A century later, reparations for Greenwood still elusive

BY JANICE FRANCIS-SMITH
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More than 100 years have passed since the Greenwood neighborhood in Tulsa was burned to the ground. Twenty years have passed since a statewide commission recommended economic reparations be made to survivors and descendants of the Tulsa Race Massacre whose homes and businesses were destroyed.

But today, state and local governments in Oklahoma barely have begun to address the economic losses suffered by Black residents and business owners in the massacre.

“The state was complicit, the city was complicit, the county was complicit,” said state Rep. Regina Goodwin, D-Tulsa, herself a descendant of a survivor of the massacre.

On May 31 through June 1, 1921, a mob of white residents – many of them deputized and given weapons by city officials – destroyed what was at the time the wealthiest Black community in the nation, dubbed “Black Wall Street.” Estimates of those killed range from 75 to 300 dead, almost all Black residents of the Greenwood neighborhood. Property losses included more than 1,200 homes, 191 businesses, a junior high school, several churches, and the only hospital in the district.

The Red Cross issued reports on the incident in 1921 that noted that the following year, local residents filed more than $1.8 million in riot-related claims against the city – an amount equivalent to nearly $30 million today.

City officials at the time disallowed almost all of the claims and encumbered the rebuilding effort so that the neighborhood never returned to its former glory.

Two armed men walk away from burning buildings as others walk in the opposite direction during the June 1, 1921, Tulsa Race Massacre. DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL COLLECTIONS, MCFARLIN LIBRARY, THE UNIVERSITY OF TULSA VIA AP

Williams reports record earnings for quarter, year

BY JOURNAL RECORD STAFF
TULSA – Williams broke records on earnings related to natural gas delivery in 2021, the company announced Tuesday.

Commenting on results reported for the fourth quarter and full year, Williams President and CEO Alan Armstrong said growth experienced across all three of Tulsa-based Williams’ major business segments resulted in the company surpassing financial guidance despite raising it twice during the past year.

Highlights of unaudited results for the full year that ended Dec. 31 included:
• Net income of $1.514 billion, or $1.24 per diluted share.
• Adjusted net income of $1.658 billion, or $1.36 per diluted share – up 24% from 2020.
• Adjusted earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, or EBITDA, of $5.635 billion – up $530 million or 10% from 2020.
• Cash flow from operations of $3.945 billion – up 13% from the prior year.
• Available funds from operations of $4.073 billion – up 12% from 2020.

For the fourth quarter, the company reported highlights including:
• Net income of $621 million, or 51 cents per diluted share.
• Adjusted net income of $476 million, or 39 cents per diluted share – up 25% and 26%, respectively from the fourth quarter of 2020.
• Adjusted EBITDA of $1.483 billion – up $147 million or 11% from the same quarter of 2020.

In addition to financial results, the company reported on several executed strategic transactions and expansion projects. Among other things, Williams:
• Finalized upstream joint ventures with Geosouthern in the Haynesville region and with Crowheart in Wamsutter.
• Closed on acquisition of Sequent Energy Management.
• Signed agreements for Whale and Shenandoah Deepwater Gulf of Mexico expansions.
• Advanced 13 solar projects with a current total of 34 megawatts.

Armstrong said Williams also earned top rankings for environmental, social and corporate governance, or ESG.

In addition to record financial and operational success in 2021, we received top ESG rankings for the midstream sector and won a prestigious award for industry leadership,” he said. “We also kicked off a multi-year modernization and emissions reduction program across our transmission network as part of our long-term commitment to safe, reliable and environmentally friendly operations.

Furthermore, we expanded our efforts to invest in...
Equalization Board certifies $10.49B in state revenues

OKLAHOMA CITY (IR) – The Oklahoma Board of Equalization met on Tuesday to certify revenues available for appropriation for the fiscal year 2023 budget. The amount initially certified in December was $10.3 billion. The amount certified Tuesday was $10.49 billion.

“The revenue figures show Oklahoma’s economy is still strong, but I emphatically believe it is in the best interest of the state that we continue to take a fiscally conservative approach. It’s important to remember that of the $10.49 billion certified, nearly $1.3 billion is made up of one-time carryover funds and special cash from previous sessions,” Senate Appropriations Chairman Roger Thompson, R-Oke-mah, said in a statement. “Oklahoma has continued to benefit from federal dollars related to the pandemic, which helped these numbers. Knowing that will change, and that energy prices will not always remain as high as they are now, we must be cautious in our approach to the budget.”

Thompson said the state needs to continue to boost savings for emergency and to make careful decisions while the economy is strong to ensure that it remains prepared for whatever may come in the next few years.

Democrats on the Senate Finance Committee also responded to the BOE’s certification.

“We have a mountain of need, especially when we look at the long-term impact of the pandemic,” said state Sen. Julia Kirt, D-Oklahoma City. “Oklahomans face huge mental health effects. Uncertain economic impacts will continue to have a ripple effect. Our public schools face incredible challenges being resilient and serving our students.

“Oklahomans have needs that require immediate, increased, and sustained investment,” Kirt continued. “(They) are counting on us to make responsible and courageous decisions that will create greater opportunities for future generations of Oklahomans.”

Added state Sen. Carri Hicks, D-Oklahoma City: “Going forward, we believe we will see the greatest return on investment if our tax dollars are used to help the people most impacted by the pandemic. Increased investment in our state’s most critical needs will boost economic growth and reduce poverty. Taxpayers expect the Legislature to make smart investments, not stash our tax dollars in government savings accounts, leaving much needed funding on the table.”
Stocks slide further amid Ukraine crisis; S&P in correction

NEW YORK (AP) – Stocks closed broadly lower Tuesday after Russia sent forces into Ukraine's eastern region and the U.S., European Union and U.K. responded with economic sanctions.

The rising geopolitical tensions kept financial markets on edge, pulling the S&P 500 into a correction – Wall Street speak for a drop of at least 10% from its recent peak, but no more than 20%.

The benchmark index fell 44.11 points, or 1%, to 4,304.76. That puts it 10.3% below the all-time high it set on Jan. 3. The last correction for the index was in the spring of 2020, as the pandemic upended the global economy. That correction worsened into a bear market – a decline of 20% or more – as the S&P 500 sank nearly 34% in about a month.

“We’re overdue, and right now the market has been knocked for a loop from the one-two punch of higher interest rates plus geopolitical tensions,” said Sam Stovall, chief investment strategist at CFRA.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 246.61 points, or 0.7%, to 33,671.31.

The S&P 500 is complete but not yet operating. It has a key market for Gazprom, whose sales support the Russian government budget. Europe needs gas because it’s replacing decommissioned coal and nuclear plants before renewable energy sources such as wind and solar are sufficiently built up.

• The U.S., European NATO allies such as Poland, and Ukraine have opposed Nord Stream 2 going back. Before the Biden administration, saying it increases Europe’s dependence on Russian gas and gives Russia the possibility of using gas as a geopolitical weapon. Europe imports most of its gas and gets roughly 40% of its supply from Russia. The pipeline, which went forward under Merkel, has been an irritant in U.S.-German relations. Biden waived sanctions against the pipeline’s operator but said he would offer an agreement from Germany to take action against Russia if it used gas as a weapon or attacks Ukraine.

• While Europe needs Russian gas, Gazprom also needs the European market. That interdependence is why many think Russia won’t cut off supplies to Europe even if the Ukraine conflict escalates further, and Russian officials have underlined they have no intention to do that. Meanwhile, the Ukraine crisis, on top of a winter shortage, has already given European governments more reason to find their gas somewhere else, such as through liquefied gas brought by ship from the U.S., Algeria and other places.

