by the deputies to the Johnston County Jail in Tishomingo.

Martin is also being charged with a misdemeanor count of driving under the influence of drugs, in addition to the felony child endangerment charge.

She made an initial

appearance before Associate District Judge Laura Corbin on July 13.

Corbin set bail in the amount of \$35,000, and scheduled a status announcement in the case for Aug. 9 at 1:30 p.m. A preliminary hearing is expected to be set at that time.

If convicted, Martin faces imprisonment of up to four years and/or a fine of \$5,000 on the felony charge.

According to the latest report, Martin has been released from the Johnston County Jail on bond.

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**3 BDRM, 1 BTH., fr., 308 S. Main, Bromide.** Metal roof, approx. 1,257 sq.ft., enclosed bk. porch, fenced yard, metal roof, asking \$38,000. Call for showing.

**BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY IN CONNERVILLE**, former convenience store, cement block building, 2 gas pumps, has approx 1064 sq.ft., 3 city lots, needs some tender loving care on inside. Asking only \$50,000. Call for showing.

**JUST ONE MILE FROM NEW CASINO IN WILLIS, OK.** 3 bdrms., 1 and 1/2 bths., frame, metal roof, tile flooring, ceiling fans, vaulted ceiling, many other extras, sets on approx. 1 acre, also has older mobile hm. Located at 5472 S. Hwy. 377. Asking \$230,000. Call for your showing.



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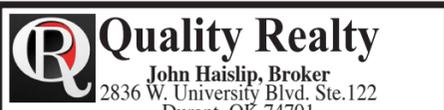
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**Legal Notices**  
 Defendants.  
 No. CV-2021-26  
**NOTICE BY PUBLICATION**

**HELP WANTED**  
 Help Wanted: Calvary Baptist Church is seeking a part-time secretary. Please apply by sending resume to [cbctishomingo@gmail.com](mailto:cbctishomingo@gmail.com) or by turning in resume to the church office. For questions about the position, please call (580) 371-9296.

**THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO:**  
 The unknown successors of MARY ELLEN McDONALD, deceased.  
 The above-named Defendants are hereby notified that they have been sued by the Plaintiff in the above-entitled action filed in the District Court of Johnston County, State of Oklahoma, on July 2, 2021. The Defendants must answer the petition filed by the Plaintiff in this action on or before the 30th day of August 2021, or the allegations contained in the Plaintiff's petition will be considered to be true and confessed and a judgment in favor of the Plaintiff will accordingly be rendered against the Defendants quieting the title of the Plaintiff in and to the following described real property located in Johnston County, Oklahoma:  
**The SE/4 of the SE/4 of Section 13, Township 1 South, Range 4 East, Johnston County, State of Oklahoma**  
 and adjudging and decreeing that the Plaintiff is the owner of the legal and equitable title in and to this real property; finding, adjudging and decreeing the fact and date of the death of MARY ELLEN McDONALD, deceased, and the names and individual identities of all the persons who took, or who were entitled to take, either as an heir or heirs at law, by succession or devise, or in any other way manner, any interest in the above described real property, or any part thereof, which MARY ELLEN McDONALD, deceased, owned at the time of her death.  
**DATED** this 2nd day of July 2021.  
**CASSANDRA SLOVER,**  
 Court Clerk  
 By /s/ Marci Sneed Deputy (Seal)

**LEGAL NOTICES**  
 (Published July 8, 15 & 22, 2021)  
**IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR JOHNSTON COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA**  
**GAIL ANN HUDSON,**  
 Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 The Unknown Successors of MARY ELLEN McDONALD, Deceased, and  
**THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA** ex rel. OKLAHOMA TAX COMMISSION,  
 Defendants.  
 By /s/ Marci Sneed Deputy (Seal)

**LEGAL NOTICES**  
 (Published July 8, 15 & 22, 2021)  
**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JOHNSTON COUNTY JUDICIAL DISTRICT**  
**TISHOMINGO, JOHNSTON COUNTY, OKLAHOMA**  
**JAY CURRAN and EMILY CURRAN,**  
 husband and wife,  
 Plaintiffs,  
 vs.  
 The Unknown Successors of JERRY HAUSER, Deceased,  
 Defendants.  
 No. CV-2021-24  
**NOTICE BY PUBLICATION**



