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Plans to Reopen Oklahoma are Underway

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Staff Writer

Plans to open the state of Oklahoma have been released and will take effect on May 1st. The plans will consist of phases that are designed to ease the public into normalcy while maintaining a safe and effective level of social distancing. Re-opening businesses is crucial to reducing the economic impact of COVID-19. Experts have been gathering testing data over the past couple of months and have compared this outbreak to one of the worst pandemics in US history, the Influenza Pandemic of 1918-1919. By studying the data, these phases should ideally strike a balance between preventing a second wave and stimulating the economy.

During pandemics, there is a struggle between economic/business desires and public health. In the past, when policies that reduce the outbreak of the pandemics are successful, a feeling of ease begins which leads to restlessness. This restlessness results in protests to leaders to lift sanctions which, in turn, leads to another rise in cases. This "second peak" is sometimes worse than the first peak.

When comparing city/state data from the 1918 Flu Pandemic, cities that took more severe restrictions and reduced them gradually actually show a better economic recovery than cities that dropped them entirely. This data, coupled with the increased medical access we have today, has led leaders to set stricter guidelines with the phases of reopening. States, cities, and businesses will decide what is best for them under these guidelines.

The 3 Phases follow a template set by the White House. Phase 1 outlines three categories: Individuals, Employers, Businesses/Public Places. Individual policies remain the same as the policies under the non-essential closures. Individuals should remain home and isolated if symptoms



Snapshot from video at facebook.com/GovStitt/ On April 23rd Governor Stitt announces plan to reopen in phases.

are shown; travel should be kept to a reasonable minimum; physical distance from others should remain the same; and all CDC guidelines should be followed.

Employers are expected to make the best decisions regarding the needs of their workers and their patrons. Employers are encouraged to continue to work from home for reasonable operations and to create safe work environments for employees that return to work. Common areas (i.e. break rooms, conference rooms) should remain closed or should have strict social distancing protocols. Employers are encouraged to set up accommodations for personnel who are part of the vulnerable population.

Business/Public Places will follow similar guidelines during Phase 1. Personal care businesses are to be by appointment only if they follow sanitation protocols and do not violate any community restrictions. Outdoor recreation areas can be reopened. Beginning on May 1st, large restaurants, theaters, sporting venues, gyms, stores, and places of worship can begin operating under social distancing protocols. Schools and youth activities that are currently closed should remain closed. Visiting senior living facilities/hospitals is prohibited. Surgeries can resume when appropriate if they adhere to these guidelines. Tattoo parlors can open if they follow the same protocols as other personal care businesses. Bars will remain closed.

During Phase 1, testing kits will continue to monitor the growth rate of COVID in the population. If the data continues at a steady pace and no drastic increases in case numbers/deaths are reported for an initial observation period of 14 days, discussions, regarding transitioning into the next phase, can begin. Phases could last up to a month or more. Getting through Phase 1 to Phase 3 could take 3-6 months with a gradual transition from strict distancing to a closely monitored period of normal activity.

Moving into these Phases of reopening is not to be taken as a sign that the threat of this coronavirus has reduced. Instead, we may view these transitions as a result of the hard-work and tenacity we have shown as a society in combating the virus with widespread lockdowns. Staying safe is still the most important thing we can do for ourselves and others. If we continue to maintain a high level of social distancing, hopefully, we will be able to get to a state of regularity.

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Betty Jo Brown

Betty Jo Brown was born to George and Fern (Kephart) Linden on March 7, 1957, in Fairview, OK and passed away Tuesday, April 21, 2020, at SSM Health St. Anthony Hospital in Oklahoma City, OK, at the age of 63 years, 1 month, and 14 days.

Betty was raised and attended school in Canton, graduating with the Class of 1975. After high school, she married Kim Brown on May 7, 1975. They made their home in Weatherford, where she worked at the Weatherford Regional Hospital for 10 years. Betty enjoyed cooking and spending time with her grandchildren.

Betty is survived by her husband of their home in Weatherford, OK; two sons Bryan Brown of Norman, OK and Shawn Brown of Weatherford, OK; one brother Bob Linden of Enid, OK; and three grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother Bill.

Wichita, KS; and Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City. In 1971, Jerry deployed to Vietnam, earning the Gallantry Cross with Palm Leaf. Superiors regularly praised him as "excellent" and "outstanding" – one noted he "should be promoted well ahead of his contemporaries" - and he rose in the ranks; 2nd Lieutenant, 1st Lieutenant, Captain, Major and Lieutenant Colonel. Of Jerry's numerous assignments, he most enjoyed his role as Navigator on a KC-135, which functions as a flying gas station as part of the "Chrome Dome" mobile command post that stayed in the air continuously for over 30 years, as well as Mission Crew Commander on an E-3 Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS). Jerry was awarded numerous medals and ribbons, most notably the Distinguished Flying Cross. While in the military, Jerry also continued his education, earning a Master's Degree in Education.

R.B. Mathis

Visitation was from 3pm - 8pm on Thursday, April 23rd and again from 9am - 8pm on Friday, April 24th at Ray & Martha's Funeral Home in Cordell, Oklahoma.

