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**GREEN BUD TAXES FUND REDBUD SCHOOL GRANTS**

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Medical marijuana was legalized in Oklahoma on June 26, 2018, and dispensaries have been popping up all over the state ever since. In a move meant to ensure part of the taxes placed on the medicinal green bud helped schools, the Oklahoma Legislature created the Redbud School Funding Act.

Through Senate Bill 229, part of the medical marijuana tax revenue collected by the state will be distributed to qualifying schools. The bill became effective May

28, 2021, and distributions began in the Fiscal Year 2022.

During this initial year, the state has apportioned \$38.5 million to be used for the first Redbud School Funding grants. Miami and other area schools were allocated part of their funds in January 2022 with the remaining funds due in June 2022.

The Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) allotted half of its \$38.5 million to 330 public schools across the state. These allotments are automatically figured based on whether a school district or eligible charter school falls below the state average in local property taxes and the county-wide millage per student.

“Senate Bill 229 takes a portion of the medical marijuana tax revenue

and makes an annual distribution to eligible public schools and charter schools,” explained Nick Highsmith, superintendent of Miami Public Schools. “Charter schools can’t be fully virtual to be eligible to get some of it.”

Miami Public Schools’ initial allotment was \$166,506.27, which was just under half of the district’s maximum allocation.

“It’s like state aid,” Highsmith said. “We get an initial allocation then they monitor revenues. As additional revenues come in, if they increase or decrease, they adjust. So, our maximum allocation pending all revenue receivables is \$346,106.35.”

Miami was among the schools with higher allotments. The exact allotments for each school can be found on the FY2022 Redbud School Grant Allocation spreadsheet found on the OSDE website at [sde.ok.gov/redbud-school-grant-allocation](http://sde.ok.gov/redbud-school-grant-allocation).

Superintendent Highsmith said if you look at the baseline for the state and where the Miami school district is at, there’s a column on this spreadsheet that tells you how far off the district is compared to the state baseline.

“That’s how they calculate the Redbud allocation,” he said. “It’s to bring up those schools that fall below the state average to the state average.”

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**NEWS**

*Local pharmacies distributing free N95 masks*



The CDC recommends a well-fitting respirator like an N95 mask as the highest protection against COVID-19.

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As the highly contagious Omicron variant continues to cause COVID-19 cases to spike across the state, the Oklahoma State Health Department (OSDH) is attempting to arm Oklahomans with a recommended defense – face masks.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) states that the primary way a person is infected with COVID-19 is by being exposed to respiratory droplets that carry the virus. When worn properly, a face mask can help prevent these droplets from entering your nose and mouth, potentially causing an infection. However, not all face masks are created equally.

According to the CDC’s recently updated guidance, well-fitting respirators, such as N95s, approved by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) offer the highest level of protection against

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**PLANS TO RENOVATE MIAMI HOUSING TOWERS MOVING ALONG**



Nine Tribes Towers was built in the 1970s.

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Progress is being made on plans to renovate the Miami Towers and Nine Tribes Tower housing facilities.

“We are currently in design mode. This project is really particularly complex,” said Tammi Creason of Creason Development, which is teaming with the Miami Housing Authority on the project.

“We have applied for competitive allocation for an affordable housing tax credit. We allocated it last year and in addition to that, applying for historic tax credits.”

Miami Towers, located at 41 North Main, is part of the downtown historic district.

It’s been nominated to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

In its earlier life, Miami Towers was called the Hotel Miami. A 120-room building, it was completed in 1919 and repurposed as public housing in the 1970s.

The nine-story Nine Tribes Towers was constructed about the same time on the site of the old Miami High School building.

“We’re looking for investors for different layers of financing for construction loans and other things.

We had a lot of a delay, but it all feels like it’s coming back together again,” Creason said.

“We feel we are relatively through the design process for Nine Tribes, completed

drawings and have submitted them to the city to receive building permits. We have a contractor selected. We really are working toward final construction closing.”

She said everyone involved is optimistic that they might be in a 60-day window on that project.

But plans on Miami Towers are little more complicated, “so we think that is about 60 days behind in that process,” Creason said. “We’ve pretty much got plans in finishing the design, The contractor has it out for bid right now. working on the final construction numbers. We still have a little bit of permitting with the city left on that one.”

Significant issues concerning the integrity of the 107-year-old support columns in Miami Towers — primarily the west/northwest corners — impacting the building’s fire escape route led to an emergency evacuation in August 2021.

Concerns regarding the building, which is owned by the Miami Housing Authority, came to light earlier that year.

