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## Coronavirus vs. Economy

Chase Wright  
Staff Writer

Oklahoma counties are in a state of limbo as multiple counties with active Coronavirus cases have closed non-essential businesses for 21 days. Schools have moved to online and at home work, in order to maintain progression for students.



"Non-essential" vs "Essential" business labels have been set by the Cyber Security and Infrastructure Security Agency. Their

exhaustive lists can be found on their website, and their lists have acted as guidelines for many state and local leaders around the country.

The generic set-up is that people working in these fields are instrumental in maintaining the economy's infrastructure: Healthcare, Law Enforcement, Energy, Waste/Water, Food/Agriculture, Transportation, Critical Manufacturing, Communications, Chemical, Government Operations, Finance, and Distribution.

Are these guidelines going to be an effective solution to stave the spread of the virus? Yes. The idea with this widespread slowdown of the economy is to the virus's reach while "flattening the curve," a term thrown around a lot, but what does it mean?

According to the epidemic statistics regarding COVID-19's ability to spread, people who contract the virus have a certain amount of time until they no longer transmit it. If no policies are in place to prevent their transmission radius, they're likely to infect a good amount of the people they encounter.

Imagine an area with 100 people. Eventually, all 100 would contract the virus with a sharp rise in cases. Then, as time went on, they'd get over it with a sharp decrease

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Krystal Blackwell/WW

Weatherford Middle School is providing Free Grab & Go lunches to all children 18 and under. This program runs Monday-Friday and would not be possible without the help of the staff at WPS. Over 4,500 sack breakfasts and lunches were provided to the community last week. The goal is to make sure no child goes hungry and to provide a sense of normalcy in these uncertain times. WPS would like to thank United Supermarkets and Pecina's Mexican Cafe for their generous donations.

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**Jackie Ray Kurtz**

Graveside services for Jackie Ray Kurtz, 67-year-old Weatherford resident, were held Friday, March 27, 2020, 2:00 P.M. in Greenwood Cemetery with Jacob Robinson officiating and a memorial service to be scheduled at a later date. Services were under the direction of Lockstone Funeral Home.



Jackie was born November 8, 1952, in Geary to Jack and Alene (Henke) Kurtz and passed away at home Sunday, March 22, 2020, in Weatherford. Jackie was raised and attended school in Geary, graduating with the class of 1971. He earned a Bachelor Degree from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in 1975. On August 17, 1973, Jackie married Dana Boyer in Geary and made their home in Weatherford. He owned and operated Kwik Korner from 1978 to 1992. Jackie worked at Century 21, and in 1997 he and his mother Alene opened Kurtz Real Estate and retired in 2012. He was a member and a Deacon of the Church of Christ, Board of Realtors, and on the Greens Committee. Jackie enjoyed playing golf, traveling, WWII History, reading, classic cars (his SS 454), his church family, and family time and activities with his children and grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the Nazih Zuhdi Transplant Institute at Baptist Hospital.

Jackie is survived by his wife of 46 years Dana Kurtz of their home in Weatherford; one son Dustin Kurtz and wife Ashley of Oklahoma City; one daughter Lindsey Robinson and husband Jacob of Weatherford; and three grandchildren: Lennis Jane Robinson, Cameron Austin and Brady Jack Kurtz. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Mickey Dean Kurtz.

chores, and they opened Stephen's Texaco in 1967 and operated that business together for over 50 years! Deloris was saved and baptized at First Baptist Church at the young age of 6 years old and was a member there until her passing! She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her! Survivors include daughters: Clea Mitchell and husband Alvie of Noble, OK; Sherrel Dawson and husband Kenny of San Antonio, TX; step-grandchildren: Dennis Mitchell and wife Joy of Purcell, OK Connie Sams of Tecumseh, OK. Sandy Mitchell of Norman, OK; brothers-in-law: Chuck Stephens of Del City, OK. Jimmy Stephens and wife Dianne of Edmond, OK. Dee Stephens and wife Barbara of Del City, OK. Jackie Stephens and wife Patty of Oklahoma City, OK Wayne Miller of Del City, OK; sister-in-law: Sue Jones and husband Allen of Byng, OK; Judy Cheek and husband Ronnie of Ada, OK; Ann Hale and husband Terry of Roff, OK; Verna Stephens of Del City, OK. Deloris, being an only child, loved the large family Cletus had and loved them as her brothers and sisters to include many nieces, nephews, and cousins! Preceded in death by her parents Cletus's parents Jack and Jewel Stephens husband Cletus Stephens; brother-in-law Preston Stephens; and sisters-in-law: Betty Stephens, Kathy Hill, Joyce Edwards and Maxine Miller. Deloris was a prayer warrior for many and ended her conversations with "love you!" She was greeted in heaven with "well done my faithful servant" by her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Graveside service: 1:00 p.m., Monday, March 23, 2020, Hobart Rose Cemetery Hobart, Oklahoma. Visitation: 2:00 p.m., ~ 8:00 p.m., Saturday, March 21, 2020 1:00 p.m., ~ 8:00 p.m., Sunday, March 22, 2020. Family welcoming guest from 1:00 p.m. ~ 3:00 p.m. Ray & Martha's Funeral Home, Hobart, OK. Under the direction of Ray & Martha's Funeral Home, Hobart, OK.

