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NEWS

Quapaw Public Schools go virtual due to COVID spike

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Quapaw Public Schools Superintendent David Carriger announced on Tuesday, Nov. 16 that QPS will temporarily go back to all virtual instruction beginning Thursday, Nov. 18. In-school instruction will resume on Monday, Nov. 29.

“Students will be receiving work packets and other items on Wednesday to take home for the two days

“Quapaw Public Schools has seen a tremendous increase in the amount of positive COVID cases in the past 7 days,” said Carriger. “We’re currently at 30 active cases with several

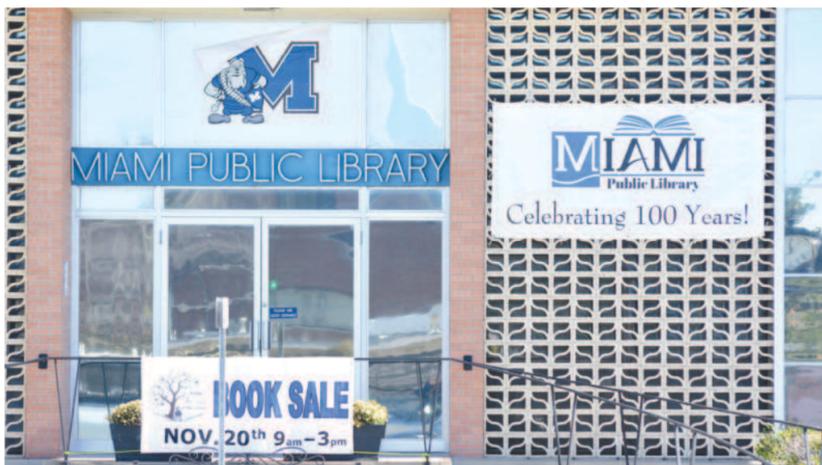
students and staff in quarantine, sick or experiencing symptoms.”

Approximately 30% of its student body didn’t attend in-person classes on Tuesday, Nov. 16. Checking students for symptoms, especially younger students, can be extremely difficult

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MIAMI LIBRARY CELEBRATES

100 years



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A very special 100th anniversary celebration is planned Saturday at the Miami Public Library.

A come-and-go event that will be open to the public is set for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and will include a book sale, birthday cake, live music, drawings, a children’s event and a commemorative Christmas ornament for each family that attends. The live entertainment will be provided by musicians Tammy Willcox on the harp and Dr. Paul Fuhrmeister on the cello.

Marcia Johnson, Director of the Library, Arts & Culture, said, “It is incredible to realize that there has been a library located on this corner of 2nd and Main for 100 years. It is something to celebrate. Libraries have changed in many ways over the years - adding computers, Wi-Fi, e-books, downloadable audio, music, and more, but the thing that hasn’t changed is the mission to serve the people of this community.”

In 1914, when the population of Miami was around 5,000, the Sorosis Club assigned Mrs. A. C. Wallace a program on “What a Library Will Mean to Miami.”

Mrs. J. S. Mabon was on the committee to organize the plans and appointed Mrs. J. C. Linton to write Andrew Carnegie and ask how to apply for a library grant.

The answer was taken to the city council to ask for support.

The first library board, which was appointed by the council in 1916, continued negotiations with the Carnegie Foundation, whose grants were contingent upon the financial support of the community, and \$10,000 was promised if the city would provide \$3,000, a site, buy books, and maintain the building.

The Twentieth Century and Sorosis Clubs undertook to raise funds and, in November 1916, two lots at the corner of 2nd and Main Streets were purchased from Mr. and Mrs. John Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wills.

World War I intervened and, in 1918, the library board rented two rooms in a local hotel for \$40 per month (including lights, heat and janitorial services).

When the war ended, the chamber of commerce voted to assist the city in meeting the matching \$3,000 and also pledged \$1,300

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EVENT

No paper on Nov. 26



There will not be a Miami News-Record published on Friday, Nov. 26.

The regular print schedule will resume Tuesday, Nov. 30.

All City of Miami offices will be closed Thursday, Nov. 25 and Friday, Nov. 26 in celebration of Thanksgiving.

The Miami Public Library will be closed Thursday and Friday but will reopen on Saturday.

The Department of Solid Waste will also be closed Thursday and Friday.

Residential trash routes that normally run Thursday will be picked up Wednesday.

Customers should have their carts curbside by 6 a.m. Wednesday.