Germany puts pause on Nord Stream 2 pipeline

BY DAVID MCHUGH
Associated Press

FRANKFURT, Germany – German Chancellor Olaf Scholz has suspended the certification process for the Nord Stream 2 natural gas pipeline after Russia recognized separatist-held regions in eastern Ukraine, with the West fearing a full-scale invasion is next.

The undersea pipeline directly links Russian gas to Europe via Germany and is complete but not yet operating. It has become a major target as Western governments try to exert leverage on Russia to deter further military moves against its neighbor.

Here are key things to understand about the pipeline:

• It’s a 764-mile-long natural gas pipeline under the Baltic Sea, running from Russia to Germany’s Baltic coast.

It runs parallel to an earlier Nord Stream pipeline and would double its capacity, to 110 billion cubic meters of gas a year. It means Gazprom can send gas to Europe’s pipeline system without using existing pipelines running through Ukraine and Poland.

The pipeline has been filled with gas but had been awaiting approval by Germany and the European Commission. Germany’s utility regulator was reviewing the pipeline for compliance with European regulations.

Scholz said Tuesday he was suspending.

Germany was required to submit a report on how the pipeline would affect energy security, and Scholz said that report was being withdrawn.

• Russia’s state-owned gas giant Gazprom says it will meet Europe’s growing need for affordable natural gas and complement existing pipelines through Belarus and Ukraine. Nord Stream 2 would offer an alternative to Ukraine’s aging system that Gazprom says needs refurbishment. Lower costs by saving transit fees paid to Ukraine, and avoid episodes like brief 2006 and 2009 gas cutoffs over price and payment disputes between Russia and Ukraine. Europe is a key market for Gazprom, whose sales support the Russian government budget.

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USDA head: US farmers to help if Ukraine exports threatened

BY ISABEL DEBRE
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American wheat farmers will boost production and prevent supply chain problems in the event that a possible Russian invasion of Ukraine chokes off agricultural exports from the global grains powerhouse, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack said.

Vilsack told The Associated Press that a conflict in Ukraine would present an “opportunity, obviously, for us to step in and help our partners, help them through a difficult time and situation.”

“We'll obviously continue to look for opportunities to expand those (export) markets,” Vilsack said.

A Russian invasion and blockade of Ukraine could jeopardize the country’s crucial wheat exports, which account for 12% of the world’s total, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Ukraine also is estimated to supply 16% of the world’s corn exports this year. Its grain production has boomed over the last decade. Last year, the state harvested nearly 33 million metric tons of wheat, the USDA reported, a stark increase from the previous year.

The mounting tensions and militarization along the Russia-Ukraine border, along with pandemic-induced supply chain backlogs and spikes in fertilizer and farm equipment costs, helped push wheat prices to their highest level in nearly a decade last year.

A bushel of wheat was trading in Chicago at over $8.00 on Saturday – just below the multi-year high hit last year. The price of a bushel of corn climbed 0.5% on Saturday to exceed $7.00.

The disruption in commodity markets wrought by an invasion would most directly affect the biggest buyers of Ukrainian wheat in South Asia, Europe, Africa and the Middle East. Countries like Egypt, depend on wheat imports to provide subsidized bread to impoverished populations. That raises the risk of political and economic turmoil if those countries have to pay more to ship wheat from the U.S. or farther afield.

“We certainly hope that doesn’t happen,” Vilsack said of a potential conflict. “I wouldn’t expect and anticipate that American consumers are necessarily going to see a direct impact, but European consumers, I think that’s a different story.”
Oklahoma State wins ‘Tree Campus’ designation

STILLWATER — For the 11th year in a row, the Arbor Day Foundation has recognized Oklahoma State University for its commitment to effective urban forest management. The Arbor Day Foundation is the world’s largest membership nonprofit dedicated to planting trees. Its Tree Campus Higher Education program was launched in 2008 to encourage colleges and universities to plant trees on campuses. Earlier this month, the organization named OSU to its 2021 Tree Campus Higher Education list. “Always only play a vital role in the environment but also in our daily lives,” said Dan Lambe, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. “Having trees on college and university campuses is a great way to show a commitment to students’ and faculty’s overall well-being.”

OKLAHOMA CITY
CREC conference postponed

The 2023 CREC Forecast Conference scheduled for Thursday in downtown Oklahoma City has been postponed.

OKLAHOMA CITY
AG urges Mayorks to quit

Oklahoma Attorney General John O’Connor has joined a statewide effort led by Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody to get U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas to resign. A coalition of 14 state attorneys general said failed leadership by Mayorkas has resulted in a disaster at the southwest border and led to a national security crisis. “Secretary Mayorkas’ failure to enforce federal law and deliver on the core mission of DHS has magnified an uncontrolled border crisis,” O’Connor said in a statement Tuesday.

OKLAHOMA CITY
Anti-abortion bills advance in Senate

An Oklahoma Senate committee approved five anti-abortion bills, including one that would ban abortions 30 days after conception, before many women know they’re pregnant.

Norman
Engineering open house postponed

Due to concerns about potential severe weather, an Engineering Open House planned this week by the Gallogly College of Engineering at the University of Oklahoma has been postponed.

Tulsa
Students set for deep dive into science

More than 150 students from the Tulsa area will take a deep dive into science on Saturday when they participate in an aquatic robot competition, part of the annual SeaPerch Challenge to play out at the Tandy YMCA, 5005 S. Darlington Ave. in Tulsa.

Holly Energy Partners LP reported financial results on Tuesday for the fourth quarter of 2021. Net income attributable to HEP for the quarter was $45.6 million, amounting to 43 cents per basic and diluted limited partner unit. That compared to $51.3 million in earnings or 49 cents per unit reported for the fourth quarter of 2020. Distributable cash flow was $63.1 million for the quarter, a decrease of $6.9 million, or 9.9%, compared to the fourth quarter of 2020, HEP said in a release.

The decrease in net income was mainly due to lower volumes on pipeline systems, lower revenues attributed to HollyFrontier Corp’s conversion of its Cheyenne refinery to renewable diesel production and to higher operating expenses. Revenues from crude pipelines were $125.6 million, an increase of $6.7 million compared to the year ended Dec. 31, 2020. Shipments averaged 408,600 barrels per day, compared to 387,700 barrels per day. The increases were mainly attributable to increased volumes on systems in Wyoming and Utah partially offset by lower volumes on pipeline systems servicing HollyFrontier’s Navajo refinery.

Volumes also increased due to the addition of volumes on the Cushing Connect Pipeline in Oklahoma, which went into service at the end of the third quarter of 2021.

“HEP delivered another quarter of strong operational performance and solid financial results despite the planned turnaround and unplanned maintenance at HollyFrontier’s Navajo refinery,” HEP Chief Executive Officer Michael Jennings said. “Looking forward, we expect to hold the quarterly distribution constant at 35 cents per unit during 2022, and we remain committed to our distribution strategy focused on funding all capital expenditures and distributions within operating cash flow and maintaining distributable cash flow coverage of 1.3 times or greater.”
OK, who celebrates fifth?

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For the fifth year in a row, Bank of America has shared the success of our company with our employees with a valuable Sharing Success compensation award.

To recognize the team’s hard work, this award is over and above regular compensation. And this year, we’re proud to commemorate a first — nearly all these awards are in Bank of America stock.