**Marlene Joan Tanequoot**

Marlene Joan Tanequoot (Pane nah ttie mah meaning white sugar woman), 83, went to her Heavenly Home on Saturday, March 21st, 2020, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She was born on November 21st, 1936, in Lawton, Oklahoma, to Yale Spottedbird and Mary Whitehorse Tanequoot, both deceased. Marlene grew up in Hobart, Oklahoma, graduating from Lawton High school in 1955. She was a life long member of the Elk Creek Baptist Church, later called First American Baptist Church in Hobart, Oklahoma. Marlene moved to Los Angeles, California, after graduation in 1955 where she worked and lived for thirteen years. She was an avid Los Angeles Dodgers Fan. Marlene moved back in 1969 to Dallas, Texas, where she worked for ten years. She then moved to Lawton where she worked for Southern Plains. In 1982 she moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma, where she worked for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for 20 years before retiring. Marlene loved to travel, and she accompanied her parents to Europe on their 50th wedding anniversary in 1977. Her sister Sue Tanequoot lived in Brussels, Belgium, where she worked for the U.S. Embassy. Marlene also traveled with her father to visit her sister in Tel Aviv, Israel, where she was assigned. She enjoyed touring the Holy Land and seeing the Holy sites. Marlene also traveled to Rome, Italy, to visit her sister and to Mexico City several times, as well as Madrid,



Spain. Marlene was a direct descendant of Principal Chief Tohausen, whose grandson was Charles Whitehorse, father of her mother, Mary Whitehorse Tanequoot. On her fathers side, she was a direct descendant of Chief Big Bow, Chief Heap of Bears and Chief Feather Lance. Marlene was also a member of the all Tribes Community Church of Tulsa where she served as the church clerk at one time. She has many friends and relatives that will miss her very much, also her life long and beloved Comanche friend Marion Nauni Simmons of Lawton, OK, the Nauni and Akoneto families were her close friends, Ruby Decorah White Shield of Anadarko, OK, was a life long friend that she loved. Marlene was an avid Dallas Cowboys and OU fan. She loved to read and watch good movies. Her favorite singer was Frank Sinatra. She also liked Chicago, Herb Alpert and the Beatles. She will be missed greatly. She was the Matriarch of the family. Her relatives and friends enjoyed her humor and quick wit. We love you sister, aunt, grandmother and great grandmother. We will meet again someday in our Heavenly Home. Survivors include: 2 sisters: Sue Tanequoot of Tulsa, OK. Mary Ynguanzo Tanequoot of Clinton, OK; brothers: Yale Spotted Bird of Hobart, OK, Wilson Spotted Bird of Deatsville, AL; nephews: Lawrence T. Spotted Bird of Seattle, WA; Tommy Earl Spotted Bird of Mescalero, MN; Harry Charles Ynguanzo of OKC, OK; Armando Joe Ynguanzo of Hobart, OK; Alex Yale Ynguanzo of Yukon, OK; Kevin Spotted Bird of Hobart, OK..Nieces: Caroline Sue Ynguanzo of Clinton, OK; Joann Kirby Aguerro of Tulsa, OK; Carmela Aguerro of Tulsa, OK; Laurie Tatum Aguerro of Tulsa, OK; Josephine Black Eagle of Kamiah, ID; Mary Kathleen Moses of Hobart, OK; Martha Helen Addison of Anadarko, OK; Thomasina Parker of Weatherford, OK. Aunts: Delores Toyabo Harragarra of Carnegie, OK; Florence Whitehorse Taylor of Anadarko, OK; Dorothy Ann Whitehorse Delaune of Anadarko, OK. Grandsons: Darrin Lee Spotted Bird of Washington D.C.; Tyler Jordan Ynguanzo of Hobart, OK; Damien Cruz Garza and Devin Garza of Tulsa, OK; Justin Taylor Aguerro of Tulsa, OK; Joe Kirby Jr. of Tulsa, OK; Matthew Santino Osif of Clinton, OK; Orlando Jovan Ynguanzo of Pueblo, CO; Jathen Alonzo and Alex Yale Ynguanzo Jr. of Yukon, OK; Kenny William Moses of Lawton, OK; Morris Herbert Moses of Hobart, OK; Lee Juarez Jr. of Lawton, OK; Tommy Addison of Anadarko, OK; Gregory Dale Spotted Bird of Kingfisher, OK and Tommy Jeffrey Yale Spotted Bird of Kingfisher, OK. Granddaughters: Vivian Spotted Bird of Deatsville, AL; Autauna Michelle Ynguanzo of OKC, OK; Patsy Ruth Spotted Bird of Tahlequah, OK; Brianna Nicole Ledesma of Burns Flat, OK; Christian Dawn Westin of Flandreau, SD; Ashley Danielle Aguerro of Tulsa, OK; Jasmin Kirby of Tulsa, OK; Gabriella Rae Aguerro of Tulsa, OK; Maria, Jessica, Genessa and Selena Aguerro all of Tulsa, OK; Analsia Nicole Sourjohn of Tulsa, OK; Sean Aguerro of Tulsa, OK; Jordan Kirby of Tulsa, OK; Conception Juarez of Ardmore, OK; Rose Marie Juarez of Hobart, OK 45 plus Great Grandchildren. Funeral: 1:00 p.m., Friday, March 27, 2020 First American Baptist Church Hobart, Oklahoma Interment: Elk Creek Tribal Cemetery Hobart, Oklahoma.