“They evacuated the building out off an abundance of caution, wanting to be extremely careful,” Creason said. “During our original design work, we had engineers and people in there, the structural issues were noted.

“Mark (Miami Housing Authority director Mark McDowell) did a wonderful job of getting everyone out of the building.”

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**LOCAL**

*Winter weather closes Miami, area schools*



Snow clouds the Miami High School signage and building.

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The first week of February has proven once again how crazy Oklahoma weather can be. With highs hovering just below 70 degrees on Monday and nearly 60 degrees on Tuesday, temperatures took a nosedive Tuesday night and a wicked winter storm blew through Miami and the rest of northeastern Oklahoma on Wednesday and into Thursday morning.

The severe winter storm prompted Miami and all other area schools to cancel in-person instruction for the remainder of the week. However, some schools went virtual while others took official snow days.

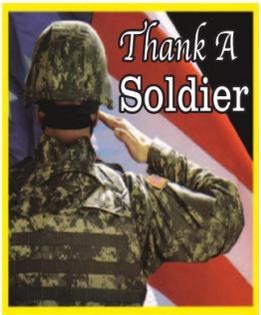
All Miami Public Schools moved to distance learning

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**OKLAHOMA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LAWS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE**

In accordance with Title 37, Section 522 and Title 37A, Section 2-141 Harp's Foods Stores, Inc., located at 918 S. Gutensohn Rd. Springdale, AR 72762 a/an corporation, hereby publishes notice of its intention to apply within sixty days from this date to the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission for a Retail Beer & Retail Wine License under authority of and in compliance with the said Act: That it intend(s), if granted such license to operate as a Retail Beer & Retail Wine establishment with business premises located at 1014 North Main Street in Miami, Ottawa County, Oklahoma under the business name of Harps Food Store #503.

**Dated this 1 day of February, 2022**  
/s/ Jim Antz  
County of Washington, State of Arkansas.

Before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared: Jim Antz to me known to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing application and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed.

/s/ Deborah L. Creek My Commission expires 04/02/2025  
Notary Public # 12403927  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE REQUEST FOR QUOTATION DILAPIDATED BUILDING PUBLIC NUISANCE ABATEMENT DEMOLITION January 14, 2022**

The City of Commerce, Oklahoma is requesting quotations for demolition of dilapidated buildings, vegetation, fencing, walls and other appurtenance items on properties as specified in the property profiles/diagrams as attached.

Your quotations shall be broken out in a lump sum cost for demolition and removal of the buildings and items noted above, as well as restoration of the property to a mowable grade and erosion control measures necessary during and after work. Please understand you should consider each property as an independent demolition project as some properties may be demolished by the property owners, or other circumstances may intervene, prior to awarding of a notice to proceed. The city council reserve the right to waive any bid formalities and select the bid best suiting the need with the right to reject any and all bids.

**Completed Request for Quotation forms shall be submitted to the City of Commerce, 618 Commerce Ave., Commerce, Oklahoma, by 4 p.m. on Monday, February 7, 2022. They may be hand-delivered, mailed, or scanned and e-mailed to [mhart@commerceokla.com](mailto:mhart@commerceokla.com) or [agrider@commerceokla.com](mailto:agrider@commerceokla.com)**

Prospective/successful firms or corporations will be acting as an authorized agent of the City of Sand Springs for abatement of a dilapidated building public nuisance and shall be authorized to access the property to prepare a quotation and to complete the work. The successful firm or corporation will be issued a purchase order in the amount of quotation. This will serve as a notice to proceed.

In addition to the attached demolition profile, prospective firms or corporations need to comply with the following:

- A valid Certificate of Liability Insurance for the firm or corporation shall be submitted showing a minimum general liability coverage of \$1 million per occurrence shall be in file with the City.
- Demolition permit and inspection fees will be waived. However, the contractor will need to have a licensed plumbing contractor cap the sewer prior to demolition. This cost should be figured into the quotation.
- All federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations shall be followed regarding removal and disposal of any hazardous materials such as asbestos. The quotation submitted shall reflect any anticipated costs for such.
- General working hours for this project will be from 7:00 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Work during other hours shall only be done by mutual agreement with the City.
- Demolition debris shall be disposed of in a state licensed landfill approved to accept such debris.
- The demolition contractor may retain any salvage materials from the site.
- Upon completion of demolition and removal of debris, the lot shall be graded to a mowable restoration level comparable with the existing natural contours.
- All necessary measures shall be taken to control erosion or siltation during and after demolition activities.
- The successful firm or corporation is responsible for disconnection and removal as necessary of all utility services to the property being demolished.
- The successful firm or corporation, by signing the quotation form attached, hereby represents that it shall hold the City of Commerce, Oklahoma, its employees or agents, harmless from any liability resulting from property damages and/or personal injuries that occur during, or as a result of, the demolition activity.

