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Chris Faimon/Herald-Chronicle Osage City grade school and middle school hosted a luncheon on Veterans See more Veterans Day photos on Page



Santa Fe Trail held a Veterans Day cer-

emony, with guest speaker, retired U.S. Army Staff Sergeant James Evans.



Christmas on Market is Nov. 22

OSAGE CITY — The annual Christmas on Market event is Saturday, Nov. 22, in downtown Osage City. This year's theme is "Christmas Movies.'

Day for Veterans in the community.

In addition to businesses being open for shoppers, activities will be held throughout the day.

Registration for the Jingle Bell 5K run/walk begins at 7:45 a.m. in the elementary school parking lot, and the race starts at 8:30 a.m.

Between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., at the senior center, the Sewing Chicks will be selling tickets for a quilt raffle, and the Osage City Public Library will feature a Story Stroll, in which people go to Fifth and Holliday streets, follow the signs and read "The Littlest Reindeer."

The annual craft show will be featured in two locations this year. Saint Brigid Hall, 309 South Sixth, and the Methodist Church, 219 South Sixth Street. Both will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Also happening between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. will be a free retail poker run, starting at the senior center. Winners will be announced at the raffle drawing, taking place around 2:15 p.m. at Sixth and Market streets.

The Willing Workers 4-H Club will have a bake sale at the senior center from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and the Boy Scouts Troop 106 will be set up on Sixth and Market streets with a beverage bar, featuring PT's Coffee and hot chocolate.

At 9:30 a.m., Santa Claus will be picked up at the Osage City Airport, where he will be brought into town by members of the fire

department. Beginning at 10 a.m., once Santa is settled in at the senior center, children are invited to visit and tell him what's on their Christmas wish list. He will take a break at noon, and then return from 2 to 3 p.m. for more visits.

From 10 a.m. to noon, McCoy's RadioShack, 521 Market Street, will feature its 2025 Toy Expo, and the Osage City High School cheerleaders will host their face painting fundraiser at the senior center.

Beginning at 11 a.m., food vendors, including Boxcar Tasty Express, Coffey Brew, El Ranchito, Kettle Corn, Sam & Louie's Pizza, and Todd's BBQ, will be set up on Sixth Street, between Market and Holliday streets.

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Scranton City Council

Resident addresses loose guinea

Gary Rush | Reporter

SCRANTON — All council members were present for the Nov. 4 meeting of the Scranton City Council. Mayor Michael Meenen presided over the proceedings. Among the city departments, all were represented except the legal department, as City Attorney Todd Luckman was unable to attend.

Scranton resident Troy Smith was on hand to discuss the use of live traps within city limits.

"... Over the last two weeks, I have had a guinea hanging out in my yard," Smith said. "I am not sure who might own it, but I was wondering if

I could trap it and have it removed."

"Do you have food out that makes it want to stay," Councilman Gary Kentch asked. "What do you want to do with it?"

Smith replied that he would simply like to see

"It's been down at my place two weeks, and it is driving my dogs nuts," Smith said. "I just want to see it gone."

Councilwoman Amber Rendell, believing she knew who the owner might be, said, "I will call my neighbor."

Smith was happy to have Rendell help and

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Early deadline for week of Thanksgiving

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the deadline for all news and advertising items for the Nov. 27 edition is noon Friday, Nov. 21.

The newspaper will be distributed to area racks

Tuesday, Nov. 25, and re-

ceived in the mail by local subscribers Wednesday,

The Osage County Herald-Chronicle will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 27 and 28, so the staff can enjoy time with their families.

Osage County Commission

Commission approves IT transition, purchase orders

LYNDON — The Osage County Commission met Nov. 4 to address several administrative and operational matters, with Commissioners Heather Kuder and Brandon Smith present in person, and Commissioner Les Holman participating partially by phone. Deputy County Clerk Tempest Harrison also attended the meeting.

The commission opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and proceeded to amend the agenda, adding payroll discussions, fund balance reports, and an IT transition item under unfinished business. An item regarding payroll date recommendations was removed and rescheduled for the following week's meeting.

A significant decision involved the county's IT services. The commission voted to authorize drafting a letter to terminate the contract with Century Business Technologies, the current IT provider, and transition to Helix Technology Solutions.

The commission ap-

proved two purchase orders for the treasurer's office. A purchase order for \$2,498 was allocated to Navrat's Office Products for a treasurer's desk, and a purchase order totaling \$1,316, was approved for Key Staffing for contractual services, both funded by the treasurer's office

Additionally, the commission approved a cereal malt beverage license for Lisa Jolly of Club Four Corners for the 2026 year. The license approval document was to be stamped and delivered by Commissioner Kuder later that day.

Jackie Patterson with the health department presented a request for a new pharmaceutical refrigerator to replace an outdated unit no longer meeting cooling standards. After reviewing quotes ranging from \$4,461 to over \$12,000, the commission approved a purchase order for a PHCBI pharmaceutical refrigerator, not

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Unofficial election results

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Yes	109
No	

Municipal Filings

Burlingame

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Michelle E. Mullinix	109
Write-In	11
City Council (vote for 2)	
Kenna Burns	9 2
Write-In - Brandi Shaffer	58
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Carbondale	
City Council (vote for 3)	
Ronald Moeller	109
Write-In - Chad Moore	52
Write-In - Holly Hink	46
Write-In - Barbara Martin	32
Write-In - Misc	63
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City Council (vote for 3)	
Hannah WIlson	107
Kevin Culley	103
Kevin Heit	100
Debra Rasmusson	88
Darin W. Schmitt	82
Charles B. Hanna	49
Write-In	5

Melvern Mayor

Eric W. Vogeler	.34
Write-In	
City Council (vote for 3)	
Daniel G. Bowers	.34
Write-In - Kaitlin Brown	5
Write-In - Frank Warner	4
Write-In - Jerry Beeman	4
Write-In - Misc.	3

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Mayor	
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City Council	
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Michael Ray Gilliland	69
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Ward 2	
Joe Thomas Ryan	35
Shirley Bausman	32
Ward 3	
Ryan Trego	88
Write-In	4
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Overbrook	
Mayor	
Jon Brady	155
Write-In	50
City Council (vote for 2)	
Polly S. Berkley	120
Cheryl Miller	

Susan M. Smith.....82

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Cheryr Miller	110
Holly Leach	97
Write-In	
Quenemo	
City Council (vote for 3)	
Bruce Rose	20
Angelica Sneath	
John Wilson	13
Jacob Maher	
Tiffany Calvert	
Write-In	19
Scranton	
Mayor	
Brian Scott Lester	40
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City Council (vote for 2)	
Kallie Recob	
Allison Vandevord	
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