**Deloris Ann Stephens**

Deloris Ann Stephens, 80, of Hobart, Oklahoma, passed away peacefully at her daughter's home in Noble, Oklahoma, with her family and friends by her side on March 19th, 2020. She was born on November 20th, 1939, to Earl Frederick and Marie Ann (Kolaff) Bridge in Hobart, Oklahoma! Deloris attended school in Hobart and graduated from Hobart High School in 1957. While in school, she met the love of her life Cletus Stephens, and they married on February 10, 1956, in Vernon, Texas. To this union was born two daughters: Clea and Sherrel. Deloris loved helping her husband Cletus with all the farm



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**Lois McAmis**

Family is gathering for a graveside services for Lois McAmis, 73, Arapaho resident and were held 10:00 A.M. Monday, March 30, 2020, in the Arapaho Cemetery, officiated by Pastors Don Lacy and under the direction of the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home.



Lois Fay (White) McAmis was born August 9, 1946, to Charles Edwin White and Faye (Albert) White in Elk City, OK and passed away Thursday, March 26, 2020, in her Arapaho home.

Lois was raised in the Canute area and graduated from Canute High School in 1964. She continued her education

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at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in 1968. She was employed in the Treasures Office in the Custer County Court House as well as the Custer County Abstract Office and Rita Bell Accounting office.

She is a member of the Arapaho First Baptist Church; she enjoyed collecting, antiques, vintage jewelry, cooking; she loved to shop; she was an avid Thunder Basketball fan and most of all being with her family.

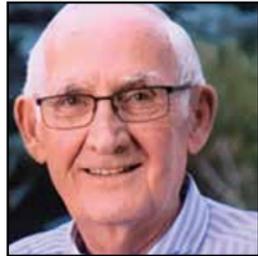
She was preceded in death by her parents, daughter Debra McAmis and a sister Doris Gayle Lloyd.

She is survived by her husband Bill of the home; daughter Dianne Green and husband John McCain, and a son Wesley Mcamis and wife Page, Arapaho; sister Geraldine Bloomer, Bakersfield, CA and a brother Leon White and wife Marilyn, Yukon.

She is also survived by two grandchildren: Keegan Green and Reese McCain, Arapaho and a great-granddaughter Paisley McAmis, Arapaho.