That means 97% of our employees shared $1 billion worth of Bank of America stock this year, above regular compensation.

“I want to thank my teammates here in Oklahoma City for their continued hard work and dedication.

While other banks might make awards like ours every once in a while, I’m proud to work for an organization that has rewarded our employees for five years in a row. Because success is better when it’s shared.”

Tony N. Shinn
President, Bank of America Oklahoma City

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ON THE TOWN

‘The Perfect Shot’ and more art to enjoy in OKC

If you’re interested in art, here’s your chance to see a variety of it in Oklahoma City and beyond.

On March 5, the Oklahoma City Museum of Art will open “The Perfect Shot: Walter looss Jr. and the Art of Sports Photography”, which will feature more than 80 sports photographs from Los Angeles to the moon, decades of photographing athletes for Sports Illustrated. For information, go to okcmoa.com.

The National Cowboy Hall of Fame and Western Heritage Museum opened an exhibit called “Western Wares and the Perfect Shot” later this month, but I wanted you to put them on your to-see list. I also mentioned Oklahoma Contemporary’s “Off the Wall” and the Oklahoma Visual Arts Coalition’s “Momentum” in Monday’s column.

Here are additional arts-related events happening this week:

Oklahoma City University’s Norick Art Center will feature photography of Sam Charboneau in its new exhibit “Domestic Inquiries” Wednesday through Aug. 12 in the art center’s Nona Jean Hulsey Gallery, 1608 NW 26th St. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. Admission is free.

Charboneau pulls inspiration from stop-motion animators, building sets and sets and bringing her seriously-lit, lighthearted dreams into reality. The artist recently completed a yearlong residency in the Paseo Arts District, and she was one of the first artists to display work at the Oklahoma Contemporary when it opened in 2020.

In Broken Arrow, Northeastern State University’s “Black Moon” exhibit closes Friday. The exhibit showcases work from Tulsa’s Black Moon collective as part of the university’s Black History Month celebration. The group focuses on breaking standards, pushing innovation and cultivating creativity through art.

See it in the Administrative Services Building Visitors’ Center Gallery on the NSU Brody Plexus campus, open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. For more events, go to the “NSU Office of Diversity and Inclusion” Facebook page.

Artspace at Untitled in Oklahoma City is showcasing its Mentorship students’ art during a sixth annual showcase exhibition for their art that opens Thursday with a reception from 5-8 p.m. The exhibit will be on display in both galleries through March 27. During the reception, enjoy hors d’oeuvres donated by Bar Cichetti, live relief printing by Cori Crawford, live letterpress prints from Alexandra Rivas and Clover Bitting-Cheek’s live portraits of guests for $7 apiece. Las Vegas Airport will provide music from 7 to 8 p.m.

The exhibition will display works created in the Mentorship Program and after-school programming that Artspace offers to the schools Astec Charter School, Emerson South Alternative School, Mission Academy, Southeast High School, Northwest Classen High School, Douglass High School, Classen SAS High School, Harding Fine Arts Academy, Santa Fe South High School and Mount St. Mary Catholic High School. For information, go to 1ne3.org.

Have an item, idea or event for On the Town? Email lillie.beth@yahooy.com.

CAPITAL PERSPECTIVES

Check your privilege – a case for Bitcoin

Check your privilege. We don’t even stop to consider that when we need to store or transmit economic value we rely on centralized institutions to act as a trusted third party to ensure our assets remain safe, secure and go where they’re supposed to go. This reliance is ingrained in our daily existence. Many of us Westerners are privileged to not even have to think about it.

We are not among the “unbanked.” We can open a federally insured bank account with little effort. We can secure a credit card with generous rewards for its use. For us, the idea that we could use the Bitcoin network to store our hard-earned economic value and send it to anyone in the world without needing a trusted third party seems totally foreign. Not everyone is so lucky.

A staggering 7.1 million U.S. households were unbanked in 2019, according to the FDIC. These households often rely on check-cashing and money transmitting services like those offered by companies such as Western Union that charge truly exorbitant fees. It’s hard to get ahead financially if you must pay up to double-digit percentage fees to transfer funds. Bitcoin fixes this.

The unbanked population in the U.S. pales in comparison to that of poorer countries around the world. Many countries have populations dependent upon receiving funds from family living and working in foreign countries. In Canada right now who would speak to the perils of trusting the banking system to provide access and security for their funds. If you disagree with the truckers’ grievances, I’m sure you can find a different, recent group of protesters that you sympathize with. How would you feel if the authorities invoked emergency authority to freeze their funds? The invocation of emergency powers such that a government can freeze the assets of its protesting citizens without due process in the court system is a chilling precedent. Bitcoin, with proper self-custody in place, can fix this.

In 1998, Nobel Prize-winner Paul Krugman predicted “by 2005 or so, it will become clear that the Internet’s impact on the economy has been no greater than the fax machine’s.” It’s natural to be confused about a new technology and its implications. Bitcoin is unlike anything that came before it. It is the best form of money ever conceived. It has the potential to reshape society for the better. Here’s hoping.

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Broyles apologizes for drunken behavior at sleepover

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) – A U.S. House candidate in Oklahoma has apologized after reports that she became intoxicated at a Valentine’s Day weekend sleepover for middle-school-aged girls, berated several of the children and vomited in a hamper.

Democrat Abby Broyles, 32, told television station KFOR that she had an adverse reaction after drinking wine and taking sleep medication given to her by a friend.

“Instead of helping me sleep, I hallucinated,” Broyles told the station in a televised interview. “And I don’t remember anything until I woke up or came to, and I was throwing up in a hamper.”

She said she was invited to the slumber party by a good friend from law school who was the mother of one of the girls.

Parents and at least one of the girls who were at the sleepover told the online news outlet NonDoc, which first reported the story, that Broyles used profanity and berated several of the 12- and 13-year-old girls at the party, commenting on one girl’s acne and another’s Hispanic ethnicity.

The parent of one of the girls, Sarah Matthews, tweeted last week that she was disappointed and that Broyles had not reached out to the girls to apologize.

“For someone who pontificates to be undyingly pro woman, I am disgusted by your behavior and find it appalling you couldn’t understand why their parents are angry,” Matthews wrote.

Broyles, who initially denied to NonDoc that she had attended the party, apologized last week during her interview with KFOR, a news channel for which she used to work as a journalist.

“I want to say sorry from the bottom of my heart, I apologize for any hurt or damage or trauma that my behavior, when I didn’t know what I was doing, caused,” Broyles said. “I’m deeply sorry.”

In a statement provided to The Associated Press on Tuesday, Broyles said she doesn’t believe she would have said the things she’s accused of saying and that she has no plans to drop out of the race.

“The things I’m accused to have said are not who I am. They’re not a reflection of my beliefs at all,” Broyles said. “It’s clear this media smear campaign is politically backed, and I won’t stop fighting for Oklahomans.”

Broyles, an attorney who was the Democratic nominee for U.S. Senate from Oklahoma in 2020, announced last year she planned to run against Republican U.S. Rep. Stephanie Bice for the 5th Congressional District that includes Oklahoma City.

CareerTech board names interim state director

BY JOURNAL RECORD STAFF

OKLAHOMA CITY – An interim director has been named to lead Oklahoma’s CareerTech System following the March 1 departure of current director Marcie Mack.