No yard waste will be accepted Friday.

Call 918-541-2368 for additional information.

Pelivan will be closed and DOCS Senior Services will not serve meals Thursday or Friday.

Miami Nation donates \$2 million for county jail repairs

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A large donation by a local tribe to Ottawa County was announced at the regular meeting of the commissioners Monday.

A promise of \$2 million has been made by the Miami Nation and Chief Douglas Lankford and his board for use in making major repairs to the jail here.

Chairman and District 3 Commissioner Russell Earls said, “This is from their ARPA dollars (COVID-related American Rescue Plan Act funds). And the difference between their ARPA dollars and ours is that, early on, the rules clarified that they (the Miami Nation) could spend their dollars for safety issues and they identified the jail as being a safety issue for their people... and for everybody, for that matter. So they are transferring \$2 million to us to infuse into jail repairs. We are going to be close to \$1 million for the new roof and all the units on the new roof.”

Earls said officials have identified that locks, doors, plumbing, and electrical would cost in the neighborhood of \$2 million.

“I don’t know what we would have done, except kept plugging holes and going forward, if it hadn’t been for them,” Earls said. “Our partnership with the tribes is the best of the best and we are so thankful for those partnerships. A huge thank you to the Miami Nation for their forward thinking and their infusion of dollars into the county jail.”

Ottawa County Sheriff David Dean said that he hopes the money will cover includes new doors and locking system, a new intercom system, new shatterproof glass and metal protection, replacing the gas main, replacing the boiler with tankless coil free heaters, repairing the plumbing and sewer, and repairing electrical wiring, hopefully with tamper resistant outlets and lights.

“Chief Lankford with the Miami Nation has been very concerned about the state of the jail. He approached us and advised that his tribe was willing to

donate \$2 million dollars to help renovate it and make it safer for both the inmates and the staff,” Dean said. “This money is a blessing and will go a long way in fixing the jail. The money is going to be in a grant and can only be used for what we expressed was needed. There are no words that can express the gratitude that we at the Sheriff’s Office have for the Miami Nation.”

Also at the meeting, Rick DuBois, the new program director for the Solid Waste Institute of Northeast Oklahoma, was present to introduce himself and let the board know that he is available to answer any questions and provide information they might need.

He also said that he can help facilitate things like public events for tire disposal, etc., and permitting with the Department of Environmental Quality for the county.

“I would like to sit down with county officials to review the old plan written

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One of last year’s bell ringers liked to bring her guitar to play music while spreading Christmas cheer.

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS NEEDED

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The holiday season is drawing near and the Salvation Army once again needs bell ringers to ring in some Christmas cheer.

Bell ringers begin manning the red kettle donation stations the day after Thanksgiving to help the Miami Salvation Army with the only fundraiser it currently has each year.

“We’ve had some people bring their musical instruments,” said Debbie Hillestad, Service Unit Director of the Salvation Army’s Miami Service Unit. “One brings a guitar and another brings a violin. One even brought a boombox and played Christmas songs. Whatever they want to bring to help spread some cheer is fine,

as long as they don’t disrupt the business.”

Potential bell ringers who are nervous about taking on the task should know that they don’t have to verbally ask for donations or mess with the money in any way.

“It’s really a fun experience,” Hillestad said. “All they have to do is show up. You literally don’t have to say a word as long as you smile. We have our volunteers go out every two hours to make sure the next shift person is there. We handle all the money and everything.”

Currently, the Salvation Army only has bell ringers set up at Wal-Mart at the two entrances and at Marvin’s. Each bell ringer can pick which spot they want to work at and which

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Legals

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OTTAWA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Re: Application of Nataly Gonzalez-Mendieta for License as a Statewide Private Process Server No. PSS-21-7
Public Notice - Private Process Server License Application
 Notice is hereby given that Nataly Gonzalez-Mendieta has filed an application in the District

Court of Ottawa County, State of Oklahoma, in accordance with the provisions and requirements of 12 O.S. § 158.1, for a statewide private process server's license. Action will be taken on said application on the 17 day of December, 2021, 9:00 a.m. before Judge Barry Denny and if there are no protests and the court determines the applicant is qualified, a license will be granted to the applicant by the court. Dated: 11-10-21