## Brownie Myron Browne

Brownie Myron Browne was born June 22, 1932, the only child of Vester L. Browne and Sally (Shanks) Browne in Lawton, Oklahoma, and passed away Tuesday, March 24, 2020, in the Oklahoma Heart Hospital in Oklahoma City, OK.



At an early age, he moved to Duncan, Oklahoma, where he lived until June 1939, when he moved to Clinton, Oklahoma. He graduated from Clinton High School with the class of 1950.

He furthered his education at the University of Oklahoma where he graduated in 1954 with a degree in finance and a minor in marketing. He was an active member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. At OU he was in the Army ROTC program and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant upon graduation and served two years in the Army at Fort Knox, Kentucky. He was honorably discharged at the rank of Captain in 1957. At that time he returned to Clinton, Oklahoma, and joined Strange Jones Wholesale Company where he served as Vice President until his retirement in 1990. After retirement, he spent his time in his farming and cattle business in Custer and Dewey Counties. He was a lifelong member of the First United Methodist Church, Clinton, Oklahoma, and served on the board of directors of the Methodist Nursing Home in Clinton. He was an avid sports fan, especially OU sports. Thunder Basketball and Clinton High School football.

In 1992 he married Regena (Foster) Graham, and they made their home in Oklahoma City. They enjoyed retirement and traveling to many parts of Europe and the United States.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister-in-law Dixie Bucknell and brother-in-law Robert Bucknell.

He is survived by his wife Regina of the home; sister-in-law and brother-in-law Ramona and Lloyd Searcey, Edmond, Oklahoma; nephews: Dr. Scott Searcey and wife Dr. Mary Beth Searcey, Edmond, Oklahoma, Craig Bucknell; and nieces: Michele Hart of Dallas, Texas, Alanna Bucknell Baker and husband Nick, Colorado Springs, CO; and two great-nephews and two great-nieces.

The family has requested donations be made to the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation, 825 NE 13th Street, OK, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73104 or the First

United Methodist Church, 1001 Frisco, Clinton, Oklahoma 73601 or a charity of your choice

## Annie Sidonia Collins

Annie Sidonia Collins was born February 5, 1937, to Paul Littleman and Nellie (Whiteshield) Littleman in Cantonment, OK and passed away Monday, March 23, 2020, in her Clinton home.



Annie was raised and attended school in Thomas where she graduated from high school in 1955. After her high school graduation, she attended Haskell Indian School in Lawrence, Kansas, and received her dental assistant certificate. She soon met her soul mate Perry Justus Collins in Oklahoma City, and they married in 1970. They made their home in Ponca City, OK. She is a member of the Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints.

She was preceded in death by her parents, paternal grandmother Ethel Pickingbone Allrunner; brother Albert Littleman; sisters: Betty Hart, Virginia Littleman; nephews: Kevin Littleman, Calvin Littleman, and Bill Littleman, Jr.; and nieces: Marline Littleman, Christy Hart, Karen Littleman.

She is survived by daughter Eve Collins of Clinton; son Alvin Collins, Ponca City; sister Zola Crowder, Antelope, CA; sister.

She is also survived by five grandchildren, Damion Hart, Ashland, MT, Autumn Hart, Marissa Hart, Sydney Hart, and Frank Hart, all of Clinton; great-grandchildren, Steven, Happy, Rocky, Sidonia, William Deklund, Wah'iking and Belle and numerous nieces and nephews.

## Venita Thornhill

Venita was born September 11, 1924, to Green T. Wells and Mattie Lou (Gaston) Wells in Gracemont, Oklahoma.



Venita was raised in Anadarko and graduated from Anadarko High School in 1942. After her high school graduation, she worked for a farm office doing filing. When WWII broke out, her daddy took her to Oklahoma City where she worked at the Douglas Aircraft Plant building C-47 Airplanes, just one of the many "Rosie the Riveters." When the War ended, she moved back to Anadarko and began a career with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.

She married Glenn Thornhill on December 26, 1947, and they made their home in Anadarko. In 1950 they moved to Sweetwater, TX and she continued to work for Southwestern Bell, but they soon returned to Anadarko in 1951. In 1953 she transferred to Clinton and then to Duncan in 1956. Mr. Thornhill came back to Clinton to work for Bill Gover, Sr., and Venita became a stay at home mom with three children and one on the way. After the children were all in school, she worked for Frank Seay Airmotive, TG&Y Family Store, the Green Stamp Store and the Fashion Boutique.