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**FIXER UPPER!** This home consist of 3B/1.5 bath, 12' ceilings built in 1977. Needs work but would make a beautiful home. Located on 6 beautiful lots near Pennington Creek. 400 W. 18th, \$25,000

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**Legal Notices**  
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**Legal Notices**  
 The Statutes of the State of Oklahoma, and Acts complementary, supplementary, and enacted pursuant thereto, and Resolution No. 2021-10 of the City of Tishomingo, Oklahoma, dated June 7, 2021, authorizing the calling of an election on the proposition hereinafter set forth, I, the undersigned Mayor of the City of Tishomingo, Oklahoma, hereby call a special election and give notice thereof to be held in the City of Tishomingo, Oklahoma, on the 10th day of August, 2021, for the purpose of submitting to the registered, qualified voters in said City the following proposition:

**PROPOSITION**  
 Shall the City of Tishomingo, Oklahoma be authorized to levy and collect an additional one percent (1.00%) excise tax (sales tax), in addition to any and all other excise taxes now in force, with the proceeds thereof being used to fund capital expenditures benefiting the City, including, but not limited to, the construction of water and wastewater system improvements, and with said proceeds also being available to pay debt service on obligations issued by the City and any public trust having the City as beneficiary thereof to finance or refinance said capital expenditures, all as more specifically set forth in Ordinance No. 2021-8 of the City of Tishomingo, Oklahoma?

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**NOTICE BY PUBLICATION**  
 THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: The above named Defendants.

**NOTICE BY PUBLICATION**  
 You are hereby notified that you have been sued in the above styled and numbered case, and must answer the Petition therein on or before August 23, 2021, or the allegations in said Petition will be taken as true and judgment rendered in favor of the Plaintiffs against said Defendants, judicially determining the death and heirship of JERRY HAUSER, Deceased, and quieting title in Plaintiffs in the following real property, to wit:

A portion of and located in the NE/4 SE/4 NE/4 of Section 29, Township 4 South, Range 4 East of the Indian Meridian and Base Line, Johnston County, Oklahoma, and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast Corner of said Section 29; thence South 00° 11' 39" West along the East line of the NE/4 a distance of 1651.08 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 00° 11' 39" West along said East line a distance of 228.39 feet; thence South 89° 46' 55" West a distance of 213.43 feet; thence North 00° 20' 59" East a distance of 203.23 feet; thence North 83° 02' 47" East a distance of 214.54 feet back to the point of beginning, LESS AND EXCEPT all of the oil, gas and other minerals, and barring and enjoining the Defendants, and each of them from asserting any right, title, or interest in or to the above described real property.

**PROPOSITION**  
 That only the registered, qualified voters of the City of Tishomingo, Oklahoma, may vote upon the proposition as above set forth.

**PROPOSITION**  
 The polls shall be opened at 7:00 o'clock a.m. and shall remain open continuously until and be closed at 7:00 o'clock p.m.

**PROPOSITION**  
 The special election shall be held at the same places and in the same manner prescribed by law for conducting county and state elections and the numbers and locations of the polling places and the persons who shall conduct said election shall be the same as for county and state elections, all as respectively designated and prescribed by the County Election Board of Johnston County, Oklahoma.

**PROPOSITION**  
 WITNESS my hand as Mayor of the City of Tishomingo, Oklahoma and the Seal of said City affixed hereto on the 7th day of June, 2021.

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 WITNESS my hand as Mayor of the City of Tishomingo, Oklahoma and the Seal of said City affixed hereto on the 7th day of June, 2021.

**PROPOSITION**  
 Dated June 29, 2021  
 CASSANDRA SLOVER,  
 Court Clerk  
 By /s/ Marci Sneed Deputy (Seal)

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 (Published July 22 & 29, 2021)  
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(Published July 22 & 29, 2021)  
**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JOHNSTON COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CARL WILLIAM RAINES, DECEASED.**

**Case No. PB-2020-21**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**TO THE CREDITORS OF CARL WILLIAM RAINES, DECEASED:**  
 All creditors having claims against the above-named Decedent are required to present the same, with a description of all security interest and other collateral (if any) held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to the named Personal Representative at the offices of Easterling Law Office, attorneys for said Personal Representative, at the address shown below on or before the following presentment date, to-wit: the 19th day of September 2021, or the same will be forever barred.

Dated this 19th day of July, 2021.