Graveside Service was held at 11am on Saturday, April 25th at Resthaven Cemetery in Oklahoma City.



Kimberly Dawn Renison

Visitation was from 9am - 8pm on Monday, April 20th and again from 9am - 5pm on Tuesday, April 21st at Ray and Martha's Funeral Home in Cordell, Oklahoma.

Memorial Service was held at 11am on Thursday, April 23rd at Peace Lutheran Cemetery in Bessie, Oklahoma.

Marvin Tim Wetselline

Marvin Tim Wetselline was born on June 24, 1962, to his loving mother Eva Joy Wetselline at the Lawton Indian Hospital. Through out Marvin's lifetime, he was raised by a loving and well-respected family. Marvin's Great-Grandparents were the late Henry and Eva Redbone (Tselee) and his Grandparents were the late Henry and Suzie Wetselline. Marvin grew up in the Ft. Cobb Community and attended school in Ft. Cobb, then later went to Concho Indian School, Riverside Indian School, and he did receive his G.E.D. Marvin was a born athlete just like the rest of the Nimseys and Wetsellines. Marvin played all sports, but he specifically like basketball, boxing and excelled in running track. Did I say, "born athlete," yes, I did, and I will repeat it-this family was "born athletic" from the oldest to the youngest. Marvin also boxed for Riverside Indian School and was coached by Garfield Littlechief where he earned his Golden Gloves. Marvin's Uncles and Aunts all had nicknames all their lives, and we didn't know they had legal names until we all grew up. Let's see now there was Leroy, Gerald and Jr., then there was Toots, Pinky,



Joe, Craze, Bodie, Germ, and of, course Pally. The sisters were Dot, Whitey and Zittiwan.

In Marvin's school years, he ran for the KCA Track Team, which was coached by "Duke and Thuke"-Duke Tsoodle Jr. and Bill Koomsa Jr. This team went to many track meets, one of the highlights which we all recall is when we traveled to Jemez, New Mexico. The whole team traveled in a van that Duke owned. When it came time for Marvin's heat, he was faced with the best runner from Jemez Indian Tribe. They were going to run in the 440-meter run. They were warming up-the crowd began to cheer for this famous track star. Because he came on the track; he was followed by a tribal entourage. They even had a Medicine Man with them. Because the boys were warming up, this group began to go into their traditional ways of bestowing their runners with a lot of luck and wishes for a speedy win. During the line-up, Marvin found himself to the right beside this runner. So, when the whistle was blown for the start, he began to run at a slow pace, this Jemez runner came upon him, he hollered at Marvin and said, "I'm going to out run you and I'm going to win." Then he takes off running full speed ahead-after watching him run at a fast pace, Marvin began to push up his speed, and he was passing this runner, the runner once again yelled at him and said, "I'm going to out run you and win this race." - too late. Marvin put his speed in gear, gained upon him and he was passing him. He turned around and running backwards and hollered out to him, "Not today "Bud" not today!" Needless to say, Marvin- "daylighted" him, by running backwards and won the race. This is a true story.

Marvin enjoyed his tribal heritage, Marvin danced during the Kiowa-Apache Blackfoot Society Ceremonials at the Redbone Dance Grounds now the Apache Tribal Dance Grounds. Then Marvin listened to his Uncles, as they encouraged all their younger Say-gees to learn the songs. Marvin took this to heart and began to sing at the drum. Marvin was presented a drum stick by his Uncle Jefferey Toehay. This encouraged him even more. Every year Marvin had a hand in preparing the dance grounds and helping his Mom and family to set up the family encampment. Marvin took pride in the Ceremonial staffs and always treated them with great respect. Marvin was taught to respect the dance and the songs.

Marvin was a Fire Fighter for the Caddo Nation. Marvin was a dear friend to LaRue Martin Parker who was the Caddo Tribal Chairwoman for many years and her son Gary. While as a Fire Fighter, Marvin traveled to Wyoming and Montana. While in Missoula, Montana, Marvin became acquainted with his sister Shirley Mae Lookingglass and told her he visited the museum where his late Uncle Joe's name was inscribed on the wall. Marvin made many friends throughout his travels and here at home. As many of you may have noticed, the Honorary Pall-Bearers are represented by the Caddo Nation Fire Fighters. It is so wonderful that they would be here to pay their respects. Thank you for your attendance.