For the past 12 years, she and her sister Neatha Lewis have lived together in her home. In September 2019 they moved to Angelwood Assisted Living.

The Thornhill's both retired about the same time, and they

spent several summers in the White Mountains in Arizona with her brother-in-law and sister-in-law.

She is a member of the First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, and son Keith Thornhill.

She is survived by three daughters: Maureen Radke and husband James of Clinton, Glennna Thornhill of Weatherford, Twila Owens and husband Joe, Woodward and a daughter-in-law (Mrs. Keith Thornhill) Mary Thornhill, Weatherford.

She is also survived by six grandchildren: Captain Joseph Radke, Alaska; Krisiti Cisneros and husband Adam, Clinton; Hali Thornhill, Mid-West City; Jason Thornhill and wife Carmen of Yukon; Casey Owens and wife Tessa of Fargo and Alyssa Devine and husband Dillon of Woodward; 12 great-grandchildren: Maddie and Avery Radke, Valek, Zade and Acelyn Cisneros, Gavin and Jaycie Thornhill, Charlie and Stevie Owens, Jody, Rylie and Miles Devine.

## Robert Allen "Bob" Davis

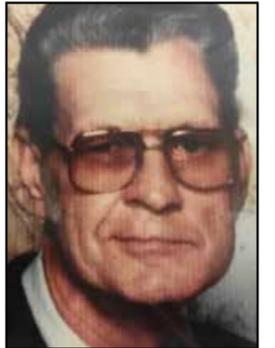
Funeral services for Robert Allen "Bob" Davis, 78 year-old Mustang resident, were held Monday, March 30, 2020, 10:00 A.M. in "The Chapel" of Lockstone Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Hydro Masonic Cemetery under the direction of Lockstone Funeral Home.

Bob was born May 18, 1941, in Hydro to Merle Hoyt and Zora (Roberson) Davis and passed away Wednesday, March 25, 2020, at Villagio Nursing Home in Oklahoma City. Bob was raised and attended school in Oklahoma City and graduated from Capital Hill High School. Bob attended Oklahoma University for a couple of years. In 1980, he married Terry Kay McDaugale in Gainesville, Texas, and made their home in Mustang. Bob started doing iron work with Specialty Construction, working in Dallas and the Oklahoma City area for 30 years. He retired in 2013. Bob enjoyed pheasant, deer and elk hunting, fishing, and spending time with family and friends. Memorials may be made to the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation - Alzheimer research.

Bob is survived by his son Justin Davis of Mustang; his daughter Rhadonna Morris of Marienville, Missouri; and one brother Marvin Davis of Oklahoma City. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife Terry Kay Davis; and daughter Renae.

## Glenn Lawayne Sullins

Glenn Lawayne Sullins Service Details: Services For : Glenn Lawayne Sullins Private Graveside Service: Monday, March 30, 2020, Hobart Rose Cemetery, Hobart, OK. Visitation: 1:00p.m.-8:00p.m., Sunday, March 29, 2020 Ray & Martha's Funeral Home, Hobart, OK.



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**CLINTON SCHOOL BOARD – NEW SUPERINTENDENT-** The Clinton School Board of Education named Tyler Bridges as the new superintendent of schools. Bridges says he looks forward to the future and will seek feedback on the recent bond issue that failed at the ballot box that would have provided funds to upgrade classrooms in the district. Bridges succeeds Kevin Hime who accepted the superintendent position at Lawton Public Schools.

**CUSTER COUNTY- CORONAVIRUS UPDATE-** Custer County Commissioners, in response to the safer at home program as outlined by Governor Kevin Stitt, adopted a resolution during an emergency meeting, regarding operations at the county courthouse. Access to county facilities will be restricted to employees of Custer County unless prior authorization has been submitted, such as court cases. County officials say any business the public needs to contact at the courthouse should be done by mail, email, or by telephone. There have been 166 positive cases of Covid-19 in the state, with 3 positive cases in Custer County.

**U.S. DISTRICT COURT – VARNELL SENTENCING-** A Sayre man has been sentenced in U.S. District Court to serve 25 years prison for attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction at Bancfirst in downtown Oklahoma City. Twenty-six-year-old Jerry Drake Varnell was convicted by a Federal Jury in February 2019. Varnell was arrested in August 2017, after he attempted to detonate what he believed to be an explosives-laden van he had parked in an alley next to Bancfirst in Oklahoma City.