/s/Jared Easterling  
 Jared Easterling, 31544 Attorney for the Personal Representative

Jared Easterling, 31544 Easterling Law Office 225 West Main Tishomingo, Oklahoma 73460 Telephone: (580) 219-8900 admin@easterlinglawoffice.com Attorney for Personal Representative  
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## Commissioners Proceedings

(Published July 22, 2021)

Tuesday, July 6, 2021

Chairman Jacky Hallmark called regular meeting of 7-6-21 to order at 9:30 a.m. Answering aye was Hallmark, Cacy Cribbs and TJ Clements. Others present Rana Smith, Kathy Ritchie, Brooke Burch, Patricia Wood, Stacy Pulley, Amanda Smith, Gary Dodd, Chris Smith, Sharline Pitmon and Kathy Ross.

\*Note: Meeting recessed from 9:45 till 12:30 to attend the Ground Breaking Ceremony of the Ameristate Bank and lunch.

Hallmark called the meeting back to order at 12:30 p.m. Answering aye was Hallmark, Cacy Cribbs and TJ Clements. Others present Rana Smith, Guyla Hart, Kathy Ritchie, Brooke Burch, Patricia Wood, Stacy Pulley, Gary Dodd, Chris Smith, Sharline Pitmon and Kathy Ross.

Cribbs moved to approve minutes for 6-21-21, second Clements, vote aye Hallmark, Clements and Cribbs.

Cribbs moved to approve Resolution #21-24 to Reinvest CD funds at Maturity Date for General Fund with Ameristate Bank in the amount of \$269,368.97, second Clements, vote aye Hallmark, Clements and Cribbs.

Clements moved to approve to Bid Out Metal Building for Butcher Pen Fire Dept, this will be opened on 7-19-21, second Cribbs, vote aye Hallmark, Clements and Cribbs. This is grant funds and will have to be done and closed by 7-31-21.

Cribbs moved to approve to Bid Out to Purchase a 2014 or Newer SUV with Police Package, second Clements, vote aye Hallmark, Clements and Cribbs. Clements states that the Sheriff should also check with Dickson Police Department on their available units. This will be opened on 7-19-21.

Clements moved to approve the Request for Reimbursement form for \$5,000.00 for EMPG-999-3rd Qtr, second Cribbs, vote aye Hallmark, Clements and Cribbs.

Cribbs moved to approve FY 21-22 Kellpro Software Service Agreement for County Clerk in amount of \$13,577.40, second Clements, vote aye Hallmark, Clements and Cribbs. This is for the land program and the purchasing/payroll program.

Cribbs moved to approve Assist with Funding in amount of \$5,322.50 for the Purchasing/Payroll Software for Kellpro Service Agreement for County Clerk, second Clements, vote aye Hallmark, Clements and Cribbs.

Clements moved to approve FY 21-22 Penguin Management, Inc Agreement for E-Dispatches with the yearly amount of \$3,876.00 to be paid from Communications funds, second Cribbs, vote aye Hallmark, Clements and Cribbs.

Cribbs moved to disapprove Awarding Bid #568-21 for House to be Moved-Location is South of the Dist #3 Barn in Ravia, the bid received was from Ryan Adams for \$1,500.00, second Clements, vote aye Hallmark, Clements and Cribbs.

Cribbs moved to approve Award Bid #567-21 to Misty Hook for \$400.00for Harvesting of Hay (Sec 33, T2S, R6E), Approx 40- 60 Acres, Cutting, Raking, Bailing and Ect. (one price) with cutting being complete by 8-13-21 and all hay and equipment being removed by 8-27-21, second Clements, vote aye Hallmark, Clements and Cribbs.

Clements moved to approve TeleComp Managed Servicing/Cabling Proposal for County Offices in the amount of \$2,475.00 for installation of wiring in IT room and monthly fee of \$170.00 for reoccurring charges, second Cribbs, vote aye Hallmark, Clements and Cribbs.

Cribbs moved to approve FY 21-22 Service Agreement with Otis Elevator for yearly amount of \$3,493.68 to be paid from 1 cent 10 account, second Clements, vote aye Hallmark, Clements and Cribbs.

Clements moved to approve Quote Received from RFD Construction for \$3,000.00 for Repairs of Exterior Entry at the Courthouse, this will be paid from 1 cent 10 account, second Cribbs, vote aye Hallmark, Clements and Cribbs.