Survivors of Marvin include his mother Eva Joy Wetselline, who was fondly called "Dot," the matriarch of the Wetselline Family. His brothers Johnny A. Wetselline and wife Tsistone, Apache. OK. His Special Adopted Brothers Robert O'Keefe, New York City, NY, and Nick Reyes, Anadarko, OK. His oldest sister Patricia Nimsey and companion Jackie Halbuta, OKC, OK, Ruth Wetselline Bert and companion Alfred, OKC, OK, Bonita Wetselline, Babs, MT, Suzie Darlene Wetselline, Anadarko, OK, Gerrie Wetselline, TX. His Special Niece Carol June Wetselline Harrison, Anadarko, OK, His Special Grandchildren Ramondo Wetselline, Shanowa Birch Wetselline, Miles Harrison, Anadarko, OK. His Special Companion Judy Alstatt, Anadarko, OK. His Wetselline Uncles Phillip and wife Verna, Apache, OK, Terry, Ft. Cobb, OK, Barry, Anadarko, OK. His Uncle Sam Redbone and wife Joanna, Anadarko, OK. His Special Aunt Martha "Aunt Ver" Koomsa, Carnegie, OK. His Special Ees-uh-daw Roosevelt "Rosey" Lonewolf who he enjoyed hanging with in his "Man-Cave". Marvin loved going to watch his Niece Clessia "Sissy" Lonewolf & his Nephew Roosevelt "Baby Rosey" Lonewolf Jr. play basketball and he took them to every one of their games. Marvin also lives a host of Cousins, Uncles, Aunts, Brothers, Sisters, Nephews, Nieces, various Grandchildren and Friends.

In Kiowa, we have no word for Good-bye, instead we say, "I'll See You Again."

"Heggaw-aim-oye-boin thaw" to our Son, Marvin.

Lieutenant Colonel Jerry Paton Hill

Lieutenant Colonel Jerry Paton Hill peacefully entered into eternal rest April 15, 2020 at the age of 81 in Tulsa, Oklahoma.



Having just gone through the Great Depression and being part of the Dust Bowl, Jerry's parents packed up and fled to California. They returned back as soon as the black clouds left the Oklahoma skies. The son of Frankie Phillips Hill and Homer Hill, Jerry was born July 9, 1938, in Alta Loma, CA and was the youngest of three children. He received the nickname "Jiggs" at the tender age of two because his hair always stood straight up like the boy in the comic strip Jiggs and Maggie. The name stuck and most folks from that area only knew him as "Jiggs."

Jerry kept busy growing up. He drummed for the Arapaho High School Marching Band and played on the school's baseball and basketball teams for his school. And, he also began a lifelong passion for hunting birds, squirrel, deer, antelope and elk.

After graduating in 1956, Jerry's entire high school basketball team attended Southwestern College, and they became known collectively as the "Guys from Arapaho" Intramural team (and were apparently very good!). Later, Jerry transferred to Oklahoma State University in Stillwater to complete his education, earning a degree in Sociology in 1962. "Jiggs" married his high school sweetheart Carolyn Janice Koch in 1959, and they enjoyed 35 years of marriage until Janice's death in 1994.

Following his graduation from OSU, Jerry joined the United States Air Force and admirably served his country in a military career that spanned 27 years and took him all around the globe to Vietnam, Thailand, Taiwan, South Korea, Iceland, Germany and Saudi Arabia. His career began at Officer Training School at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX, where he achieved the rank of 2nd Lieutenant and trained to become a Navigator. While stationed there, Jerry and Jan welcomed to their home their son Mark Paton in 1965 and daughter Jana Lynn in 1966.

During Jerry's accomplished and decorated military career, he was stationed across the country, including stops at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX; Ellsworth Air Force Base in Rapid City, SD; Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, AL; McConnell Air Force Base in

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Leland Steigman

Graveside services for Leland Steigman, 84, Clinton resident were held 10:00 A.M., Monday, May 27, 2020, in the Peace Lutheran Cemetery, officiated by Rev. Jerry Lamb and under the direction of the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home.



Gilbert Leland Steigman was born April 9, 1936, to Edward and Rosina (Weil) Steigman in Washita County between Clinton and Bessie, Oklahoma and passed away Thursday, April 23, 2020, in the Select Hospital in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Leland was raised in the Washita County area and attended the Mulson Country School and later transferred to Clinton where he graduated from Clinton High School in 1955. His working career started at a young age when began farming and become an expert masonry. He married Viola May Miller on February 14, 1960, in Clinton, Oklahoma, and they made their home on the family farm near Bessie, but they later moved into Clinton.

He was a longtime member of the Trinity Lutheran Church where he had served on the Church Council; he served as the last president of the Bessie Telephone Coop and also served on the Bessie Coop Board.

He enjoyed the outdoors and nature and spent family time camping.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his wife, son Loren, two brothers: Louis Steigman, Edward "EH" Steigman, and two sisters, Martha Peters and Viola Lau and four infant siblings.

He is survived by four sons, Rollan Steigman and wife Barbara and Michael Steigman and wife Christye, all of Clinton; Kevin Steigman, Irving, TX and Carl Steigman and wife Kandy, Clinton; and a sister Norma Fry and husband Clinton, of Texas.

He is also survived by six grandchildren & 8 great-grandchildren.