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# SPORTS *Presented by:*

## Aska, Tramble Earn All-OSN Selections



**Doug Self**  
SWOSU Sports Information Director

Lady Bulldog standouts Tyra Aska and Makyra Tramble have earned a spot on the 2020 All-OklahomaSports.Net basketball teams, which were released on Tuesday. Aska earns a First Team All-OSN selection while Tramble claimed a spot on the Second Team.

2020 All-OklahomaSports.Net Teams  
Aska earns her second straight All-OSN honor following a senior season in which she was previously named Second

Team All-Central Region by the Division II Conference Commissioner's Association (D2CCA) and First Team All-Great American Conference for the second straight season. As a four-year starter at SWOSU, Aska graduates as the Lady Bulldogs' fifth all-time leading scorer and second in program history for career steals and career assists.

Tramble had a magnificent freshman season that ended with her being chosen as the Great American Conference Freshman of the Year and a Second Team All-GAC selection. She led the Lady Bulldogs in scoring (15.8 ppg)

and rebounding (7.9 rpg) this season while recording a team-leading nine double-doubles. Tramble also hit led SWOSU with 64 three-point field goals and recorded 68 steals, 66 assists and 28 blocked shots.

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The above pictured coin was certified by the Numismatic Guaranty Corporation (NGC) as About Uncirculated 58. It sold on February 27, 2020 in Atlanta, Georgia for \$26,400.

Do you have questions about coins but don't know who to ask? Call The Coin Guy at 580-890-8076 so we can meet and discuss them. Thanks for reading.



Trent Boesen

## Regional Food Bank to Shut Down Volunteer Opportunities to Public, Continue Distributing Food to Partner Agencies Across Oklahoma

In an abundance of caution and in compliance with orders from state and local officials, the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma will close its volunteer opportunities to the public, effective Wednesday, March 25, until further notice.

"We appreciate the leadership of both Gov. Stitt and Mayor Holt on taking measures to keep at-risk populations as safe as possible while still allowing us to serve the one in six Oklahomans facing hunger as well as those impacted by the shutdowns," said Deb Bunting, interim CEO of the Regional Food Bank. "We thank everyone who has volunteered since the COVID-19 pandemic reached our state and want to assure all that the safety of volunteers, staff and the fellow Oklahomans we serve is a top priority."

In place of volunteers, the Regional Food Bank staff will work shifts to continue to prepare emergency food boxes to be distributed to community-based partner agencies in central and western Oklahoma. The staff will continue to operate under the new volunteer model that adheres to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's social distancing guidelines. The Regional Food Bank continues to operate in Disaster Response mode as it works to provide food assistance to Oklahomans who are food insecure and the increasing number of Oklahomans impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It is the very mission of the Regional Food Bank to provide food assistance where needed in our service area and that's what we'll continue to do," Bunting said. "Challenging times such as these require us to be innovative and make the most of our resources and that's what we are doing."

The Regional Food Bank's partner agencies report a nearly 25% increase in the number of people they are serving this week. The Food & Resource Center in Moore served 130 households on Monday and more than 30 families were visiting for the first time.

"We can't thank our partner agencies enough for serving on the frontlines to fight hunger each and every day and now helping to meet the additional need as a result of the COVID-19 impact," Bunting said. "Our work would truly not be possible without these valued partners."

Anyone in need of food assistance should visit [rfo.org/get-help](http://rfo.org/get-help) to find a pantry closest to their home. It is recommended to first call the pantry to confirm hours of operations and if any restrictions are in place. They can also call the Regional Food Bank at 405-972-1111 during workdays.



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# Economy

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to cases until they were all cured or gone.

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Finally, if all but a few of those 100 people stay still and secluded, the one's who've contracted the virus, whether they first be at home or on the move, will have less opportunity to infect the others. This would result in the lowest rise of cases over a given period of time.

The closer we can get to this last level of seclusion the better for our healthcare workers as cases would be reduced and spread out. This would allow them to treat the patients without a shortage of equipment.

While this 3-week closure may seem extensive with

key businesses remaining available, the economic impact should be greatly reduced compared to a mass contraction of the virus across the country.

Experts in the economic/financial fields have hopes that global turn-around of the world's economy will be quick as China's factories become operational and other countries come out of their social distancing policies. For most of the world, the working age group of people are some of the least effected by the virus.