Lee Denney, a veterinarian, educator, former longtime state lawmaker and advocate for energy, tourism and other avenues of economic development, was named by members of the State Board of Career and Technology Education to provide oversight of 29 tech center districts until a new permanent director can be found.

In a release, CareerTech board members also said that they’ve created a subcommittee to call a search firm to look nationwide for a permanent CareerTech director. They identified the three subcommittee members as Randy Gilbert, Brian Bobek and Edward Hilliary Jr.

Mack announced last month that she would leave the director’s post to take a position as manager of talent development at the Oklahoma State University-Stillwater, subcommittee members’ release said.

After leaving the Oklahoma House of Representatives, Denney served as chair of the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women and Payne County Youth Services.

Denney earned both a bachelor’s degree in agricultural economics and a doctorate of veterinary medicine degree from Oklahoma State University.

“I would like to thank Dr. Mack for her dedicated service to CareerTech. She has been an outstanding director, and I am grateful to know she will be continuing her work in developing and improving Oklahoma’s workforce,” Denney said in a statement.
Global humanitarian leader Dr. Paul Farmer dies at 62

BOSTON (AP) — Dr. Paul Farmer, a U.S. physician, humanitarian and author renowned for providing health care to millions of impoverished people worldwide and who co-founded the global nonprofit Partners in Health, has died. He was 62.

The Boston-based organization confirmed Farmer’s death on Monday, calling it “devastating.” He unexpectedly passed away in his sleep from an acute cardiac event while in Rwanda, where he had been teaching.

Farmer was a professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School and chief of the division of global health equity at Brigham and Women’s Hospital. He wrote extensively on health, human rights and social inequality, according to Partners in Health.

“A compassionate physician and infectious disease specialist, a brilliant and influential medical anthropologist, and among the greatest humanitarians of our time — perhaps all time — Paul dedicated his life to improving human health and advocating for health equity and social justice on a global scale,” wrote George Q. Daley, dean of Harvard University’s Faculty of Medicine, in a statement.

Partners in Health, founded in 1987, said its mission is “to provide a preferential option for the poor in health care.” The organization began its work in Cange, a rural village in Haiti’s central plateau, and later expanded its operations to regions including Africa, Eastern Europe and Latin America.

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Tracy Kidder, who wrote the nonfiction book Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, A Man Who Would Cure the World, told The Associated Press the two traveled together for a month as Farmer treated prisoners and impoverished people in Haiti, Moscow and Paris.

“He was an important figure in the world,” Kidder said. “He had a way of looking around corners and of connecting things. He couldn’t obviously go and cure the whole world all by himself, but he could, with help of his friends, give proof of possibility.”

One of Kidder’s strongest memories of Farmer occurred in Peru, where the doctor was treating patients with multidrug-resistant tuberculosis. Kidder recalled a woman wearing a Mickey Mouse shirt who followed them to their car, looking very shy.

With her head down, she said, “Thank you,” to Farmer in Spanish. Kidder recalled: “Paul turned, took each of her hands in his and said, ‘For me, it is a privilege,’ in Spanish.”

He added that Farmer was instrumental in getting AIDS treatments, and created various health systems around the world.

“It really humiliates the nay-sayers, who think it’s somehow OK for some people to get health care and others not,” Kidder said. “It just drove him nuts.”

Michelle Karshan, vice president of a nonprofit prison health care system in Haiti who worked closely with Farmer, said he was determined, innovative and always knew how to get around obstacles and bureaucracy.

“He didn’t take no for an answer,” she said. “He didn’t think anybody was too poor or too illiterate to be entitled to receive health care.”

She noted that when the World Health Organization resisted giving HIV medication to people who were illiterate in Haiti for fear they would not know when or how to take it, Farmer set up his own program and created a chart that relied on the sun’s position. He also hired people known as “accompaniers,” who would hike through Haiti’s rough mountainous terrain to make sure patients had water, food and were taking their medications.

“I’m so sad for all the people who are not going to have him in their lives. He was there for everybody,” Karshan said.

Haiti’s Prime Minister Ariel Henry praised Farmer’s work, as did former U.S. President Bill Clinton.

“Paul Farmer changed the way health care is delivered in the most impoverished places on Earth. He saw every day as a new opportunity to see every person as an individual and always knew how to get around obstacles and bureaucracy. He was an important figure in the world,” Clinton said in a statement.

At the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, with thousands of cases reported daily in Massachusetts, local health departments were overwhelmed by the task of contact tracing to help slow the spread of the disease.

The state launched a contact tracing collaborative in April 2020, and asked Partners in Health to lead the initiative, which made more than 2.7 million calls a month — at a total cost of about $158 million, according to the state.

Farmer is survived by his Haitian wife, Didi Bertrand Farmer, and their three children.

NY won’t enforce booster mandate for health care workers

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — New York will not enforce its mandate requiring health care workers to get COVID-19 boosters in light of concerns about staffing shortages, state health officials said.

Gov. Kathy Hochul pointed to a troubling rise in breakthrough infections when she announced the mandate in January. The Democrat’s administration set a deadline of Feb. 21.

But state health commissioner Mary Bassett said the decision to drop enforcement of the mandate reflects the reality that booster rates remain far below 100% in nursing homes and hospitals.

“Nursing homes and hospitals in New York have vaccinated nearly all employees, but health experts worry that booster rates are too low to protect against future surges as a vaccination’s efficacy wanes over time. COVID-19 vaccine booster shots provide 90% protection against hospitalization, according to data published by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention last month.”

About 43% of roughly 146,000 nursing home staff across New York were fully vaccinated with a booster shot, according to The Associated Press’ analysis of the latest state Department of Health data released Wednesday.

“Three days were not going to be enough,” Hochul first announced the booster mandate.

Still, several dozen nursing homes reported as few as 0% of workers with booster shots, with rates lowest in Brooklynn as well as upstate counties in the Finger Lakes, central and northern New York.

Meanwhile, 54% of 314,000 hospital staff have booster shots, according to state data. Fewer than one-third of workers reportedly had booster shots at two dozen hospitals from the Bronx, to Rockland County, to Ulster, to Erie County.

State health officials are pointing to a roster figure: the number of staff who have a booster shot or say they’re willing.

“While we are making progress with 75% of staff received or are willing to receive their booster, the reality is that not enough healthcare workers will be boosted by next week’s requirement in order to avoid substantial staffing issues in our already overstressed healthcare system,” Bassett said in a statement.

In recent weeks, health care industry leaders — including Greater New York Hospital Association President Kenneth Raske — have urged the state to rethink the mandate.

“The state has recently heard from numerous stakeholders about how enforcement of the booster mandate could exacerbate New York’s health care staffing shortage, which is the subject of a declared emergency,” Raske said in a statement.

LeadingAge New York CEO Jim Clyne praised New York’s move to halt enforcement of the mandate as “smart.”

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Pelé in hospital in Brazil
SAO PAULO — Pelé has extended a scheduled hospital stay due to a urinary infection. The 81-year-old Pelé went in on Feb. 13 to continue treatment for his colon cancer, and days later doctors found the infection, Hospital Albert Einstein in Sao Paulo said in a statement on Monday.

“His clinical conditions are stable, and his release should take place on the next few days,” the hospital said.

Pelé has had chemotherapy to treat the tumor that was found during routine exams at the end of August. He was briefly in intensive care shortly after the surgery on his colon, and has since recovered. He was discharged on Sept. 30, almost one month after being hospitalized, but has spent more days in hospital since.

Pelé had been recovering at his home in Guarujá, outside Sao Paulo. He posted on social media several updates on his improving health.