Force career and settled in Lubbock in 1962. She worked in retail before becoming a full-time homemaker. She was a founding and faithful member of Trinity Church in Lubbock where she exemplified a life of service by teaching Sunday School; managing the production of the member picture directory for several years; leader of ministry to supply food for funerals for several years; volunteered at the clothing ministry; hosted a home group as well as being involved in other ministries. She was beloved by the many who called her friend, confidant, and mentor. Jolene was the youngest and last surviving sibling of 7 brothers and sisters. Her husband Paul passed away in 2007. Private Family Funeral services will be held. A memorial service will be held at a later date when family and friends can safely attend. Interment will be in Fairlawn Cemetery in Elk City, Oklahoma. Services have been entrusted to the care of Richard and Tammy Dugger and the staff of Martin-Dugger Funeral Home in Elk City, Oklahoma. Cherishing her memory are her daughter Pam and son Steve and his wife Pam, 3 grandchildren Christie (Rick) da Silva, Nicole Thomas, and Daniel (Rocky) Shafer and 7 great grandchildren: Sam, Jack, Clara, Jantzen, Izzy, Dabney and John and many other extended family. She is preceded in death by her husband Paul Jantzen; parents William and Mamie Boulware. Memorial contributions can be made to Heartline Pregnancy Center, c/o Trinity Church, 7002 Canton Ave., Lubbock, TX 79413. Online condolences can be sent to the family by using the online guest book at www.martin-duggerfuneralhome.com.

passed away in 1998, and she was later married to Joe Broom in July of 2001. They made their home in the Sayre area. Mayrene was a lifetime member of the Assembly of God Church, youth director of ministries, Sunday school teacher and ordained minister, but she viewed her greatest accomplishment in life as raising her 3 sons by herself and took pride in the men they became.

She is preceded in death by her parents, 3 husbands; 1 son Gary Beeson; 2 grandsons: Josh, and Ryan Beeson; 1 brother, Gayle Reeves; brother-in-law Wayne Black and 1 sister-in-law Nova Lena Reeves.

Mayrene is survived by her 2 sons Robert "Vandy" Beeson and Charles Beeson and wife JoAnn, both of Sayre, OK; 6 grandchildren, Rusty Beeson and wife MaRanda, Oklahoma City, OK, Richard Beeson and wife Cheryl, Albany, California, Carrie Seymour and husband Robert, Sayre, OK, Brad Beeson, Holdenville, OK, Linda Beeson, Cheyenne, OK and Travis Beeson and wife Candace, Emory, TX; 11 great grandchildren: 1 sister Vonell Black, Odessa, TX and a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Graveside services were held Monday, April 20, 2020 at Carter Cemetery at 2:00 P.M. officiated by Pastor Greg Newton.

Everyone is encouraged to attend, but because of the pandemic, please remain in your vehicle and a funeral home representative will come give you an opportunity to sign the register book, give you a memorial folder and provide you with the radio station so you can hear the service. The service will also be on Facebook Live.

Mayrene Carey

Mayrene Carey was born February 17, 1931 at Berlin, Oklahoma to Velma Viola (Klopfenstein) and A.J. Reeves. She passed away Friday, April 17th, 2020 at Cheyenne, Oklahoma at the age of 89 years and 2 months.



Mayrene grew up in the Berlin community where she attended school and graduated in 1949. She was married to Joel Van Beeson on January 8, 1950 at Sayre, Oklahoma. They made their home south of Sayre on the farm and then moved to Roswell, New Mexico. In 1960 they returned to the same farm they moved from and raised their 3 sons. After Joel passing in 1962, Mayrene continued to live on the farm and later met Donald Carey while she was working at the dentist office. Two weeks later after Donald asking her out, they were married on November 20, 1970. They moved to a farm 4 miles south of Sayre where they made their home. Mayrene worked as a dental assistant, waitress at Gene's Cafe', police dispatcher, Roger Mills ASCS office and farmed. Some of those jobs at the same time. Donald

Gia Grace Wisdom

Gia Grace Wisdom, 62, of Hobart, Oklahoma, passed away at her home on April 19th, 2020. She was born on January 27, 1958, to Mariano v. and Josephine San Filippo in San Francisco, California. Gia grew up and attended school in California, graduating from Burton High School in 1974. She met the love of her life Chris Wisdom, and they married on September 19, 2000, in Cedar City, Utah. Gia enjoyed camping, boating, and fishing. She loved to ride on the motorcycle, go to the casino and play dominoes. She also loved her horses, she trained and showed them for 15 years; but most of all, she loved to spend time with her family and friends. Gia will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her. Survivors include her husband Chris Wisdom of the home, son Steve Wisdom and wife Tanille of Parowan, UT., daughter: Rene Hill of San Francisco, OK., Melissa Myler and husband Eric of Albuquerque, NM.; brother: Mario San Filippo and wife Diane of Reno, NV.; mother-in-law Allyne Schbuert.



Barbara Jolene Boulware

Barbara Jolene Boulware Jantzen passed away on April 19, 2020. Jolene was born on August 2, 1929, in Hammon, Oklahoma, to the late William T. and Mary "Mamie" C. Boulware. She graduated from Hammon High School in 1947 and married Paul E. Jantzen in 1948. They had two children Stephen Craig and Pamela Sue. The family lived in several locations due to Paul's Air





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CUSTER COUNTY - BENEVENTO - The attorney for a Custer County murder suspect has filed a motion to release his client on his own recognizance bond or in the alternative, a substantial reduction in bond. The motion was filed on behalf of 40 year old Brandon Joseph Benevento, who is charged in the April 2019 shooting death of his ex-wife in an Arapaho convenience store parking lot. A pretrial hearing for Benevento is planned for June 5th. His request was denied.