Should you have any questions, please contact Adam Grider, Code Enforcement Officer, at (918) 675 4373, or via e-mail at: [agrider@commerceokla.com](mailto:agrider@commerceokla.com) or Michael Hart, City Administrator, at (918) 675 4373, or via e-mail at: [mhart@commerceokla.com](mailto:mhart@commerceokla.com)

**Dilapidated Building Public Nuisance Abatement Demolition**  
City of Commerce  
**QUOTATION SUBMITTAL**  
Firm or Corporation Name:  
Mailing Address  
City/State/Zip  
Contact Person  
Title  
Phone/Cell  
Email  
Property: 1003 D. St. Lot 26-27 & N30'LT 28, Block 11 Wachter 3.00 Lots  
Amount:  
\$  
Please attach copy of liability insurance form.

I, as authorized signatory for the above firm, do hereby authorize the City of Commerce, Oklahoma, to consider this quotation for the purchase of demolition services as specified. I also agree to hold the City of Commerce, and employees and agents thereof, harmless from liability for personal injuries and/or property damages resulting from any actions performed under arrangements of this quotation submittal.

Name Date  
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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT WITHIN AND FOR OTTAWA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA**

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE, FOR CARRINGTON MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2005-NC3 ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES Plaintiff,

vs.

KENDALL R. READING, et al. Defendant(s)  
No. CJ-2021-13

**ALIAS NOTICE BY PUBLICATION**

THE STATE OF Oklahoma TO: Westmark Mortgage Corporation, if in existence, and its successors TAKE NOTICE that you have been sued by Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee, for Carrington Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2005-NC3 Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, and that you must answer the Petition of said Plaintiff on file in said cause on or before March 23, 2022, or the allegations of said Petition will be taken as true and judgment rendered, foreclosing any interest you may have in the following-described real estate (property) situated in Ottawa County, Oklahoma, to-wit: Lots 12 and 13, Block 71 in the Town of North Miami, now Commerce, Ottawa County,

Oklahoma, according to the recorded Plat thereof, For the sum of:  
Reason  
Amount  
Unpaid Principal Balance: \$49,909.61  
Date of Default: September 1, 2020  
Interest Due From: August 1, 2020 including all advances by Plaintiff, if any, for taxes, insurance premiums, or expenses necessary for the preservation of the subject property, all costs of this action; reasonable attorney's fees and costs as the Court may allow, and the costs of foreclosing your interest in the property and ordering said property sold with or without appraisal as Plaintiff may elect, all of which you will take due notice.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 13th day of January 2022.  
Cassie Key, Court Clerk  
By: /s/ A. Servers  
DEPUTY COURT CLERK  
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under arrangements of this quotation submittal.

Name Date  
**Dilapidated Building Public Nuisance Abatement Demolition**  
City of Commerce  
**QUOTATION SUBMITTAL**  
Firm or Corporation Name  
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Contact Person  
Title  
Phone/Cell  
Email  
Property: 1003 D. St. Lot 26-27 & N30'LT 28, Block 11 Wachter 3.00 Lots  
Amount:  
\$  
Please attach copy of liability insurance form.

I, as authorized signatory for the above firm, do hereby authorize the City of Commerce, Oklahoma, to consider this quotation for the purchase of demolition services as specified. I also agree to hold the City of Commerce, and employees and agents thereof, harmless from liability for personal injuries and/or property damages resulting from any actions performed under arrangements of this quotation submittal.

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT WITHIN AND FOR OTTAWA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES HENRY LEWIS, Deceased  
CASE NO. PB-21-55  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

All creditors having claims against JAMES HENRY LEWIS, Deceased, are required to present the same with a description of all security interests and other collateral (if any) held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to the Administrator, TRAVIS R. LEWIS, c/o his attorney, Susan A. Muscari, Muscari Law, PLLC, P. O. Box 452409, Grove, OK 74345, on or before the following presentation date: the 30th day of March, 2022, or the same will be

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT AND FOR OTTAWA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA**

IN RE THE ESTATE OF: JAMES C. AUSTIN, Case No. PB-2022-5 a deceased person.