Clements moved to approve Payments of Utilities (Water, Electric, Trash, Phone and Internet) for Dist 1, 2, 3 coming from General Funds second Cribbs, vote aye Hallmark, Clements and vote nay Cribbs. Clerk presented the Dist #1, 2, 3 water, electric, trash, phone and internet ledgers from FY 20-21 and totals for all was \$21,601.39. Clements states that he would like to see these bills paid from general fund being that both the jail and the courthouse utilities are all paid from general fund. Cribbs states that he would like to see more time and if the revenues for the general fund is going to increase after all of the financial issues with COVID.

Clements moved to approve to split the payment amount in 1/3rds for Workers Comp and Liability Insurance, this will be 1/3 from General Funds, 1/3 from Highway Funds and 1/3 from Jail Funds, second Cribbs, vote aye Clements, Hallmark and Cribbs. Hallmark states that will be discussed each year to determine payments and will add the refund amount for the FY 17/18 Workers Comp in amount of \$10,753.48.

Cribbs moved to approve Accept Raises for FY 21-22 for County Employees if Budget Allows, second Clements, vote aye Hallmark, Clements and Cribbs. This will be revisited once the County gets the figures from the budget maker. Clerk presented figures for a 5% raise for the employees and this was reviewed. Hart also presented the FY 2020 and FY 2021 calculations of annual officer salaries for the upcoming year.

Clements moved to approve Revised Resolution #21-25 for FY 21-22 Standardized Pay Scale for Employees, second Cribbs, vote aye Hallmark, Clements and Cribbs. Resolution revision was adding "Skilled New Hire up to \$2,500.00" to the pay scale.

Clements moved to approve Transcript of Proceedings for sale of property in the amount of \$3,387.12 and Signing of Deed to Ryan Adams for Lots 30, 31, 49, 50, 53, 56, 149, 230, 231, 252 Block A Holiday Haven and Lots 227, 260 Block D Holiday Haven second Cribbs, vote aye Hallmark, Clements and Cribbs.

Cribbs moved to approve to Amend the Johnston County Wide Dispatch Advisory Committee Meeting Times to 8:30 am on the 3rd Monday of each month, second Clements, vote aye Hallmark, Clements and Cribbs.

Clements moved to approve to Pay the Following Items during the FY 21-22 from the 1/2 Cent Emergency Communication Funds for the Johnston County Wide Emergency Communication Center Office, OneNet Internet, Office Supplies, CAD Maintenance Agreement, GeoSafe Map, Copier/Ink/Paper/Lease Maintenance, Advertising Job Openings, Training-Travel, Employee Drug & Alcohol Testing, OLETS, OLETS CPI, OLTES Computer Equipment, Dispatch Training through APCO, E-Dispatch Fees, Hyper Reach Fees, Rental Space, Utilities and Insurance, second Cribbs, vote aye Hallmark, Clements and Cribbs. The rental space will begin this FY for July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 and pay yearly.

Clements moved to approve Copier Renewal Maintenance Contract Proposal with Miller Office Supply for Dispatch, amount is \$652.41 yearly, second Cribbs, vote aye Hallmark, Clements and Cribbs.

Board discusses with Jordan Frazier with Chamber of Commerce Regarding School Kids Working for County. Hallmark states that this is a program that could help some of the offices with general duties along with giving the junior and senior of County Schools the experience that is needed in the work force today. Frazier states that she will get further information and contact the commissioners later.

Clements moved to approve Resolution #21-29 to Reimburse any County Commissioners Road District Employee for CDL Licensing Following Receipt of Licensed While Employed with Johnston County, this normally is under \$100.00 but is a great asset for the County, second Cribbs, vote aye Hallmark, Clements and Cribbs.

Clements moved to approve ODOT County Road Action Report Removing Peg Lane from the County Road Maintenance System, second Cribbs, vote aye Hallmark, Clements and Cribbs. There was a public hearing held for this on 6-7-21.

Cribbs moved to approve Agreement for FY 21-22 between Johnston County and ISSI for yearly rental of property located in Mill Creek for \$2,400.00 annually, second Clements vote aye Hallmark, Clements and Cribbs.

Clements moved to approve to Become a Participating Member of the National Purchasing Cooperative Participation Agreement called "Buy Board", this is a National Purchasing Program just like the State Contract Program is that the County can purchase items, second Cribbs, vote aye Hallmark, Clements and Cribbs.