SWOSU UPDATE - SWOSU President Randy Beutler says while the University plans for all summer classes to be online, he says a decision, regarding the possible cancellation of academic and athletic camps on campus, has not been determined. President Beutler says university officials will continue to monitor and follow the advice of State and Federal professionals public health decisions are determined.

CUSTER COUNTY ELECTION BOARD - CANDIDATE CONTEST - During a special meeting of the Custer County Election Board, the board decided that the name of Sheriff Candidate Dan Day will remain on the ballot. Sheriff Kenneth Tidwell contested Day's candidacy, claiming Day does not meet the qualifications for Sheriff by not serving as a duly certified peace officer in fulltime capacity for a period of four years or more prior to the date of filing. Attorney Stephen Beam, who represents Sheriff Tidwell, says he plans to appeal the decision of the board. Additionally, the board struck the name of Allan Randall from the ballot for Custer County Commissioner District 2. Randall nor any representation for Randall appeared before the board to dispute a claim that he was not qualified to seek the District 2 County Commission Seat.

CLINTON CITY COUNCIL - GLANCY BANKRUPTCY - Following an executive session, Clinton City Council decided to retain the legal services of Cain, Russell, Cole & Logan of Dallas, Texas, to represent the city in the bankruptcy by ownership of the Glancy Motel. City Manager Mark Skiles says the city hopes to proceed, as soon as possible, on the demolition of the Glancy Motel.

CORDELL CITY COUNCIL - STORM WARNING SIREN PROJECT - Cordell City Administrator J.C. Moser says the city has been approved for a FEMA Grant for an outdoor storm warning siren project. Moser says the city will take bids for two new storm warning sirens to

improve coverage in the city. Moser says the project is being funded through hazard mitigation monies from FEMA.

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Jim Morrison

We have just passed the Easter season but there is a sense that Easter is an everyday experience. The early Christians would greet each other with the exclamation, "He is Risen." The response would be "He is Risen Indeed." That was the catalyst that so charged them that nothing could stop their mission. It was not so much that He had come out of the grave but that it validated everything that he had taught, lived and challenged them to be and do. Indeed they had a purpose driven life. Their suffering was their crown of glory to give to the Savior.

The writer of Hebrews says it well. In the 7th chapter he proclaims that no longer did they need to sacrifice a lamb every year to atone for their sins. "But because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. (Heb. 7:24,25)

The sacrificial system was so embedded in their understanding that it blew their minds that it was no longer needed. Jesus was the perfect sacrifice; holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. He was the sacrificial Lamb of God who was alive forevermore. Such a high priest could meet their needs. When the Jews thought of their "needs" they did not have as their primary thought, the overthrow of Roman rule, nor did they see it in physical terms, although many of them lived from day-to-day for their daily bread. They knew that the sacrificial system had to do with their sins and their standing before a holy God. Jesus met that need and he did it completely, once for all. That was the occasion for their joy. And not only that, he had asked them to join him in a mission to tell people all over the world that they too could experience forgiveness. They truly had a purpose driven life.

Oh, if we could recapture the excitement that they must have felt! Today, we are "sheltered in place" from the deadly corona virus. We are not at liberty to go about our normal business. We miss our sports, our entertainment, and our work. Never will people be so glad to go to work, to do something that makes a contribution. Some have had to work feverishly, with long hours, sacrificing themselves so that others might live. We applaud them. We must pray for them.

But hopefully, out of this painful time, there will come a realization that untold millions are facing a far greater virus—a virus that contaminates every fiber of their being; it is a heart that seeks after the things of this world rather than the things of God.

We, as believers have been set on a mission—not to find a vaccine, the vaccine is here; it's been around over two thousand years. In his letter to the Colossian church the Apostle Paul said, "He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption the forgiveness of sin." Col. 1:13 Would you find shelter in His Word and discover Him who said, "Come unto me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me for I am gently and humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls. Matt. 11:28,29

My prayer is that I might be an instrument of righteousness, a minister of reconciliation, and an ambassador of the King of Kings. Would you join me in that prayer? To comment: jhm82@outlook.com

PUBLIC RECORDS

Arrested

Kody Thompson, 32, arrested by Clinton Police Department and charged with Custer County Charges, Larceny, Resisting an Officer, Obstruction and Assault and Battery on an Officer.

Jacob Perez, 22, arrested by Clinton Police Department and charged with City Warrant, Fail to Maintain Lane, No Driver's License, No Insurance, Resisting Arrest and Assault on an Officer.

Marco Lopez Jr., 29, arrested by Clinton Police Department and charged with Custer County Charges, Possession of Cocaine with Intent to Distribute, Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Drug Proceeds.

