

See

Holiday Cookbook Recipes Page 3

Catoosa Independent

RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER

Volume 4, Issue 22 catoosanews@tds.net Wednesday, November, 04 2015

PRSR STD ECRWSS U.S.POSTAGE PAID EDDM

75¢

WIN THE CASH

WIN THE CASH For Nov. 11 Contest

\$250 GRAND PRIZE \$100 2nd PLACE \$75 3rd PLACE \$35 4th PLACE \$15 5th PLACE

\$475 TOTAL MARC MILLER FOOTBALL CONTEST PRIZE MONEY

Catoosa Attorneys Are Honored By Legal Peers



Steven Adams

Two Catoosa attorneys have been recently named by Thompson Reuters to the 2015 Super Lawyers and Rising Stars lists.

Steven Adams, a shareholder with the GableGotwals law firm, has been named a Super Lawyer and GableGotwals associate Brandon Bickle has been honored as a Rising Star.



Brandon Bickle

Super Lawyers is a rat-

ing service of outstanding lawyers from more than 70 practice areas who have attained a high-degree of peer recognition and professional achievement.

The selection process is multi-phased and includes independent research, peer nominations and peer evaluations. Rising Stars recognizes the top up-and-coming attorneys who are 40 years old or younger or who have been practicing for 10 years or less.

Adams was honored for his work in energy and resources law. Bickle was recognized for business litigation.

Combining peer nominations and evaluations with third-part research, the selection process is rigorous and has been recognized by bar associations and courts across the country for its credibility and sophistication. Each candidate is evaluated on 12 indicators of peer recognition and professional achievement.

Thompson Reuters is the world's leading source of intelligent information for businesses and professionals.

Marc Miller Cash Football Contest Adds Money And Chances To Win

The contest just got more exciting.

The Marc Miller, Buick-GMC Football Contest has added more money and more chances to win.

The last game of the season, Nov. 5, this Thursday,

winners have the opportunity of a \$475 Pot of maybe not gold, but some nice green bills. A 4th place winner and a 5th place winner's slot was added to this last game that will be published Nov. 11.

The First Place Winner of the Nov. 5 game will claim \$250, the Second Place winner will have \$100, the 3rd Place Winner will have \$75, the 4th place winner will have \$35 and, a new slot for the last game, will win \$15.

This week, the winners of the Oct. 30 games will win a total of \$125, plus Marc Miller Tulsa Driller Tee shirts.

The cash prizes are 1st, \$75, 2nd, \$30 and 3rd \$20.

FOCPL Appreciate Local Help

Friends of Catoosa Public Library would like to say thank-you to all those who made this Whale of a Tale Artisan Sale a success.

We had some great sponsors and people who gave donations along with the vendors and memberships to meet our goal of making over \$1,000.

The Catoosa Masonic Lodge will match us with a thousand which helps us to continue paying for the Summer Reading Program for the Library.

We hope to see everybody at our "Breakfast with Santa" which is Dec.12.

Again thank you for your continuing support.

Be sure and check our upcoming calendar for upcoming events the Friends are doing. catoosalibrary-friends.com



By Austin Farley  
Leia Johnson, 6, reviews the facial drawing she received at the Church of Christ Saturday evening. Vada Weaver, retired Catoosa schools art teacher, did the drawing. Leia is the daughter of Danielle and Bob Johnson of Brken Arrow.

Fed Bldg. Comes Under County Jurisdiction

By Martha Brock

The purchase of the big white and yellow building across the street from the courthouse may soon be used by the county.

The Federal Building purchase has been discussed at the Rogers County Planning Commission since last spring. The commissioners agreed on Monday to pay a total of \$130,000, 10 percent of that already paid in the amount of \$17,000.

Commissioners agreed to a road bores on County Highway, or N. 259th E. Avenue for gas service to the Hope Acres sub division community. The Hope Acres community is two miles east of Catoosa. Rogers County Treasurer Jason Carini requested a final transfer of temporary funds for the year of \$750,000 to the Criminal Justice Authority from the General Fund.