Appropriations: Highway \$181612.35, CBRI 105 \$34593.88, 911 \$11041.51, Assessor Revl \$210.00, County Clerk \$49.00, RM&P \$2290.00, LEPC 1000.00, Resale \$79124.21,

Sheriff Comm \$1494.97, Sheriff \$13281.05, CMT \$105.00, Lodging Tax \$1206.11, Jail 1 Cent \$17996.28, Fire 1/4 cent \$18026.69, Em Comm \$36011.32, Court Clerk Revl \$1122.87, Court Pres \$319.75, Co Clk Legal Suit \$.16, Bev Tax \$12283.78, Motor \$3831.13, Transfers: None, Monthly Blankets: Dist #2, OSU, Monthly Report: Sheriff, Election, General, County Clerk, Health, Treas, Court Clerk, Claims: J-Revl 26, JOHNSTON COUNTY TREASURER, 8870.44, Drug Court 98, BENNETT, KIM, 15.00, 99, BENNETT, KIM, 462.50, 100, UTLEY, BRIAN, 875.00, 101, EDMONDSON, CRAIG, 322.28, 102, NEELEY, JILL, 1500.00, General 2639, JOHNSTON COUNTY ELECTION, 37.68, 2640, PITMON, SHARYNE, 128.52, 2641, CONRAD FIRE EQUIPMENT, 579.87, 2642, VARNER, KEEGAN, 486.13, 2643, ACCO, 10830.33, 2644, ACCO, 10830.33, 2645, ACCO, 10830.34, 2646, ACCO, 21989.84, 2647, ACCO, 10753.48, Health 184, REEVES, CHELSEA, 38.02, Highway 1782, PREMIER TRUCK GROUP OF ARDMORE, 844.00, 1783, HALLMARK, JACKY, 94.30, 1784, C.L. BOYD, 1999.28, 1785, C.L. BOYD, 1499.76, 1786, PITMON OIL, 2084.10, 1787, OSU-CTP, 125.00, 1788, CULPS TIRE/LUBE, 100.00, 1789, VULCAN MATERIALS, 2464.00, 1790, VULCAN MATERIALS, 1823.44, 1791, CLEMENTS, THOMAS, 102.26, BSF 351, SOONERS, 15.48, 352, SOONERS, 19.35, 911 6, AT&T, 856.25, 7, ONENET, 1200.00, 8, COUNTY RECORDS, 400.00, 9, WINDSTREAM, 260.55, 10, STOLZ TELECOM, 147.00, 11, AT&T, 962.32, Drug Court 1, EDMONDSON, CRAIG, 2050.00, General 69, AT&T, 207.50, 70, AT&T U-verse, 41.73, 71, SOUTHEASTERN ELEC. COOP., 60.84, Highway 31, KELLPRO, 500.00, 32, HUGHES NETWORK SYSTEMS, 89.98, 33, WINDSTREAM, 257.08, 34, KELLPRO, 500.00, 35, SOUTHEASTERN ELEC. COOP., 275.02, 36, KELLPRO, 500.00, 37, RAVIA PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY, 23.43, 38, SNB BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, 1112.76, BSF 1, TISH LUMBER, 17.19,

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

Cribbs motioned to adjourn meeting at 3:45 p.m., second by Clements, vote aye Hallmark, Clements and Cribbs.

Approved on 19th of July, 2021.

Seal

Attest: /s/ Kathy Ross, County Clerk

Chairman: /s/ Jacky Hallmark  
Vice Chairman: /s/ T.J. Clements  
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## Commissioners Proceedings

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Tuesday, July 13, 2021

Chairman Jacky Hallmark called special meeting to order for 7-13-21 to order at 9:10 a.m. Answering aye was Hallmark and Cacy Cribbs, TJ Clements. Others present Guyla Hart, Rana Smith, Cassandra Slover, Kathy Ross and Gary Dodd was absent.