Usbaldo Venegas, 47, arrested by Clinton Police Department and charged with Public Intoxication.

Carlos Chavez, 20, arrested by Clinton Police Department and charged with Public

Intoxication by Drugs.

John Mullen, 33, arrested by Clinton Police Department and charged with Custer County Charge Domestic Assault and Battery.

Stewart Strong, 31, arrested by Clinton Police Department and charged with Washita County Warrant, Drug Court Violation.

Jeffery Stephen Johnson, 21, arrested by Elk city Police Department and charged with Kidnapping, Domestic Assault & Battery by Strangulation.

Megan Elizabeth Gragg, 27, arrested by Elk City Police Department and charged with Possession of Paraphernalia, Trafficking, Intend to Distribute, Possession Controlled Dangerous Substance.

Jason Edward Juarez, 37, arrested by Elk City Police Department and charged with Beckham County Warrant.

Brandon Young Eagle Loss, 21,

arrested by Weatherford Police Department and charged with Unauthorized use of Motor Vehicle.

Tyler Ray, 26, arrested by Weatherford Police Department and charged with Driving under Influence of Intoxication Substance.

Penny Mae Johnson Redhat, 35, arrested by Weatherford Police Department and charged with Unauthorized use of Motor Vehicle.

Erika Rafaela Rodriguez, 31, arrested by Weatherford Police Department and charged with Possession of Controlled Dangerous Substance, Possession of Paraphernalia.

Kevin Johnston, 46, arrested by Weatherford Police Department and charged with Driving under Influence, APC, Changing Lanes Unsafely.

Kevin Johnston, 46, arrested by Weatherford Police Department and charged with Public Intoxication.

Alfred Oscar Casanova, 34, arrested by Weatherford Police Department and charged with Driving under Suspension, Attempted to Elude Officer, Attempt to Escape from Officer, Reckless Driving, Failure to Display Current Number Plate, Operating a Motor Vehicle in an Unsafe Condition, Oklahoma County Warrant.

Leanna Marie Driskell, 40, arrested by Weatherford Police Department and charged with Possession of Controlled Dangerous Substance, Unlawful Possession of Paraphernalia.

Out on Bond

Jacob Allen Perez, 22, arrested by Clinton Police Department and charged with City Warrant, Fail to Maintain Lane, No Driver's License, No Insurance, Resisting Arrest and Assault on an Officer.

Arnold James Goodlett, , Turned Self In and charged with Failure to Appear.

Dylan Lee Kendrick, , arrested by Custer County Sheriff's Office and charged with Unauthorized use of Credit Card.

Marco Antonio Lopez Jr., 29, arrested by Clinton Police Department and charged with Custer County Charges, Possession of Cocaine with Intent to Distribute, Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Drug Proceeds.

Nathaniel Walker Coffey, arrested by Oklahoma County Sheriff's Office and charged with Reckless conduct with Firearm.

Joshua Nealis, arrested by Custer County Sheriff's Office and charged with Aggravated Driving under Influence-Drugs.

Tyler Ray, 26, arrested by Weatherford Police Department and charged with Driving under Influence of Intoxication Substance.

Riker Lee, arrested by Weatherford Police

Department and charged with Driving under Influence.

Broihsen Ezekial Turner, arrested by Weatherford Police Department and charged with Fail to Keep Right, No Driver's License, Fail to carry Security Verification.

Wanda Renee Twins, arrested and charged with Malicious Injury to Property, Assault and Battery.

Johnny J Windberry, arrested by Thomas Police Department and charged with Driving under Influence.

Christopher Roy Albiston, Turned Self In and charged with Domestic Assault and Battery against a Pregnant Woman, Threaten to Perform Act of Violence.

Jasmine Rochelle Ogletree, arrested by Thomas Police Department and charged with Trespassing.

Riker Lee Terronez, arrested by Weatherford Police Department and charged with Driving under Influence.

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Alex is one of those people who just finds a way. She has worked hard to put together some nice horses and improve herself and she never makes excuses. She is always willing to lend a hand and she has been a tremendous help to me this year looking after the horse barn. I'll miss you Champ and good luck to you! SWOSU Rodeo Head Coach Mike Visnieski



I really enjoyed having Colt on the team and appreciate his enthusiasm and positive attitude. He is always ready to help me or his teammates and he is always working on taking his roping and horses to the next level! SWOSU Rodeo Head Coach Mike Visnieski



Wyatt is one of the grittiest, hard-working people I know. He served as my GA this year and did a great job, not only taking excellent care of our practice stock but maintaining the all-in attitude it takes to win championships. It has been a pleasure working with Wyatt and I wish him the best! SWOSU Rodeo Head Coach Mike Visnieski



Saige is the type of student-athlete every coach should want on their team. She is a hard worker, disciplined, and selfless and she understands the importance of being a good teammate. Saige is one who will hold herself and others accountable on and off the field. SWOSU Softball Head Coach Kim Maher



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The above pictured 2-cent coin was certified by the Professional Coin Grading Service as Mint State 65 Red/Brown. It sold at auction on March 25, 2020 for \$3,642.50 during an online auction due to the COVID-19 National Emergency.