Pelé won the 1958, 1962 and 1970 World Cups and remains Brazil’s all-time leading scorer with 77 in 92 matches.

$2.2M grant to address nursing burnout
OMAHA, Neb. – The University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Nursing has received a $2.2 million federal grant to address burnout among the state’s nurses as the coronavirus pandemic stretches into a third year.

The three-year grant is funded through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Health Resources and Services, the Omaha World-Herald reported. It’s part of an estimated $103 million in coronavirus relief funding to reduce burnout and promote mental health among the nation’s health care workforce.

The school’s initiative will focus on nursing students and nurses and their employers in rural and medically underserved areas in hopes of reversing nursing shortages, said Alyson Hanish, an assistant professor in UNMC’s nursing college.

“We had a nursing shortage before the pandemic, but the pandemic has exacerbated it,” Hanish said. “We want to retain nurses, but then keep them healthy and well so that they have to long professional careers in nursing.”

The effort will see deployment of a stress management program developed by Dr. Rebecca Wysoske and others in UNMC’s psychiatry department that will be tailored to meet the needs of nursing students and working nurses. It includes ways to manage acute stress and reduce chronic stress.

The program will be implemented across all five campuses of UNMC’s nursing college. For working nurses, they will focus primarily on the state’s smaller hospitals and offer the program both as wellness training and free continuing education credits.

Pope hails health care workers as heroes
VATICAN CITY — Pope Francis on Sunday hailed health care workers as heroes for their service every day, not just during the pandemic, asking the public in St. Peter’s Square to join him in applause.

Francis offered his thanks in what he said was a “great thank you” for health workers, including volunteers, who care for the sick. Italy was marking Sunday as a national day to pay tribute to health care workers.

The national professional association of doctors and dentists counts 370 physicians who have died of COVID-19 in Italy.

“We must recall the many doctors, nurses, volunteers, who are close to the sick, treat them, make them feel better, help them;” Francis said in his weekly appearance from a window of the Apostolic Palace overlooking the square.

No one saves themselves, Francis said. “In illness we need someone who saves us, who helps us.”

He hailed “the heroic health care personnel, who made plain this heroism in COVID times, but the heroism remains every day.”

For our doctors, nurses, volunteers, applause and a great thank you,” Francis said. He then started clapping and hundreds of people in the square below did, too.

ME resigns amid backlog of autopsies
ANNAPOlis, Md. – Maryland’s chief medical examiner resigned Friday amid a backlog of autopsies and the departures of staff members.

Dr. Victor Weeden wrote in a short email that his resignation was effective Friday, according to Bruce Goldfarb, a spokesperson for the medical examiner’s office.

The Maryland Post Mortem Examiners Commission announced that Dr. Pamela Southall will serve as the interim chief, effective immediately.

“The Post Mortem Examiners Commission welcomes Dr. Southall and looks forward to her leadership at the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) during a critical time,” the commission said in a news release.

In recent weeks, the health department has coordinated with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide assistance from additional pathology professionals.

“In her new role, Dr. Southall will lead the office’s efforts to review caseloads and work begun by the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) to recruit forensic pathologists and secure additional resources for the office while maintaining efficient operations,” the commission said in a news release.

The medical examiner’s office sought help earlier this month in managing a backlog of more than 200 bodies awaiting autopsies. The backlog began in mid-December but has gotten significantly worse since then.

The office is responsible for determining the cause and manner of death if a person is not under the care of a physician. If the death is unexpected or occurs under suspicious or unusual circumstances.

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson speaks during a media briefing in Downing Street in London on Monday to outline the government’s new long-term COVID-19 plan. Tolga Akmen/Pool via AP

COVID-19 restrictions lifted in Britain
LONDON– British Prime Minister Boris Johnson is scrapping the last domestic coronavirus restrictions in England, including the requirement for people with COVID-19 to self-isolate, even as he acknowledged Monday the potential for new and more deadly variants of the virus.

Johnson told lawmakers in the House of Commons that the country was “moving from government restrictions to personal responsibility” as part of a plan for treating COVID-19 like other transmissible illnesses such as flu.

He said it marked an end to “two of the darkest, grimmest years in our peacetime history.”

“This is not the day we can declare victory over COVID, because this virus is resilient, it’s adaptive, it will spread,” Johnson said at a televised news conference. “But it is the day when all the efforts of the last two years finally enabled us to protect ourselves whilst restoring our liberties in full.”

Johnson confirmed that mandatory self-isolation for people with COVID-19 will end Thursday and the routine tracing of infected people’s contacts will stop. People will still be advised to stay home if they are sick – but will no longer get extra financial support.

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enough time to get enough boosted staff members to serve the residents and patients we have to serve,” he said.

New York already requires health care workers to get vaccinated, with exemptions for workers who have a medical reason for not being eligible to receive the shot. The state was set to join a few states that have announced plans to require boosters for health care workers, including California, Connecticut and New Mexico.

In Connecticut, fear of staffing shortages also led to the General Assembly’s vote last week to extend the deadline for Lomon’s executive order that requires nursing home staff be fully vaccinated with a booster shot. They faced a Feb. 11 deadline to get a booster, but the legislation extended it to March 7.

Since December, Hochul’s administration has forced several dozen short-staffed hospitals to halt elective surgeries. Fewer hospitals have faced such restrictions as staffing crunches ease.

Bassett said state health officials will take another look at the booster mandate in three months to decide whether New York should take more steps to increase booster rates.

She also said the state will work with hospital and long-term care home leadership on potential ways to expand access to boosters.

Clyne said that could include ways to offer more vaccination opportunities at assisted living homes.

But he said the biggest hurdle remains figuring out how to fight against false and misleading statements about the COVID-19 booster spread on social media, particularly in rural and minority communities.

“Education is the biggest issue,” Clyne said. “It just takes time.”
Survivors offer hope for people addicted to painkillers

FREDERICSBURG, Va. (AP) — Two years ago, Craig Lopez sat in an audience, listening to speakers talk about the grip addiction had on their lives and the years – sometimes decades – it took to break that hold.

He knew the storyline all too well, both as an addict and the parent of one. After back surgeries from an auto accident and injuries from playing sports, Lopez, who’d been drafted years earlier by the Baltimore Orioles, misused pills prescribed for the pain.

“I was probably taking enough to kill a small herd of elephants every day,” he said.

But no one knew his secret. He was too good at hiding behind the various masks he wore, as a husband and father, physical education teacher and successful football coach at Mountain View High School in Stafford County. He also considered himself a man of God, but felt he didn’t deserve love from a supreme being – or anyone for that matter – given the way narcotics ruled him.

Lopez decided to stop the lie and end his life.

“I had no self-worth, no self-esteem and I felt like I had let everybody down,” he said. “I did everything in my power to be off the face of this planet.”

Five years ago this May – he remembers it like it was yesterday – the father of three left his home in Fredericksburg and headed south. He bought a fish sandwich, paid cash for a hotel room in Thornburg, then chewed up every pill he had. He chanced down the mix of pain and sleeping medication with a half-gallon of rum.

When he miraculously survived the suicide attempt, Lopez became a changed man. He was determined to learn how to open up to those close to him as well as share his story with strangers. Maybe he could spare someone else from the almost-death spiral that he endured.

“I truly am a walking miracle, to be honest with you,” he said. “Even with the horror of my story, whether people accept it or don’t accept it, it’s a gift to be able to share it.”