Legal advisor to the board Benjamin Lepak questioned if the fund is agreeable to Sheriff Scott Walton. Undersheriff Jon Sapington agreed it is.

In other business the commissioners approved taking no action on the insurance plans for the county employees. District 3 Commissioner Ron Burrows said there is not sufficient information on the employee insurance plans to make a decision.

It was agreed to recess until Wednesday at 4 p.m. to meet with the Department Heads and elected officials in regard to the annual Budget Estimates of needs.

District 1 Commissioner and Chairman Dan DeLozier spoke out, "The main question we all have is "if it (the budget) is it going up or down".

In other action the commissioners:

- Agreed to move a 2005 Dodge Quad pickup from the District 2 inventory. It was agreed to take the vehicle to District One for an inspection of the worth before further disposal.

- Agreed to \$11, 936 bid of fencing to Rogers County Fence for a District 3 fencing project.

Catoosa Sales Tax Slide in Sales Tax Reverses To \$47,000 Increase

Austin Farley

Independent Newspaper Reporter

The City of Catoosa reversed last month downward trend in sales tax receipts, posting an approximate \$47,000 increase from 2014.

The city also recorded a \$5,000 increase in its use tax collections, according to the Oklahoma Tax Commission.

Catoosa received \$462,820.84 in sales tax receipts compared to \$415,823.97 in 2014.

The city's use taxes amounted to \$25,260.84. A year ago, the city received \$20,616.72.

The collections were for the period Aug.16-31 and Sept. 1-15.

Across the county, Claremore, Foyil and Verdigris got higher amounts this year while Chelsea, Inola and Rogers County all saw smaller amounts from a year ago.

Claremore's sales tax receipts amounted to \$943,884.73 while getting \$934,889.45 in 2014. Its use tax totaled \$50,407.01. In 2014 Claremore's use tax check was for \$42,484.84.

Foyil's check was for \$9,667.25. Last year, the amount was \$9,278.25. The town does not levy a use tax.

Verdigris got a check for \$39,158.64 in sales taxes, compared to \$35,870.61 received in 2014. Its use tax collections totaled \$877.62, down from \$979.79 a year ago.

Chelsea received \$8,000 less than a year ago. The most recent check totaled \$41,607.36. A year ago the check was for \$49,748.58. Its use tax also dropped from \$1,339.34 a year ago to \$1,027.09 this year.

Inola's sales tax collections totaled \$54,617.06, down slightly from \$55,867.26 received a year ago. The town's use tax collections also took a hit, receiving \$2,134.16.

In 2014, Inola use tax check was for \$5,490.02.

Rogers County collected \$1,229,325.11 in sales taxes, down from \$1,396,953.20 received in 2014. Use taxes, however, increased. This year the county got \$105,556.81, compared to \$95,751.69 a year ago.

The Tax Commission reported that

sales tax collections across the state was down \$1,555,487, going from \$140,851,009 in 2014 to \$139,695,522 this year. This year the money was sent to 514 towns and cities. In 2014, 512 cities and towns received checks.

Statewide, the use taxes totaled \$10,040,704, distributed to \$391 communities.

Seventy-six counties received \$29,437,490 in sales taxes while 74 counties received checks totaling \$10,040,704 in use taxes.

In Catoosa's collections, \$434,335.40 of the money was for business in Rogers County.

Businesses in Wagoner County within the Catoosa City Limits contributed \$28,485.44 to the total.

Use taxes collected in Wagoner County were \$989.84 and in Rogers County they totaled \$24,271.

A year ago, the sales tax collections for Roger Countians in Catoosa totaled \$394,498.14. In Wagoner County, collections were \$21,325.83. Use taxes in Rogers County \$20,171.37. Wagoner Countians chipped in \$490.35.



Photos by Austin Farley  
Catoosans were busy Saturday evening with Halloween activities at the Church of Christ and at Catoosa's Hometown Halloween. At the church, at left, moms and kids circle the floor on the Cake Walk. Above, the gate of Hometown Halloween at Cherokee Elementary parking lot is manned by greeters. Photos by Austin Farley