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SWOSU Career Services Virtually Assists Teacher Candidates

It was a little different than normal but 40 Southwestern Oklahoma State University students in the Education Department had their spring Education Career & Resource Fair.

Because of COVID-19 concerns and the absence of students from the Weatherford campus, SWOSU Career Services Coordinator Heather Hummel and SWOSU Teacher Candidacy Coordinator Reggy Yount found a way to have the semi-annual fair. The two collaborated to provide a virtual career fair for the upcoming spring graduates.

Hummel and Yount matched the teacher candidates—many completed their student teaching in a virtual format—with area school districts who have teacher vacancies.

"Our hope was to assist our students in finding job placement through the virtual experience," Hummel said. The plan worked and Hummel is pleased to report that teacher candidate resumes were sent to 65 school districts.

Rep. Sean Roberts on Governor's Plan to Reopen Oklahoma

State Rep. Sean Roberts (R-Hominy) released the following statement regarding Gov. Kevin Stitt's plan to begin the process of reopening Oklahoma:

"Oklahomans have done a great job in banding together to flatten the curve of infections and protect their vulnerable neighbors. We've seen this evidenced in the decrease of the projected number of cases in our state.

However, it's time to support our state's business owners and let Oklahomans return to work. The plan and phases outlined by Governor Stitt give common sense

guidelines for industries to maintain social distancing practices and continue increased sanitation efforts.

Protecting the health of Oklahomans is vital, and the Governor's phased plan will balance these health and sanitation guidelines with protecting the health of our state's economy before any further damage is done. I commend Governor Stitt for his wise leadership during this difficult time."

Oklahoma schools serve more than 1.7 million meals in single week in March



Oklahoma schools served more than 1.7 million meals to students in a nine-day period during the cessation of school operations in late March, according to new numbers from the Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE). The agency's Office of Child Nutrition released the figures for the March 23-31 reporting period.

"Our schools have responded in extraordinary ways to the myriad uncertainties posed by a global pandemic," said State Superintendent of Public Instruction Joy Hofmeister. "These incredible efforts by child nutrition workers and school leaders to bring millions of meals to kids since March 23 is further evidence that educators instinctively put kids first. I am thankful and humbled by their work."

The meals were served Monday, March 23, through Tuesday, March 31, at 645 sites within 406 school districts.

Total meals served were 1,784,608. The numbers were broken down into breakfasts (863,958), lunches (914,281) and snacks (6,369).

Under a waiver granted in March by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), all students across the state have access to two free meals a day under the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) program or the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). Previously, districts could provide free meals only if 50% of students at a school met eligibility for the free and reduced-price lunch program. OSDE has received a total of 13 USDA waivers to loosen restrictions on school meal service during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Last year, only 33% of Oklahoma school districts participated in the summer feeding program, despite 60% of students qualifying for free or reduced-price lunches, a figure that has likely risen amid the economic hardships brought by COVID-19. Hofmeister hopes to see additional districts continue their summer programs after distance learning ends for the current school year.

"With district meal programs around the state up and running during this period of distance learning, I encourage school leaders to keep the momentum going and sustain these valuable programs through the summer," Hofmeister said. "Our communities have been hit hard by this pandemic, and many families are struggling. Providing meals to students this summer is a tangible support we can give families amid so much uncertainty and challenge."

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Five Being Inducted into SWOSU Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame



Debbie Blackburn

Five individuals are being inducted into Southwestern Oklahoma State University's Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame in 2020.

Debbie Blackburn served in the Oklahoma House of Representatives from 1994 to 2006. During her time in the Oklahoma Legislature, Blackburn chaired the Education Appropriations Committee and the Banking & Finance Committee. Blackburn led the legislative efforts that created the Oklahoma College Savings Plan and the Joint Committee

on Water Planning.

Prior to her election to the Legislature, Blackburn taught in the Altus Public Schools. Since leaving legislative service, she has served as co-founder and president of the Paseo District Redevelopment Corporation. Blackburn is a trustee of the Oklahoma Housing Finance Authority and sits on the MAPS 3 Streetcar Subcommittee.

Blackburn has received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Neighborhood Alliance, Treasure For Tomorrow Award from the Oklahoma Health Sciences Foundation, and is the 10th inductee into the SWOSU Presidential Order of Merit. A native of Woodward, Blackburn is married to 2010 SWOSU Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame inductee Dr. Bob Blackburn (SWOSU Class of 1973). The Blackburns enjoy spending time with their son, daughter-in-law and grandson.



Gary Gackstatter

Gary Gackstatter is an active artist, composer, conductor, clinician, performer and teacher, teaching at St. Louis Community College-Meramec since 2007 as coordinator of music and conductor of the Symphonic Band and Meramec Orchestra. He has served as conductor at Cowley College,

Southwestern College and Wichita State University, all in Kansas, and has 12 years of public school teaching experience. He holds degrees from SWOSU and Wichita State University.