Lopez will be one of several speakers at “Inspiring Hope,” a Feb. 26 event in which participants will describe the toll addiction has taken on their lives and how they were able to recover. In addition to his own experience, he’ll also address another byproduct of addiction – something he felt at the first “Inspiring Hope” event in February 2020, when he was in the audience with other grieving parents.

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“Drug dealers can sell you low-crap fentanyl and you might be getting that one grain of sand,” she said. “When we get a batch of bad dope in town, we lose five or 10 people a week.”

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Greg Traber agrees. He’s a substance abuse counselor – and former addict – who is helping to sponsor “Inspiring Hope” with his wife, Penny.

“The way our society is, with the pressure and the stress and everything going on with COVID, it seems like such a hopeless world we’re living in right now,” he said.

That’s why the Trabers wanted to present their event again this year and to give participants the chance to see and greet each other in person, not virtually. Greg Traber and other counselors often quote a British journalist who says that the opposite of addiction isn’t sobriety. It’s community.

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US virus cases, hospitalizations continue steady decline

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Average daily COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations are continuing to fall in the U.S., an indicator that the omicron variant's hold is weakening across the country.

Total confirmed cases reported Saturday barely exceeded 100,000, a sharp downturn from around 800,850 five weeks ago on Jan. 16, according to Johns Hopkins University data.

In New York, the number of cases went down by more than 50% over the last two weeks.

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COVID-19 hospitalizations are down from a national seven-day average of 146,534 on Jan. 20 to 80,185 the week ending in Feb 13, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention COVID data tracker.

Public health experts say they are feeling hopeful that more declines are ahead and that the country is shifting from being in a pandemic to an "endemic" that is more manageable.

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COLUMBUS, Ohio – The trial of an Ohio doctor accused in multiple hospital deaths began Tuesday with the defendant turning himself in, likely medical experts, as well as additional defense witnesses.

The long-anticipated trial began minutes after assistant Franklin County prosecutor David Zeyen told Judge Michael Holbrook that hed discussed the possibility with Husel's attorneys of a plea deal that would have reduced murder charges to reckless homicide.

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One can only estimate the generational wealth and opportunities lost to the survivors and descendants of the neighborhood, Goodwin said.

The massacre was all but lost to history before Tulsa lawmakers spearheaded a commission more than 20 years ago to study what was then called the Tulsa Race Riot, issuing its final report Feb. 28, 2001.

“This Commission fully understands that it is neither judge nor jury,” reads the final report, issued to then-Gov. Frank Keating, former Tulsa Mayor Susan Savage, and other state leaders. “We have no binding legal authority to assign culpability, to determine damages, to establish a remedy, or to order either restitution or reparations.

“However, in our interim report in February, 2000 the majority of Commissioners declared that reparations to the historic Greenwood community in real and tangible form would be good public policy and do much to repair the emotional and physical scars of this terrible incident in our shared past,” the report reads.

The commissioners recommended courses of action to include direct payments to riot survivors and descendants, a scholarship fund available to students affected by the riot, establishment of an economic development enterprise zone in the historic Greenwood district, and a memorial for the riot victims.

Goodwin requested an interim study in 2021 – the 100th anniversary of the massacre – to examine what efforts have been made to fulfill the commission’s recommendations. Goodwin’s interim study request was denied.

“So I did these bills anyway,” Goodwin said.

The Legislature did follow through with a scholarship program. Goodwin presented her House Bill 4154, which would make some changes to the scholarship program, to members of the House Appropriations and Budget’s subcommittee on Education on Monday.

Discussion on the bill revealed the program is not well-known among the public or among lawmakers.

Goodwin requested the median family income to be eligible for the scholarships be raised from $70,000 – a cap implemented 20 years ago, she noted – to $120,000, and that the Free Application for Federal Student Aid form be used to apply for financial aid for college or graduate school be used to apply for the scholarships. The bill also would provide descendants of those affected by the massacre be given priority.

A representative from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education present at the meeting explained the scholarship program for committee members.

The Legislature had formed two scholarship programs: one that would provide assistance for up to five years of college, and another program that awards a one-time, $1,000 payment to students for their freshman year.

The program was designed to accommodate up to 300 applicants per year. So far, only 159 scholarships – an average of eight per year – have been awarded, and all were for the one-time $1,000 scholarship. The scholarships are paid from interest on an $800,000 trust fund established for the purpose.

Lawmakers had several questions about the scholarship and how it is funded, and questioned raising the cap to $120,000, which some claimed would make the scholarships available to wealthy people.

“There were wealthy folks in Greenwood that had their homes burned, their buildings destroyed, their livelihoods destroyed, their generational wealth destroyed, so this scholarship shouldn’t even have a cap,” Goodwin replied. “Wealthy people were harmed, and I don’t think $120,000 a year is wealthy if you’ve got a mother and a father in the house and you’ve got four kids. That doesn’t go very far.”

The committee chairman, state Rep. Mark McBride, R-Moore, said he “didn’t really care” for the bill Goodwin presented, but he did care about what she was trying to accomplish.

“I offered to get with higher ed in our final budget deal to put $250,000 to $1 million in one-time money into the scholarship,” McBride said. McBride said he didn’t understand why Goodwin presented her bill “instead of taking money that would fund way more people than you have applying for the scholarships.”

Goodwin said it was never her intent to trade additional funding for the policy changes proposed in HB 4154 to strengthen the program; she had hoped to do both. Goodwin said she is seeking $300 million for the scholarship available for the year would cost the state $300,000 – a fraction of the $38 million a year that goes to some other scholarship programs the state funds, she said.

The committee approved HB 4154 – just in time to meet the deadline for the bill to receive a hearing, Goodwin said.

The measure next goes before the full Appropriations and Budget Committee. Goodwin has not yet received word from the chairman as to whether her HB 4152 will receive a hearing before the full committee in time to meet the March 3 deadline. HB 4152 requests the state appropriate $300 million to the Oklahoma Department of Commerce to establish the Tulsa Race Massacre Victims’ Compensation Revolving Fund.

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February 23, 2022
This Cause will be heard before an Administrative Law Judge at the Corporation Commission of the State of Oklahoma, 301 North Broadway, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, at 8:30 a.m., on the 29th day of March, 2022, in the J. Tom Thorne Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Applicant and interested parties may enter into an agreement with the cost of telephonic communication shall be assessed against the Applicant requesting its use. Interested parties may also request that applicant or representative be given a telephonic videoconference before the further development of the separate common sources of supply in the Electronic Case System, hereinafter in said Sections 18, 19, and 30, of Township 6 North, Range 4 West, McClain County, Oklahoma, and 66948S, 66512S, and 66710S. A request for such telephonic videoconference or some other party as the operator of the proposed well.

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Jurisdiction: This Cause is referred to an Administrative Law Judge for hearing, and the time for the filing of issues of fact and separate legal briefs shall be as set forth before the Commission.

DATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: All persons, owners, producers, operators, purchasers and all other interested persons, particularly in Grady County, Oklahoma.

