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**NEWS**

*American Legion seeks donors for American flags*



**Floyd L. Perry American Legion Post 137 raises 37 flags around The Stables each holiday and has been a staunch supporter of the nonprofit.**

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If you've ever noticed the multitude of red, white and blue flags proudly waving all around town on national holidays, thank the members of the Floyd L. Perry American Legion Post 147.

The nonprofit veterans' support group works hard every year raising over 400 flags at homes and businesses throughout Miami on several holidays.

While the group does this to help others show their patriotism and community support, it's also a major fundraiser each year.

"We use it as a fundraiser to support the American Legion," explained 1st vice commander Ron Horn.

He and Eldon Johnston, who's in charge of the flag program, explained how the program worked, sent out kudos to two of their biggest supporters and asked for a little assistance.

The cost of the flag raising service did increase this year, but it's the first time

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**Blood supplies are dangerously low**



**NEO sophomore and Lady Norse softball player Mahala Battiest prepares to donate blood during the Oklahoma Blood Institute's recent community blood drive at the college.**

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During the second week of January 2022, Harbor-UCLA Medical Center in West Carson, California, shut down for at least two hours when the trauma center didn't have enough blood supply to meet demand.

Susan Addison, senior account manager with the Oklahoma Blood Institute (OBI), said these are the kinds of stories you used to hear about in third world countries.

"The blood supply has always been kind of tough," she said. "Only about 10% of those who are healthy and well enough are willing to donate blood so if we got up to 50% of those who are healthy and well enough, we would stop seeing messaging for emergencies."

Besides the limited number of blood donors, the COVID-19 pandemic has further fueled what's become an unprecedented blood shortage across the nation because it disrupted regular blood drives. Addison said during the pandemic, they had six blood emergencies locally.

However, Oklahoma hasn't had to join the national blood emergency yet because OBI

is still coming out to places like Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College to collect blood.

The OBI holds drives at NEO four times a year. Its first was on Jan. 26, the next one will be in April, then in September and again in November.

"High school and college students make up a substantial portion of the blood supply," said Addison "Nationally, it's about 20%. For northeast Oklahoma, we're closer to like 30% to 40%. They're a really important part of the blood supply."

Addison said the pandemic has caused huge disruptions in the number of student donations because some high schools didn't get to host blood drives while they were shut down. Some colleges also couldn't host for a while.

"When people don't donate when they're younger, they don't usually donate later in life," she said. "So, the entry point for donating blood is most often in high school or college."

This point was confirmed with the very next person who stepped up to donate blood.

Mahala Battiest hails from Wright City,

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**COVID-19**

**Integris Miami runs out of beds**



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Entering the second month of 2022, current COVID-19 cases fueled by the highly contagious Omicron variant are still high across Ottawa County. Although Omicron appears to be peaking in some northeastern states where surges began earlier, increasing infections continue to strain capacity and staff at Integris Miami Hospital.

Integris sent out a plea on Facebook in mid-January stating that its emergency departments were overflowing. On Jan. 14, it reported that all ICU beds were full and it had no inpatient beds available at the local hospital.

James Sharp, registered nurse and director of nursing at Integris Miami and Grove Hospitals confirmed that both inpatient ICU and medical surgical beds have remained full during the recent COVID surge.

"Beds will open when patients discharge and we will fill the majority of those open beds from Integris Health Miami and Grove emergency rooms," Sharp said. "During the recent surge,

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**Welch Republican group meeting is Feb. 10**

The Welch Precinct Republicans are hosting a meeting at 7p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 10 at the Welch Civic Center, The guest speaker will be State

Representative Steve Bashore. Due to redistricting, Bashore now represents northern Craig County as well as Ottawa County. Everyone is invited.

**CAMP MEETING SCHEDULED FEB. 15**

The ROCMND Ottawa County Prevention Program is formation of CAMP, a new community coalition coming to Ottawa County starting in February.

Coalition for Adolescent Marijuana Prevention (CAMP) will be the catalyst for youth marijuana misuse prevention in Ottawa County.

CAMP will advocate to address several objectives including youth marijuana related advertising policies, local/state ordinances, and prevention education for Ottawa County youth.

A four-year grant from the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services was awarded to ROCMND Ottawa County Prevention Program.

This \$125,000 per year, community-

based grant was allocated to Ottawa County to address the issue of underage marijuana misuse. It was one of only nine grants awarded for marijuana prevention in the State of Oklahoma.

In addition to advocating for youth, CAMP members will have input on deciding how grant money is used in Ottawa County. CAMP will have guest speakers, workshops with teens, and host parent and caretaker meetings.