Gackstatter is a two-time Kansas Governor's Arts Award Winner and is the 2017 Missouri Humanities Council Excellence in Education Award winner. His published compositions (with C. Alan Publications) are performed internationally and his vision to combine the various arts genres in performances has gained national attention. Gackstatter has composed six symphonies, each combining music with other arts. He has arranged symphony debuts for Sam Bush, R. Carlos Nakai, Laura Love, Trio Globo, Three Dog Night, Kansas, John Gorka, Barbara Higbie, John McCutcheon, Tom Chapin and the Paul Winter Consort.

Gackstatter has authored three books: Your Musical Journey (Kendall-Hunt), a music appreciation textbook; Pen and Ink, a book of his writings and drawings, and, most recently, The Spark: Notes from the Podium, a series of short meditations on teaching music. Also a pen and ink artist, Gackstatter's work has been featured at several shows including the St Louis Art Fair.



Harvey Minton

Harvey Minton is a native of Oakwood. Minton completed graduate studies at the Pennsylvania State University Executive Management Program in 1973 following his undergraduate studies at SWOSU.

Minton's career in tax function with Conoco, Inc., took him to Ponca City; Stamford, CT; Pittsburgh, PA; and Wilmington, DE. Minton's professional timeline encompassed 1983-87 when he served as vice president of tax for Conoco, Inc. From 1987-89, Minton served as director of business services of polymer products for DuPont & Nemours & Co. And, from 1990-2000, he was vice president of tax for DuPont & Co.

Minton has been an active member of the American Coal Association Tax Committee, Federal Income Tax Study Group, American Mining Congress, and the National Association of Manufacturers Tax Committee. Minton served over 14 years as a trustee of the SWOSU Foundation, Inc., and is a Founder-level investor in the SWOSU Bulldog Angels Fund. He is the 35th inductee into the SWOSU Presidential Order of Merit. Minton and his wife, Jean, enjoy spending time with their children and grandchildren.



**State Representative
Harold Wright**

Harold Wright is serving his 12th year in the Oklahoma House of Representatives and his fourth year as Speaker Pro Tempore, which is one of the three elected leadership positions in the Oklahoma Legislature. He has served four years as chair of the Higher Education Committee in the Oklahoma House.

Wright, a native of Weatherford, is also the chairman and founder of Wright Broadcasting Systems, Inc. in Weatherford. He attended Oklahoma State University and graduated from SWOSU in 1971 with a BA degree in speech and political science. His interest in radio broadcasting began while working at university and community radio stations while in college.

Wright worked in programming and sales at KWEY Radio in Weatherford. He was sales manager at WMBR radio in Jacksonville (FL) before moving back to Oklahoma in 1975 to become part owner and general manager of

KRPT Radio in Anadarko. Wright fulfilled a dream when he purchased his hometown radio station KWEY and moved back to Weatherford in 1991. Since then he has added stations in nearby Clinton, Cordell and Elk City and now operates five radio stations in western Oklahoma.

Wright was mayor of Anadarko from 1985-87, He was president of the Oklahoma Association of Broadcasters in 1986. Wright has been an active member of Rotary Club for over 40 years, serving as president two years (once in Anadarko and once in Weatherford). Wright has served on the board of directors for many organizations and has been very active with the local and state United Methodist Church.

Wright served as president of the SWOSU Alumni Association from 2003-2004. He and his wife Carol have two children: Angela with husband Bobby Marsee, Heston with wife Claudia and two granddaughters Abby and Ruby Wright.



Edward Earl Beck

The late Edward Earl Beck, commonly known as "Mr. Beck" or "Eddie", was born on the home farm between Fay and Oakwood on July 29, 1935. He passed away at St. Anthony's Hospital in Oklahoma City on April 10, 2004 after a long battle with cancer.

He was one of Oakwood's first two students to earn his Junior Master Farmer Degree. He graduated from Oakwood High School as salutatorian in 1953 and later obtained his undergraduate and graduate degrees from SWOSU. Beck served his country in the National Guard in 1957-1958. While on his 6 months of active duty at Fort Jackson (SC), he received an honorable medical discharge for an injury received during advanced infantry training.

Beck married Freida Mae Hamar in Thomas and to this union was born a son, David E. Beck, and a daughter, Lora J. Beck. Beck taught school at Fay, Oakwood, Watonga and Thomas. He served as assistant principal at Watonga Junior High and later served as elementary principal at Fay and Thomas. Beck served as state president and in many other capacities for the Oklahoma Association of Elementary School Principals and as a federal legislative coordinator for the National Association of Elementary School Principals from 1990 to 1993.

Beck was an active member of the First Christian Church of Thomas and served as an officer of the District 8 Christian Men's Fellowship for southwest Oklahoma. He served on the Western Plains Library System governing board and as an officer of the Oakwood Alumni Association.

The 2020 SWOSU Distinguished Alumni honorees will be recognized during the rescheduled SWOSU Convocation activities tentatively planned for December 12, 2020, on the Weatherford campus.

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