Multiple drugs/serums/vaccines are being tested in labs around the world. So, as this year moves forward, each day brings us closer to beating this outbreak. We just need to be smart, practice good hygiene, and do our best with the policies we're given.

Together we'll get through this and together we'll bounce back.

## Saluja Wins Bernhardt Award at SWOSU



Dr. Hardeep Singh Saluja, associate professor of pharmaceutical sciences in the College of Pharmacy at Southwestern Oklahoma State University, is the winner of the Bernhardt Academic Excellence Award for 2020 at SWOSU.

Saluja, who is also coordinator of the PharmD/MBA dual degree program, was presented the prestigious award at the annual Bernhardt banquet held recently on the Weatherford campus, and he received a \$5,000 cash award, clock, pen and medallion.

SWOSU alumni Dr. William and Theta Juan Bernhardt of Midwest City are sponsors of the annual award that goes to an outstanding faculty member who exhibits exceptional achievement in teaching, scholarship and service.

Dr. Hardeep Singh Saluja was born in India and moved to the United States in 2004 to pursue higher studies. He has a Ph.D. from Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in Boston. He worked at Harvard

University for his master's research project and earned his B.S. in pharmacy from C.C.S. University in India. After he came to Weatherford in 2010, he earned an MBA from SWOSU.

In addition to teaching his College of Pharmacy courses—Pharmaceutics, Biopharmaceutics and Pharmacokinetics—Saluja also teaches SWOSU Connect. He is very passionate about his profession and always looks for innovative and creative methods of teaching. Saluja seeks to engage his students by employing various active learning techniques in an effort to help students develop and practice critical thinking skills and become lifelong learners.

Saluja has incorporated laboratory experiences to first year pharmacy students in his Pharmaceutics course in order to give students an opportunity to perform various pharmaceutical tests on different brands of common over the counter medications. Completing these tests, allows students to apply their knowledge and gain hands on experience, which in turn, helps students to develop deeper understanding on various drug products employed in the patient care.

Saluja is also very active in the Indian and Sikh communities. He has been invited to various departments at SWOSU, universities and churches to present on Sikh belief and practices. He is an active member of Weatherford Rotary Club. In his free time, he enjoys cooking, exercise, gardening and spending time with his family.

Previous winners of the Bernhardt Award are (in order by year): Dr. Vilas Prabhu, Dr. Stuart Burchett, Dr. Gary Wolgamott, Dr. Terry Segress, Dr. James Hunsicker, Dr. Jill Jones, Dr. James Breckenridge, Dr. John Ludrick, Dr. W. Steven Pray, Dr. Les Crall, Dr. Peter Grant, Dr. John Hayden, Dr. Virgil Van Dusen, Steve Strickler, Dr. Mary Aspedon, Dr. John Woods, Dr. Scott Long, Dr. Charles Rogers, Dr. Tim Hubin, Dr. Brian Campbell, Dr. Patsy Parker, Dr. Tom Davis, Dr. Kevin Collins, Dr. Trisha Wald, Landry Brewer and Dr. Amanda Evert.

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### An Assignment



Jim Morrison

"Lord, you have an assignment for me today. Give me eyes to see and faith to believe that you can use me. May I not let fear or other supposed hindrances defeat your plan for me."

This prayer hangs in a frame on the wall just above my computer. I don't know the author, but for me it captures the mission I have as a follower of Jesus. It says in effect, "Jim you are not free to follow your own desires, you belong to me." It is poor English, but true nonetheless that, "I've been died for." The assignment may be to "plant corn," if you are a farmer. If a pharmacist, it may be to have a greater concern about the health of those you serve than the financial reward you receive. The apostle Paul wrote to the new Christians in Colossae, "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Col. 3:17

One of my favorite quotes is from the late Elton Trueblood, Quaker philosopher/theologian. He is quoted in The Best of Elton Trueblood, An Anthology; "A Christian is a person who confesses that, amidst the manifold and confusing voices heard in the world, there is one Voice which supremely wins his full assent, uniting all his powers, intellectual and emotional, into a single pattern of self-giving. That Voice is Jesus Christ. A Christian not only believes that He was; he believes in Him with all his heart and strength and mind."

While we may struggle to know the assignment God has called us to fulfill, often the greater problem is having the faith to believe that God can use us. We may not question the power of God, but too often we see ourselves as "grasshoppers" unable to defeat the giants in our life. The risk is too great, so we play it safe; we count the cost and decide it's not worth it.