The Board discussed the billing procedures for the monthly utilities. This was voted on in the 7-6-21 meeting for the Highway Dist 1, 2, 3 to pay for their utilities from the General Fund. Clements thinks that the County Clerks office should be the one that is making the po's for the highway bills now. Ross states that the only change in this is the account number. Hallmark can requisition and Sharline Pitmon can sign receiving reports. Ross states that she feels that it should be highway department that is doing this for the purpose of the monitoring of the usage. Clements also ask about the cut off notice that was received back in late May from Tishomingo Water Department. Ross states that this sometimes happens and is beyond control when we only meet 2 times a month to pay bills. Ross explains that the Commissioners meetings are taking longer than in the past and this will delay the payment process. Rana Smith comments that the Treasurer's office sometimes delays this process also because of the amount of the warrants that is sent for registering for payments and payroll. Ross states that this is the process and it sometimes takes longer than normal depending on the amount of bills. Clements also makes comment on the Clerks office waiting till 4:00 on a Thursday afternoon to call requesting payroll when we know that all of the District Bams are closed on Friday. Ross responds that this was the week that the Commissioners voted to change the regular meeting dates to the 1st and 3rd week and with that the payroll had to be signed the next Monday for employees to get a paycheck on payday because that was the last Monday of the month that the Commissioners would be meeting. In this conversation Rana Smith states that if we are going to discuss personnel issues, we need to put Executive Session on the agenda for another date. Ross comments that we do the best that we can to make things work the easiest.

All elected officials went over the Risk Management procedures and will begin to meet quarterly for the FY 21-22. Next meeting will be September 28, 2021.

Cribbs motioned to adjourn meeting at 10:35 a.m., second by Clements, vote aye Hallmark, Clements and Cribbs.

Approved on 19th of July, 2021.

Seal

Attest: /s/ Kathy Ross, County Clerk

Chairman: /s/ Jacky Hallmark  
Vice Chairman: /s/ T.J. Clements  
Member: /s/ Cacy Cribbs

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

All persons having an indebtedness or claim against Kiamichi Technology Centers are hereby notified that all invoices and documentation pertaining to said purchase order or contract must be recorded at Kiamichi Technology Center Administrative Office, 1004 Highway 2 North, Wilburton, OK 74578 on or before September 30, 2021, covering all debts now unpaid and incurred during the period beginning on July 1, 2020 and ending on June 30, 2021, or said account shall be void and forever barred.

Jeremy Quarry  
Encumbering Clerk

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for the purpose of discussing the proposed budget for the Town of Ravia, Oklahoma for the fiscal year 2021-2022 will be held during the regular open Council Meeting on Monday July 26, 2021. The public hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the Ravia Town Hall Building, Ravia, Oklahoma.

| Works                        | General Fund | Fire Fund | Cemetery Fund | Cemetery Perpetual Fund | Ravia Public Authority |
|------------------------------|--------------|-----------|---------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Revenues</b>              |              |           |               |                         |                        |
| Taxes                        | \$ 90,500    | \$ 17,600 | \$ -          | \$ -                    | -                      |
| Charges for Services         | 65,000       | 1,900     | 300           | 4,300                   | 223,600                |
| Miscellaneous Revenue        | 1,100        | -         | -             | -                       | 18,000                 |
| Interest Revenue             | -            | -         | -             | -                       | -                      |
| Transfers From Other Funds   | 1,000        | -         | 18,600        | -                       | -                      |
| Total Estimated Revenue      | 157,600      | 19,500    | 18,900        | 4,300                   | 241,600                |
| Cash Carryover               | 6,900        | 8,100     | -             | -                       | 19,500                 |
| Total Available to Budget    | \$ 164,500   | \$ 27,600 | \$ 18,900     | \$ 4,300                | \$ 261,100             |
| <b>Expenditures</b>          |              |           |               |                         |                        |
| General Government           | \$ 89,400    | \$ -      | \$ -          | \$ -                    | -                      |
| Legal                        | 6,200        | -         | -             | -                       | -                      |
| Fire                         | 4,500        | 27,600    | -             | -                       | -                      |
| Garbage                      | 48,400       | -         | -             | -                       | -                      |
| Cemetery                     | -            | -         | 18,900        | 4,300                   | -                      |
| Community Center             | 900          | -         | -             | -                       | -                      |
| Street                       | 1,900        | -         | -             | -                       | -                      |
| Transfers To Other Funds     | 13,200       | -         | -             | -                       | 6,800                  |
| Water and Sewer              | -            | -         | -             | -                       | 254,300                |
| Total Estimated Expenditures | \$ 164,500   | \$ 27,600 | \$ 18,900     | \$ 4,300                | \$ 261,100             |

# Inter-Tribal Council of Five Civilized Tribes meets in Tulsa

## On McGirt, Chickasaw Nation is prepared to meet the increased duties responsibly

The Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes (ITC) met July 9 in its first in-person general session since the COVID-19 pandemic began.