**NOTICE AND ORDER FOR HEARING PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND DETERMINATION OF IDENTITY OF HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES**

On the 20th day of January, 2022, there was filed in this Court a Petition for the Probate of the Will of James C. Austin, Deceased, praying that Letters Testamentary issued, James M. Austin be appointed as Personal Representative to serve without bond and the heirs determined.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the Petition be set for hearing on the 15 day of March, 2022, at 9 o'clock a.m. in Room 2 of the Ottawa County Courthouse, 102 E. Central Ave., Miami, Oklahoma. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that notice be given as required by law. Dated this 20th day of January, 2022.

/s/ Jennifer McAffrey  
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

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## OBITUARY



**Patsy Jane Rogers**

Patsy Jane Rogers, 65, a longtime Miami area resident passed away on Saturday, January 15, 2022, at Coffeyville Regional Medical Center in Coffeyville, Kansas. Mrs. Rogers was born

on October 6, 1956, in Sallisaw, Oklahoma to Ernest and Ancle (Estep) Green. Patsy worked as an assistant postmaster for many years before her retirement. She and her husband owned Rogers Insurance in Miami.

It all started at a basketball game in Roland. Two years later as a young sailor was coming home from Navy Bootcamp Patsy met Charles Rogers with his parents to welcome him back. It wasn't much longer after

that Patsy married Charles on September 25, 1972. Their family would grow to add their daughters. After moving to Miami for Charles to work at Farm Bureau Patsy stayed home with the girls until Charity was around five years old. That is when Patsy's career at the Post Office Started. She at one time won Postal Clerk of the Year. She retired from the post office with twenty years. She had worked during that time at the family's insurance

company and continued to do so after her retirement.

Mrs. Rogers was preceded in passing by her parents, a sister Colleen Garcia and a brother-in-law John Rockwell.

Those who will cherish Patsy's memory are the love of her life Charles Rogers of the home, her daughters Devony Hope Metcalf and her husband Colby of Galena, Kansas and Charity Faith Rogers of Miami and her granddaughter whom she loved dearly Avery Jane

Purdy-Rogers. Through the years she had raised many other Children. Other survivors include her siblings Carolyn Rockwell of Jefferson City, Missouri, Carl Kidd and his wife Shirley of Muldrow and Gary Don Kidd of Muldrow. Also surviving are her sister-in-law Patricia Laub, a brother in laws Aaron Gilkey and his wife Kathy and Ronnie Rogers and his wife Brenda.

Visitation was held at 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

on Thursday, January 20, 2022, at Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Miami.

A Celebration of Life was held at 2:00 PM, January 21, 2022, at Grace Church in Miami under the care of Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Miami.

Friends and family may send the family notes of encouragement by viewing Patsy's Tribute Page at [www.brown-winters.com](http://www.brown-winters.com).

## Grants

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However, in future allocations, Highsmith expects the school district's amount to go down.

"Our district evaluation is going up," he said. "We're getting more ad valorem tax dollars back as a district so our allocation should go down regardless of what happens at the state level with Redbud funding. Unless there's an increase in the state baseline."

The funds received from

the Redbud grants do come with a stipulation. They can only be used as part of the school's building fund.

"Unless the law is changed, the money can only go into the building fund," said Highsmith. "The building fund is a separate fund from the general fund. The building fund can only be used for building improvements, furniture, maintenance of buildings, flooring, paint . . . utilities

are sometimes taken out of a school's building fund, but not at Miami or probably any of our surrounding schools just due to the nature of the size of our building fund."

He said building funds can also be used for construction if they could afford to build with the dollar amount that they have in their building fund. However, due to the size of the district's building fund, new construction isn't

usually possible.

"We typically only use our building fund for maintenance and upkeep of buildings and grounds," Superintendent Highsmith said.

"Our building fund total right now is \$1.8 million, which is what we budget off of. It's a nice little shot in the arm to our building fund."

He said Oklahoma was one of only about four or five states that didn't already

have this type of funding for schools already in place.

Miami schools weren't the only ones in Ottawa County that benefited from the Redbud School Grant Allocations.

Wyandotte Public Schools received an initial allocation of \$58,024.92 with a possible total allocation of \$120,612.83.

Quapaw Public Schools received \$26,956.18 with a maximum of \$56,032.16.

Commerce Public Schools' initial allocation was \$68,952.80 and its max is \$143,327.94.

Afton Public Schools received \$14,223.84 and its maximum is \$29,566.23.

Fairland Public Schools received an initial allocation of \$34,812.96 with a max of \$72,363.56.

For more information about the Redbud School Grants visit [sde.ok.gov/redbud-school-grants](http://sde.ok.gov/redbud-school-grants).