CAMP coalition meetings will be held at 10 a.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Courthouse Annex Building, 123 E Central Ave in Miami.

The first CAMP meeting will take place Feb. 15.

If interested, please contact Kim Horn at 918-533-3647 via phone/text, or by email at Kimhorn@rocmnd.org

**MIAMI LIFTERS SWEEP TITLES AT CHANDLER**



**The Miami High School boys rolled up 317 points while taking first at the Chandler High School Invitational powerlifting meet.**

Miami breezed to team titles at the Chandler High School Invitational powerlifting meet Thursday.

The MHS boys, with three individual winners, finished with 317 points. Chandler was second with 216 points and Edmond Santa Fe was third at 176.

Four first-place winners and seven other

placers helped the Miami girls take first with 235 points. Depew was second with 124 points.

Individual winners for the girls were Damiyah Smith, 121, with a 670-pound total; Jericho Burrow, 136, with a 685-pound total; Lila Crouch, 198, with a 630-pound total, and Serena Welles, heavyweight, with a 710-pound total.

Taking first for the MHS boys' team were Jorday Andres, 123, 750 total; Alfred Bailey 157, 1,075 total, and Chris Kelley, 181, 1,070 total.

Miami's boys had a pair of 1-2-3 finishes and a 1-2 finish.

Andres was the winner, Trevin Patton, second, and Korbin Ellis, third, at 123 pounds.

Following Kelley at 181 pounds were Dominic Humble, second, and Seth Davis, third.

Bailey was first and David Sok was second at 157 pounds.

Zander Clark, Julio Valenzuela and Kim



**Finishing first at the Chandler High School Invitational powerlifting meet Thursday were the Miami girls.**

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF:  
A. L. L.,  
DOB: 07/25/2011, R. G. H.,  
DOB: 01/22/2014,  
Minor Children.  
Case No. FA-2021-34  
**NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR ADOPTION**  
TO: Luke (last name unknown), Respondent, possible father to A.L.L.  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the hearing on the Petition for Adoption filed by Petitioners, Russell and Michelle Huff, is set for the 29th day of March, 2022 at 1:30 o'clock p.m. at the Ottawa County Courthouse in Miami, Oklahoma before the Honorable Jennifer McAffrey.  
Dated: January 19th, 2022.

/s/ Jennifer McAffrey  
Judge of the District Court  
Approved as to form and content:  
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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT WITHIN AND FOR OTTAWA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA**  
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF: TENISE NICHELLE TATE, Petitioner, and JEFFREY ELMER LEROY TATE, Respondent.  
Case No. FD-2022-6  
**ALIAS SERVICE OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION NOTICE**  
State of Oklahoma To: JEFFREY ELMER LEROY TATE, Respondent  
TAKE NOTICE that a Petition has been filed in the District Court Ottawa, County, State of Oklahoma, Case No. FD-2022-6 styled In re the Marriage of Tenise Nichelle Tate, Petitioner, and Jeffrey Elmer Leroy Tate, Respondent. The Petition alleges that Petitioner is entitled to and should be awarded a Decree of Dissolution of Marriage/Divorce from you.  
The Petitioner further alleges that each party should be awarded their respective non-marital and separate properties, free and clear of all right, title, interest, lien or claim of the other. The Petitioner further alleges that an no marital property nor marital debt was acquired by the parties.  
You are notified that you must file a Response to the said Petition

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Grand Gateway Area Agency on Aging will begin disseminating Requests for Proposal to provide services to persons aged sixty and over (Seniors Raising Children 55 and over) in the counties of Craig, Delaware, Mayes, Nowata, Ottawa, Rogers and Washington for Fiscal Year 2023 (July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023) on January 24, 2022.

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filed by the Petitioner on or before March 20, 2022, or the allegations contained in the petition will be taken as true and judgment will be entered against you and in favor of Petitioner as prayed for in her Petition.  
Given under my hand and seal on the 28th day of January, 2022.  
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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OTTAWA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA**  
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF DENNISON BLANE RAMSEY, Petitioner, and JESSICA RAMSEY, Respondent.  
Case No. FD-2021-149  
**NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR DIVORCE**  
TO: JESSICA RAMSEY, Respondent  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the hearing on the Petition for Dissolution of Marriage and Child Custody filed by Petitioner, Dennison Blane Ramsey, is set for final hearing on the 11th day of March 2022 at 1:30 o'clock p.m. at the Ottawa County Courthouse in Miami, Oklahoma before the Honorable Jennifer McAffrey.  
Dated: January 19th, 2022.  
/s/ Jennifer McAffrey  
Judge of the District Court  
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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OTTAWA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA**  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: ROBERT RAY MCKIBBEN, Deceased.  
Case No. PB-22-07  
**NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND DETERMINATION OF HEIRS**  
Notice is hereby given to all persons interested in the Estate of Robert Ray McKibben, that on January 27th, 2022, there was filed with this Court the Petition of Jennifer Weakley praying that Letters of Administration be issued to her as Personal Representative of the Estate, to serve without bond, and for a judicial determination of the

**LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY**  
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The following services will be funded for Craig, Delaware, Mayes, Nowata, Ottawa, Rogers and Washington counties:  
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National Family Caregiver Support Program, NFCSP (all counties)  
information services for caregivers of older persons & seniors raising children access assistance for caregivers of older persons & seniors raising children respite care for caregivers of older persons and seniors raising children in-home respite provided by attendance of the care recipient at a day center or other nonresidential program institution respite Request for Proposals may be obtained at 333 S. Oak Street, Big Cabin, Oklahoma 74332-0502 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (Monday thru Thursday) or you may request a mailed copy of the Request for Proposal by calling 1-800-482-4594 or emailed a copy of the Request for Proposal by request from [spierce@grandgateway.org](mailto:spierce@grandgateway.org). Grand Gateway AAA must receive sealed (paper) proposals for funding no later than 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 15, 2022. Late proposals will not be considered for funding.  
Attendance at a mandatory Proposers Conference is required to secure funding. The Proposers Conference will be held February 7, 2022, 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. located at Grand Gateway, 333 South Oak, Big Cabin, Oklahoma. Proposals will be accepted for multiple/single service projects serving the entire service area (7 counties). All proposals are subjected to specific grant requirements of the OlderAmericans Act. For additional information contact Staci Pierce, Director, Grand Gateway Area Agency on Aging, 1-800-482-4594, Ext 212, or email [spierce@grandgateway.org](mailto:spierce@grandgateway.org). (Published in the Miami News Record January 25 & February 1, 2022)  
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heirs of the Decedent.  
Pursuant to an Order of this Court made on the 27th day of January 2022, notice is given that the 1st of March, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., is the day and time that the Petition will be heard in the District Courtroom in the County Courthouse, Ottawa County, Oklahoma, at 102 East Central, Miami, Oklahoma, and all persons interest may appear and contest the same.  
Witness, the undersigned, Judge of the District Court of Ottawa County, Oklahoma, this 27th day of January, 2022.  
/s/ Jennifer McAffrey  
Jennifer McAffrey  
Judge of the District Court  
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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR OTTAWA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA**  
In the Matter of the Estate of: JAMES LAWRENCE MEHL, Deceased Case No. PB-2020-23  
**NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT, PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP, DISTRIBUTION, AND DISCHARGE**  
Notice is hereby given that the duly appointed and qualified Personal Representative of the above-captioned estate has filed in this Court the Final Account and Report of the administration of this estate, Petition for Determination of Heirship, Distribution, and Discharge. Hearing of the same has been fixed for the 11th day of March, 2022, at 1:00 p.m., before the Honorable Jennifer McAffrey, Associate Judge of the District Court, in District Courtroom number 2 of the Ottawa County Courthouse, Miami, Oklahoma, and all persons interested in this estate are notified then and there to appear and show cause, if any they have, why such account should not be settled and allowed, the estate distributed, and the Personal Representative discharged.  
Dated this 18th day of January, 2022.  
/s/ Jennifer McAffrey  
Judge of the District Court  
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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OTTAWA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA**  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MAX LEROY MUNSON, Deceased.  
PB-2022-08  
**NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, AND DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES**  
Notice is hereby given to all persons interested in the Estate of Max Leroy Munson, Deceased, that on the 27th day of January, 2022, there was produced and filed in the District Court of Ottawa County, State of Oklahoma, an instrument purporting to be the Will of Max Leroy Munson, deceased, dated August 27, 2014, and there was also filed in the Court the Petition of Alan Dale Munson praying that the Will be admitted to probate, Letters Testamentary issued to him as Personal Representative of the Estate, to serve without bond, and for a judicial determination of the heirs, devisees and legatees of the Decedent.  
Pursuant to an Order of this Court made on January 27th, 2022, notice is given that the 15th day of March, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. is the day and time that the Petition will be heard in the District Courtroom of the Ottawa County Courthouse, in Miami, Oklahoma, and all persons interested may appear and contest the same.  
Witness, the undersigned, Judge of the District Court of Ottawa County, State of Oklahoma, this 27th day of January, 2022.  
/s/ Jennifer McAffrey  
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT  
Approved as to form:  
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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OTTAWA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA**  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Mina Ellen Munson, Deceased.  
PB-2022-06  
**NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, AND DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES**  
Notice is hereby given to all persons interested in the Estate of Mina Ellen Munson, Deceased, that on the 27th day of January, 2022, there was produced and filed in the District Court of Ottawa County, State of Oklahoma, an instrument purporting to be the Will of Mina Ellen Munson, deceased, dated August 27, 2014, and there was also filed in the Court the Petition of Alan Dale Munson praying that the Will be admitted to probate, Letters Testamentary issued to him as Personal Representative of the Estate, to serve without bond, and for a judicial determination of the heirs, devisees and legatees of the Decedent.  
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## Blood