The session also marked the one-year anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court ruling in McGirt v. Oklahoma, which affirmed the Muscogee Nation reservation was never disestablished and its treaty territory remains Indian Country for purposes of criminal jurisdiction.

The ruling has since been applied to the territories of each of the Five Tribes.

"It's never too late to do the right thing, and the Supreme Court did," Muscogee Nation Principal Chief David Hill said.

"We are still here. We will fight to protect our sovereignty."

The ITC passed a resolution urging Congress to allocate additional resources directly to Tribal governments for McGirt response.

Other tribal leaders joined Chief Hill in discussing the historic decision and affirmed their commitment to devoting resources toward their criminal justice systems.

Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby said the Chickasaw Nation has prepared to meet the increased duties responsibly.

"Over a year ago, we formed a task force to analyze the situation and developed a comprehensive plan to meet these

important new responsibilities," Gov. Anoatubby said.

"For years, we have worked closely in partnerships with federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to serve residents of our area, and this will continue to increase with the McGirt and Bosse rulings."

Choctaw Nation Chief Gary Batton said the Tribe continues to maintain law and order.

"The sky is not falling. There's not a person who has been released that has not gone through our court system or who has not been prosecuted for the crime that has been done," Chief Batton said.

"We are responsible. We are stepping up."

Tribal leaders spoke about efforts underway to put resources into expanding and strengthening their criminal justice systems, and renewing partnerships with federal, state and local law enforcement agencies.

"The McGirt decision was about the United States keeping a promise, and this country is a great country and ought to keep its promise. The promises of the Five Tribes that our reservations have always been intact, needed to be kept," Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr., who serves as ITC president, said.

"We started working on the impact of the McGirt ruling and opportunities presented even before the court decision

was handed down. And now, a year later, we are well on our way to expanding and building the best criminal justice system – one that is respectful and protects the victims, one that is fair to defendants and one that takes people who must be incarcerated and finds a way, if they can, to bring them back into society."

Riyaz Kanji, a partner at Kanji & Katzen PLLC who represented the Muscogee Nation at the Supreme Court, appeared at the meeting through video and said being involved in the case was one of the greatest professional privileges of his lifetime.

The meeting was hosted by the Muscogee Nation July 9 at the River Spirit Casino Resort in Tulsa, and marked the first time the ITC has met in-person since January 2020.

Meetings have been hosted virtually during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Tribal leaders detailed their scientifically based reopening efforts as they move forward with recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We're still continuing our vaccinations, and we're enjoying our recovery and restoration," Chickasaw Nation Gov. Anoatubby said.

Principal Chief Hoskin said the tribes have led the way in the recovery from the pandemic.

"We have been the leaders in this country in responding to

COVID-19 and in recovering from COVID-19," he said.

Indian Health Service (IHS) Oklahoma City Area Director Rear Adm. Travis Watts said vaccinations performed by the tribes present at the July 9 meeting represented more than 60 percent of the 360,000 vaccinations performed by IHS.

He said although the delta variant is highly transmissible, he is confident the tribes are moving forward carefully with reopening and recovery by utilizing science and data.

Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Principal Deputy Assistant Sec-

retary Bryan Newland appeared virtually at the meeting to update tribal leaders on the Biden administration's efforts to ensure Indian Country has a voice in the administration.

Lt. Governor of Oklahoma Matt Pinnell also appeared virtually, and spoke to tribal leaders about tourism initiatives in Oklahoma.

The ITC passed multiple resolutions at the meeting, including:

- A resolution urging Congress to allocate additional resources for McGirt response and urging Congress to allocate resources directly to tribal governments;

- A resolution supporting federal and state efforts to address the murdered and missing Indigenous peoples' crisis;

- A resolution urging Congress to swiftly pass S. 1402, the Durbin Feeling Native American Languages Act of 2021;

- A resolution urging Congress to pass H.R. 1884, the Save Oak Flat Act;

- A resolution supporting teaching the complex history of tribal nations and the United States; and

- A resolution supporting the president's FY2022 Indian Health Service budget request.



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