IT IS ORDERED that this Cause be and the same is hereby referred to an Administrative Law Judge for hearing, in accordance with the procedure prescribed by the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Vivian D. Sloan, Trustee of the Vivian D. Sloan Revocable Trust dated May 21, 1981; Vivian D. Sloan, as Trustee of the Eula Mae Walker Revocable Trust dated November 6, 1980; as amended; Vernon C. Miser, Trustee of the Vernon C. Miser Revocable Trust dated April 16, 2001, as amended; Vernon C. Miser, Trustee of the Southbridge Revocable Trust dated November 6, 1980; as amended; Vernon Jones; Vicki Johnson; Vicki Johnson; Willard Donohue; Rickie Hefner; Co-Trustees of the Emma R. Showman Trust dated February 25, 2000; ZLB Oil & Gas, LP; Zelma Buser Revocable Trust; Zelma Buser; Zelma Buser and John A. Buser; Zelma Buser and William E. Buser; Zelma Buser v. Continental Resources, Inc. Bridwell #5, 32-6N-4W, McClain County, Oklahoma.

The referenced hearing may be suspended by the unitization order of the Corporation Commission of the State of Oklahoma, 301 North Broadway, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, at 8:30 a.m., on the 29th day of March, 2022, in the J. Tom Thorne Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Applicant and interested parties may also request that applicant or representative be given a telephonic videoconference before the further development of the separate common sources of supply in the Electronic Case System, hereinafter in said Sections 18, 19, and 30, of Township 6 North, Range 4 West, McClain County, Oklahoma, and 66948S, 66512S, and 66710S. A request for such telephonic videoconference or some other party as the operator of the proposed well.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the cost of telephonic communication shall be assessed against the Applicant.

Jurisdiction: This Cause is referred to an Administrative Law Judge for hearing, in accordance with the procedure prescribed by the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

DATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: All persons, owners, producers, operators, purchasers and all other interested persons, particularly in Grady County, Oklahoma.

IT IS ORDERED that this Cause be and the same is hereby referred to an Administrative Law Judge for hearing, in accordance with the procedure prescribed by the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Vivian D. Sloan, Trustee of the Vivian D. Sloan Revocable Trust dated May 21, 1981; Vivian D. Sloan, as Trustee of the Eula Mae Walker Revocable Trust dated November 6, 1980; as amended; Vernon C. Miser, Trustee of the Vernon C. Miser Revocable Trust dated April 16, 2001, as amended; Vernon C. Miser, Trustee of the Southbridge Revocable Trust dated November 6, 1980; as amended; Vernon Jones; Vicki Johnson; Vicki Johnson; Willard Donohue; Rickie Hefner; Co-Trustees of the Emma R. Showman Trust dated February 25, 2000; ZLB Oil & Gas, LP; Zelma Buser Revocable Trust; Zelma Buser; Zelma Buser and John A. Buser; Zelma Buser and William E. Buser; Zelma Buser v. Continental Resources, Inc. Bridwell #5, 32-6N-4W, McClain County, Oklahoma.

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IT IS ORDERED that this Cause be and the same is hereby referred to an Administrative Law Judge for hearing, in accordance with the procedure prescribed by the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.
NOTICE OF HEARING
CAUSE NO. CD 202200679
BEFORE THE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA.
APPLICANT: MEBROWE Oil Company, Relief Oil Company, ZC Oil Company, A. Schlesinger; Daniel R. Schlesinger; Katie Schlesinger; Christine Hardin; Karen Landers; J. TODD HIETT, Attorney at Law.
J. TODD HIETT, Attorney at Law.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a hearing on the following special relief is hereinafter referred to as the application issued by the Corporation Commission, Jim Thorpe Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, at 8:30 a.m., on the 22nd day of April, 2022, in the courtroom designated as Operator under the order to issue in this cause before an Oil and Gas Commissioner, in accordance with the terms of the order to issue in this cause be set before an Oil and Gas Commissioner, in accordance with the terms of the order to issue in this cause.

The Applicant in this cause is requesting the following special relief:
(a) That Mewbourne Oil Company, or some other party, be designated as operator under the order to issue in this cause.
(b) That the well, if a commercial well, be named as is to such well and the rights and interest therein be made as a part of the drilling and spacing unit.
(c) That the cost of telecommunication shall be paid by the person or persons wishing to participate by telephone and produce without penalty.
(d) The Applicant may also propose to conduct a hearing by telephone and produce a horizontal well in the unit.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the location described above is moving toward the City Center, Ellis County, Oklahoma, and the limits and boundaries of said property.

Please refer to Cause CD 202200679 for full details.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Corporation Commission has filed an application in this cause with the purpose of entering into an order pooling the rights and equities with respect to, in the recharge, oil and gas leases and mineral interests lying or situated in the areas, and of any of the named lessees or mineral owners, or the unknown successors of any party designated in this cause.

The application is before the Corporation Commission, Jim Thorpe Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma at 8:30 a.m., on the 22nd day of March, 2022, and this notice be published as required by law and the rules of the Corporation Commission. Before coming to the building for this hearing, please visit the Oklahoma Corporation Commission website at www.ok.gov/occ to determine the status of building access. Instructions for participating via telephone or videoconference are available on the Corporation Commission website at www.ok.gov/occ.

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this cause will be heard before an Administrative Law Judge at the Jim Thorpe Building at the Corporation Commission, Jim Thorpe Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, at 8:30 a.m., on the 21st day of March, 2022, and all persons, owners, producers, operators, purchasers, buyers of oil and gas, and all other interested persons, particular- ly those listed on Exhibit "A", and all parties listed as respondents on Exhibit "B", and all parties listed as respondents on Exhibit "C", are requested to appear before or have their attorneys of record file herein, and all particularly, MILDRED R. SHIREY, P. J. THEIL, ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REP., and W. D. H. TRUST, ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REP., and SUBURBAN TRUSTEE, if living, or of deceased, the known and unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, legatees, trusts and/or assigns, immediate and remote, of the above named parties.

IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE HEREBY GIVEN that the Applicant in this cause is requesting an order to increase the Woodford common source of supply on the drilling and spacing unit described above in the hearing, and the capitation to designate the Applicant or some other party as the operator.

IT IS ORDERED and Notice is on file herein, and all other interested persons, particularly in McClain County, Oklahoma, and all parties listed as respondents on Exhibit "C", are requested to appear before or have their attorneys of record file herein, and all particularly, MILDRED R. SHIREY, P. J. THEIL, ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REP., and W. D. H. TRUST, ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REP., and SUBURBAN TRUSTEE, if living, or of deceased, the known and unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, legatees, trusts and/or assigns, immediate and remote, of the above named parties.

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OKLAHOMA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LUCILE HENNESSEY, DECEASED.

To: All persons interested in the Estate of Lucile Hennessy, Deceased.

You are hereby notified that on February 11, 2022, the Attorney for Personal Representative at: c/o H, Peter M. Charles, 5030 75th Street, Suite 100, Oklahoma City, OK 73120-7830. at, on, or before the hearing, the Court will decide whether summary proceedings 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 named Personal Representative.

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OKLAHOMA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RANDALL GENE SHELBY, DECEASED.

To: The Creditors of Randall Gene Shelby.

You are hereby notified that on February 11, 2022, the Attorney for Personal Representative at: c/o H, Peter M. Charles, 5030 75th Street, Suite 100, Oklahoma City, OK 73120-7830. at, on, or before the hearing, the Court will decide whether summary proceedings 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 named Personal Representative.

OKLAHOMA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF EVAN P. W. TETREAU NORWOOD, DECEASED.

To: All persons interested in the Estate of Paul Tetreau Norwood, deceased.