We fear being misunderstood or being perceived as being "radical or too spiritual." This is not to say that we should not pray urgently or seek godly counsel but we must listen primarily to that One Voice who speaks with power and assurance.

This week I visited via email with a former BCM student, a graduate of SWOSU, who left a comfortable position as student pastor in a church in Louisiana, and together with his wife, two small children, and a small group traveled to the Brooklyn section of New York City to plant a new church. They had just begun to build momentum when the virus hit. Now they are hunkered down waiting for the next step. Pray for Greg Gober and his wife Tamra, that they will be safe as they try to be creative in ministry.

We urgently need to pray that as the weather warms the virus will lose its power. Pray for the health care workers who put their lives at risk to care for those involved. Pray for those in positions of authority that they will have wisdom and insight to make careful and good decisions. Then pray for all the public school students, and collegians who will be cheated out of their last semester of school with all its memory making events. God loves us and knows all about this. May revival and heart change be released by the power of the Holy Spirit. To comment: [jhm82@outlook.com](mailto:jhm82@outlook.com)

## Southwest Intermediary Finance Team & SWOSU Honored for Partnership

Southwest Intermediary Finance Team, Inc. (SWIFT), was among 27 business and higher education partnerships throughout Oklahoma that were recently recognized as innovative collaborations that further the education of Oklahoma's workforce.

Southwestern Oklahoma State University and SWIFT officials attended the Edmond luncheon to honor the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education's (OSRHE) Business Partnership Excellence Award winners.

SWIFT is a private, not-for-profit U.S. Department of Agriculture lending intermediary. SWIFT's impact has benefitted SWOSU and the 14 counties it serves in southwest Oklahoma, according to Doug Misak, director of the SWOSU Business Enterprise Center.

One of the results of SWIFT's work is Dr. Trey Thomason. After completing medical school, Thomason returned to his hometown, Hinton, to establish his practice with the benefit from a SWIFT grant. With the nearest hospital 22 miles away, this clinic provides access to essential health care that some rural patients otherwise would not receive.

SWIFT is housed at the Timothy T. Day Business Enterprise Center on the SWOSU campus. SWOSU President Randy Beutler serves on the SWIFT board and former SWOSU President John Hays is the SWIFT board chairman. SWIFT borrowers benefit not only from the financing they receive for their businesses but also from expert technical assistance provided by the organization. SWIFT has had a positive impact on the economy of southwest Oklahoma, contributing to nearly \$17 million in earnings and the creation of 319 jobs.

Misak said the university is proud to collaborate with SWIFT in strengthening the state's workforce.

The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education's Regents Business Partnership Excellence Award is designed to highlight successful partnerships between higher education institutions and businesses and to further cultivate the higher learning environment through State Regents' Economic Development Grants.



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Southwest Intermediary Finance Team, Inc. (SWIFT), was among 27 business and higher education partnerships throughout Oklahoma that were recently recognized as innovative collaborations that further the education of Oklahoma's workforce. Accepting for SWIFT were (far left) Dr. Trey Thomason and wife Melissa Thomason and (third through fifth from the right) Board Member Dennis Krueger and United States Department of Agriculture representatives Kenny Quigley and Amy Cowely. With them are (from left) Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (OSRHE) Chancellor Glen D. Johnson, Lieutenant Governor Matt Pinnell, SWOSU Business Enterprise Center (BEC) Director Doug Misak, OSRHE Regent Ann Holloway and BEC Research Analyst Christina Darras.

Institutions involved in these partnerships provide \$500 for tuition waivers to employees of the partnering businesses; internships that enable current students to work at the partnering businesses; faculty externships

with the partnering businesses; and/or enhancement of the partnerships with additional equipment, materials or supplies. The State Regents provide a \$500 match to the waivers.

## SWOSU Donates Needed Masks to Hospitals



Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford recently donated a large number of protective masks to area hospitals for health care workers.

SWOSU had a large supply on hand, and President Randy Beutler felt the university could donate part of the supply to assist area hospitals, which have dwindling supplies and shortages.

"SWOSU has a large number of health-related disciplines

so we fortunately have a large supply that we typically use in our lab areas," Beutler said. "The hospitals work with so many of our students, and we felt it was appropriate to help our medical friends in western Oklahoma."

With the university moving to virtual learning for the rest of the spring semester, students will not be on campus and not using these supplies.

Beutler personally delivered the masks on March 23-24.

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