/s/ T. Curry
 Court Clerk/Deputy
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Notice of Application
 The Bank of Wyandotte, Wyandotte, Oklahoma intends to apply to the Federal Reserve System for permission to establish a branch office. We intend to

establish a branch office located at 3100 Monticello Avenue, Dallas, Texas. The Federal Reserve considers a number of factors in deciding whether to approve the application, including the record of performance of our banks in helping to meet local credit needs. You are invited to submit written comments on this application to the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, One Memorial Drive, Kansas City, Missouri 64198. The comment period

will not end before December 6, 2021, and may be somewhat longer. The Board's procedures for processing applications may be found at 12 C.F.R. Part 262. Procedures for processing protested application may be found at 12 C.F.R. Section 262.25. To obtain a copy of the Federal Reserve Board's procedures, or, if you need more information about how to submit your comments on the application, contact Jeffrey Irgarten, Assistant Vice President

of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City at (816) 881-2073. The Federal Reserve will consider your comments and any requests for a hearing on the application if they are received by the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City on or before the last day of the comment period. The Bank of Wyandotte Wyandotte, Oklahoma (Published in the Miami News Record November 19, 2021) LPXLP

OBITUARIES



Calvin Dewayne Treece

Calvin Dewayne Treece of Carl Junction, MO passed from this life Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at Pittsburg Care and Rehab in Pittsburg,

Calvin Dewayne Treece 1939 - 2021

KS. He was 82. Dewayne was born January 10, 1939 in Columbus, KS to Leslie and Thelma (Leslie) Treece. He had lived in Carl Junction since 2016 moving there from the Grand Lake, OK area. He was a 1957 graduate of Picher-Cardin High School and received his Master's Degree in Education from Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, KS. Dewayne was a teacher, coach and middle school principal at Riverton, Schools in Riverton, KS over 30 years. He also owned and operated Dardene's Five Mile over 20 years, Spring River Inn in Riverton, KS, Riverton Quick

Stop in Riverton, KS, Crown Video in Joplin and Neosho, MO and KMO Video in Pittsburg, KS. He was preceded in death by his wife Ruth Lavern Treece on May 26, 2020 and his parents. Dewayne is survived by 1 son, Joe Treece and his wife Alysia of Rogers, AR, 1 daughter, Kay Fleming and her husband Mike of Pittsburg, KS, 4 grandchildren, Kassie McDaniel, Kendra Graham, Luke Treece and Adam Treece and 5 great-grandchildren, Brooklyn Milligan, Dalton McDaniel, Rilynn Milligan, Blayke McDaniel and Allie Milligan.

Graveside services will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, November 20, 2021 at Hillcrest Cemetery in Galena, KS. Luke Treece, Adam Treece, Dustin McDaniel, Cody Milligan and Dalton McDaniel will serve as pallbearers. The family will receive friends Saturday November 20, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. at Paul Thomas Funeral Home Chapel in Miami, OK. Services have been placed in the care of Paul Thomas Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Miami, OK. Online condolences may be made at www.paulthomasfuneralhomes.com.



Virgil Dee Baker

Virgil Dee Baker, Sr. of Miami, OK passed from this life Monday, November 15, 2021 at Eastwood Manor in Bluejacket, OK to Leslie and Waunita (Melton) Baker. He graduated from

Virgil Dee Baker 1926 - 2021

Vinita High School Class of 1945. After high school, Virgil served in the United States Army in World War II. He had lived in the Miami area over 70 years. Virgil worked for B.F. Goodrich in Miami 38 years and owned and operated Virgil Baker Trucking Company in Miami for 20 years. He was an avid cowboy and loved rodeoing where he was active in all events. He was a member of the American Cowboys Rodeo Association, where he was voted Judge of the Year for A.C.R.A. and where he was a Lifetime Gold Member. Virgil was also a member of Grace Church in Miami, the V.F.W. Post and American Legion Post 147 in Miami. Virgil was married to Rosalee (Osborn) Baker 1947 - 1965. He married Shirley