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Oklahoma. She's now a sophomore at NEO and a Lady Norse softball player.

"I've been a donor since my sophomore year in high school," said Battiest. "My high school encourages it."

She's habitually donated blood ever since.

"You know there's nothing like missing class to motivate you to come out to a blood drive," joked Addison. "We do have great t-shirts and snacks and stuff but there's something about doing it with their peers the first time."

She said many people are a little bit nervous the first time and don't really know what to expect. But they usually find out that it's nothing like they thought it'd be and they learn that they just saved three lives.

Addison said another area where they've seen a big reduction is male donors because work blood drives were also substantially impacted by COVID-19.

"We've got people who are sometimes working from home, so they're missing their work blood drives and they may not know how to find a community blood drive," explained Addison.

That's the beauty of the NEO blood drives. Although they're geared toward the students, they're also open to the community. Anyone who's missed a blood drive at work or elsewhere can find a community blood drive like these so they can continue to donate.

"We have a decent number of community members that come out and support NEO blood drives," Addison said. "We also have faculty and staff come out and support it. Some of our Freshman Experience classes encourage kids to get involved on campus and this is one of the activities they encourage them to do."

She said college students who need volunteer hours may not know that donating blood counts as an hour of volunteer services because they're helping save three lives.

Besides the limited number of willing donors and the pandemic, one other factor traditionally hampers blood collection in Oklahoma – winter weather.

"We're okay right now in Oklahoma, but that could change," Addison warned. "Winter is the toughest time of the year. We know we have winter weather coming up, so if there's a snowstorm and we can't get to our locations, we can't collect blood."

She said last year when Oklahoma had the 10-day snowstorm, it was the last thing they needed on top of COVID. It made them even more mindful of the possibility of winter weather causing havoc.

"We usually do have some weather that impacts blood drives in February so getting all the healthy and well people out now while we know we don't have weather is so important."

The need for blood at hospitals is constant. It's essential for blood transfusions during operations and births and treatments of chronic illnesses, cancers and traumatic injuries.

"Sometimes people don't realize that hospitals have to have blood on the shelf even if it's not used," said Addison. "It has to be available to have surgeries, it has to be available to take emergency room patients. They have to have it available if they think someone could need it, whether or not it's used."

She said sometimes people think they only need units of O-positive and O-negative, they actually need a robust supply of all the available blood types. In an emergency, you're going to get O-negative first, because it can be given to 100% of people, but once medical professionals know your blood type, they're going to switch you over. She said it's actually best for patients to have their own blood type.

"There are also rare donor registries because certain donors have certain antibodies that can be used for specific patients," said Addison.

"There might be certain blood antibodies that would be perfect for a cancer patient so we label that unit and we'll hold it for a cancer patient to make sure it's going to the right person. We had a donor in Amarillo who was servicing a children's hospital patient in Arkansas. They were the perfect match."

Besides the blood drives at NEO, OBI does blood drives at several local businesses. It also frequently sets up its Blood Mobile at Integris Miami Hospital.

"We're the exclusive blood provider to Miami's hospital," said Addison. "When you give local, it helps make sure we're meeting local needs."

OBI also covers 90% of the hospitals statewide. Although it knows people are concerned about the national blood crisis, it wants to keep Oklahoma out of a crisis. When you donate to OBI blood drives, your blood stays local.

It goes straight to Oklahoma City for processing, testing and storage, then it's redistributed to the hospital systems. By donating locally, you're ensuring blood is going to your hospitals.

"If you're healthy and well and you see a blood drive coming up, please, please, please help us make sure that we stay out of that national blood crisis by having enough blood locally by giving to the Oklahoma Blood Institute," said Addison.

You can find upcoming blood drives at [obi.org](http://obi.org) or call 877-340-8777 to speak to a representative who can help you find a blood drive.

The OBI Blood Mobile will be back in Miami at Integris Miami Hospital on Feb. 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. So, mark your calendars, roll up your sleeve and save three lives by giving blood.