You are hereby notified that on the 10th day of April, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., a hearing will be held at the office of Roger D. Everett, Attorney for Personal Representative at: c/o H, Terrell D. L. Orby, 11912 N. Pennsylvania Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118, and also at the office of Mitchell Mugg, Attorney for Personal Representative at: c/o H, Larry Morgan & Associates, P.C., 8265 S. Walker Ave., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73128, and also at the office of Mitch D. Brinlee, Attorney for Personal Representative at: c/o H, Tammy M. Bowers, 2801 W. 156th Street, Suite 100, Overland Park, Kansas 66221, and also at the office of Roger D. Everett, Attorney for Personal Representative at: c/o H, Terrell D. L. Orby, 11912 N. Pennsylvania Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118, at the hearing, the Court will decide whether summary proceedings 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 named Personal Representative.

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in the Matter of the Estate of Victor Sacks, deceased, has
reached the following presentment date: April 21, 2022,
or, if the same will be forever barred.

Dated February 7, 2022.

RICHARD W. KIRBY
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT
RICK WARREN
(20220920)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Case No. PB-2022-38
IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR OKLAHOMA COUNTY, STATE OF OKLAHOMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WANDA LOU DUNKIN, DECEASED
Notice is hereby given that the Estate of Wanda Lou Dunkin, deceased, is
in the Oklahoma County Courthouse, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73112, on or before the
Court, and the estate will be forever barred. Dated February 7, 2022.

ALLEN WELCH
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT
RICK WARREN
(20220976)

Notice is hereby given that Sharon K. Coney, Administrator of the Estate of
Court, and the estate will be forever barred. Dated February 7, 2022.

DISCHARGE
Case No. PB-2021-57
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OKLAHOMA COUNTY, STATE OF OKLAHOMA
In the Matter of the Estate of James Phillip Corbett, deceased.
All creditors having claims against James Phillip Corbett, deceased, are hereby
in the Oklahoma County Courthouse, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73112, on or before the
Court, and the estate will be forever barred. Dated February 7, 2022.

RICHARD W. KIRBY
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT
RICK WARREN
(20220976)

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Court, and the estate will be forever barred. Dated February 7, 2022.

DISCHARGE
Case No. PR-2021-229
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OKLAHOMA COUNTY, STATE OF OKLAHOMA
In the Matter of the Estate of Gussie V. Brown, deceased.
All creditors having claims against Gussie V. Brown, deceased, are hereby
in the Oklahoma County Courthouse, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73112, on or before the
Court, and the estate will be forever barred. Dated February 7, 2022.

RICHARD W. KIRBY
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT
RICK WARREN
(20220976)

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DISCHARGE
Case No. PR-2021-47
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OKLAHOMA COUNTY, STATE OF OKLAHOMA
In the Matter of the Estate of Jean Hynes, deceased.
All creditors having claims against Jean Hynes, deceased, are hereby
in the Oklahoma County Courthouse, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73112, on or before the
Court, and the estate will be forever barred. Dated February 7, 2022.

RICHARD W. KIRBY
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT
RICK WARREN
(20220976)

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DISCHARGE
Case No. PB-2022-148
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OKLAHOMA COUNTY, STATE OF OKLAHOMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JERRY LYNDALE WATERSON

DECEASED
Case No. PR-2021-1153
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OKLAHOMA COUNTY, STATE OF OKLAHOMA
In the Matter of the Estate of Eddie Lynn Braggke, deceased.
In pursuance of an Order of the District Court, made on the 16th day of
March, at 1:30 p.m., has been appointed as the time for hearing the Petition of Earl Warren
in the Oklahoma County Courthouse, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73112, on or before the
Court, and the estate will be forever barred. Dated February 7, 2022.

RICHARD W. KIRBY
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT
RICK WARREN
(20220976)

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Court, and the estate will be forever barred. Dated February 7, 2022.

DISCHARGE
Case No. PB-2021-427
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OKLAHOMA COUNTY, STATE OF OKLAHOMA
In the Matter of the Estate of Nakia Revell Johnson, deceased.
All persons having claims against Nakia Revell Johnson, deceased, are hereby
in the Oklahoma County Courthouse, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73112, on or before the
Court, and the estate will be forever barred. Dated February 7, 2022.

RICHARD W. KIRBY
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT
RICK WARREN
(20220976)

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DISCHARGE
Case No. PR-2021-131
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OKLAHOMA COUNTY, STATE OF OKLAHOMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JACOB STEVEN CROSS, deceased.
All creditors having claims against Jacob Steven Cross, deceased, are hereby
in the Oklahoma County Courthouse, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73112, on or before the
Court, and the estate will be forever barred. Dated February 7, 2022.

RICHARD W. KIRBY
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT
RICK WARREN
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, when and issuing Letters Testamentary at the personal representative of the estate and made on the 18th day of February, O.S. §240.

heirs, legatees and devisees of Rodger petition, that the Court determine the probate, and that Letters Testamentary Funkhouser, deceased, with a Petition February, 2022, Jacqueline Lee Sayle interested in the estate of Rodger OKLAHOMA (SEAL)

NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION LETTERS TESTAMENTARY AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR RODGER FUNKHOUSER, DECEASED.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OKLAHOMA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: Hinds Law Firm, PC

MIDFIRST BANK Plaintiff, with a Petition

FUNKHOUSER, DECEASED.

REPRESENTATIVE, FOR

February 23, 2022

By: Deputy

IN THE DISTRICT COURT WITHIN THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO:

TO: B.J. McClure, and his unknown heirs, legates, devisees.

WHEREAS, it has been stated that an action has been filed in The District Court of Oklahoma County, State of Oklahoma, by

Fred W. Culbertson v. B.J. McClure, et al., Cause No. CV12092862, and his unknown heirs, legates, devisees. The action alleges that Fred W. Culbertson is entitled to all rights, title and interest in and to the PIPER, 1968 Sabre Travel Trailer SER# 1N4AL3APXEL266257, Chynna Scruggs ‑ #32663

Distributor, 1978 Honda Hawk VIN # 1HGKBNL32HT008445, Chynna Scruggs ‑ #32663

1930 S. Bryant Ave.

Oklahoma County, Oklahoma, under the business name of Trella’s

M. Hinds, OBA# 17391

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1964 Chevy Motorhome VIN # 1G1GR58E8F2102899

846 286-2770 (facsimile)

Given under my hand a seal this 16th day of January, 2022.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: Whom it may concern.

Kelli B. Hilgenfeld, OBA#30871

02‑16, 02‑23‑22

The award will be made at 7:30pm on April 10, 2022.

860, El Reno, OK 73036.

More information can be found at www.okrenorgov or by calling the City Clerk: 405‑222‑4070.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: Whom it may concern.

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Villa OKC OK 73107

The award will be made at the Bethany City Hall, Bethany, Oklahoma at 10:00am on Wednesday, March 9, 2022.

The award will be made at 7:30pm on Thursday, March 10, 2022.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT SEALLED BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL SERVICES AUTHORITY, 1417 N. LANSING, OKLAHOMA, 74106, UNTIL 1:00 P.M., LOCAL TIME, MARCH 23, 2022, AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA, AND OPENED AT 2:00 P.M. THE NEXT DAY. BIDS ARE INVITED FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

Replacement System Loading Set

The deadline for bids is Tuesday March 16th, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. local time.

Dated at Tulsa, Oklahoma this 23rd day of February, 2022.

Christopher B. Jenkins, Interim Chief of Operations

Emergency Medical Services Authority

(2-23-22)

(CY1206378) NOTICE TO BIDDERS

PUBLISHED IN THE OKLAHOMA JOURNAL RECORD FEBRUARY 16, AND FEBRUARY 23, 2022

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