Dean Buffalo in 1965 and she preceded him in death August 6, 2016. He was also preceded in death by his parents, 1 brother, Edward Baker, 1 sister, Fern Strong and 1 step-grandson. Virgil is survived by 2 sons, David Lee Baker and his wife Cathy of Miami, OK and Virgil Dee Baker, Jr. and his wife Patti of Miami, OK, 3 step-sons, Warren Harkins and his wife Caroline of McAlester, OK, Cade Harkins and his wife Lynda of Pryor, OK and Kim Carrigan and his wife Linda of Miami, OK, 1 sister, Francis Corn of Tulsa, OK, 5 grandchildren, Holly Hollon, Nicholas Baker, Loren Bradach, David Baker, II and Brandon Baker, 5 step-grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, 14 step-great-grandchildren and 2 step-great-great-

grandchildren. Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday, November 20, 2021 at Paul Thomas Funeral Home Chapel in Miami, OK with Rev. Phil Shyers officiating. Interment will follow in Glen Abbey Memorial Gardens in Miami, OK with Hayden Hollon, Jim Hollon, Nicholas Baker, Brandon Baker, David Harkins and Gary Reynolds serving as pallbearers. Military rites will be conducted by Grove Veteran's Ritual Team. The family will receive friends Friday evening from 5 - 6 p.m. at Paul Thomas Funeral Home in Miami. Services have been placed in the care of Paul Thomas Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Miami, OK. Online condolences may be made at www.paulthomasfuneralhomes.com.

BOOK NOTES

New books available from the Miami Public Library include:

100 Things We've Lost to the Internet by Pamela Paul

The acclaimed editor of The New York Times Book Review takes readers on a nostalgic tour of the pre-Internet age, offering powerful insights into both the profound and the seemingly trivial things we've lost.

The Boys: A Memoir of Hollywood and Family by Ron Howard and Clint Howard

Award-winning filmmaker Ron Howard and audience-favorite actor Clint Howard frankly and fondly share their unusual family story of navigating and surviving life as sibling child actors.

Dear Santa by Debbie Macomber

Reading through a box of childhood letters to Santa and reminiscing about what she'd wished for as a young girl, Lindy Carmichael decides to write a new letter to Santa, one that will encourage her to have faith and believe just as she'd done all those years ago.

Forgiving Paris by Karen Kingsbury

Ashley Baxter Blake and her husband are about to take an anniversary trip to Paris, but she is hesitant because twenty years ago she made her most grievous mistake in that same city.

Game On: Tempting Twenty-Eight by Janet Evanovich

Diesel and Stephanie are on the trail of the same fugitive: Oswald Wednesday, an international computer hacker as brilliant as he is ruthless.

The Nameless Ones by John Connolly

In Amsterdam, four bodies, violently butchered, are discovered in a canal house, and Charlie Parker is pulled into a heart-pounding race to hunt down the deadliest of war criminals.

The Pioneer Woman Cooks—Super Easy! By Ree Drummond

Transform your cooking life with 120 recipes that range from effortless breakfasts to breezy skillet meals to speedy soups to ready-in-minutes Tex-Mex delights, so you'll have lots of options for any given meal.

Shoot the Moonlight Out by William Boyle

A haunting crime story about the broken characters inhabiting yesterday's Brooklyn, where the sidewalks are cracked, where Virgin Mary statues tilt in fenced front yards, and where smudges of moonlight reflect in puddles even on the blackest nights.

The Twelve Jays of Christmas by Donna Andrews

Meg Langslow's annual holiday celebration is well underway when one of the guests, Roderick Castlemayne, the irascible wildlife artist, is found murdered in the middle of a blizzard.

Under Jerusalem: The Buried History of the World's Most Contested City by Andrew Lawler

These untold stories of archeological digs near and under Jerusalem's sacred sites convey all the colorful and violent and contentious history of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Ringers

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time slot or slots they want to work. Hillestad said they had about 80 to 100 people who volunteered to be bell ringers last year. While some only did it one day, others will do it every day. "We have some that like to take the same time slot each day," she said. "You can do as many slots as you want to. Some people only do it one time and that's okay, too." Bell ringing is the Miami Salvation Army's biggest fundraiser. Hillestad said they really count on and appreciate all its volunteers. The organization also has various donors and grant monies to help with all its projects. Hillestad said she also coordinates with other local organizations to help those in need. Each time it receives any

funding, she looks for a project that will help the most people. "We're just doing things as we can," said Hillestad. "Doing the best we can with what's in our hands. Do the most good, that's our motto." Time slots for bell ringers run from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday. To volunteer as a bell ringer, people can sign up on the Miami Salvation Army Facebook page at www.facebook.com/MiamiSalvationArmy or go directly to the sign up sheet at <https://signup.com/go/koGTkyA>. For those without access to a computer, Hillestad said they're welcome to text her at 918-961-1150 and she'll be happy to sign them up.

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DEATH NOTICE

Larry Childers, 80, of Miami, O.D. died November 12, 2021. Funeral service 11 a.m., November 17, 2021 in Grove.