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Chisholm educators learn to Stop the Bleed

By James Neal Staff Writer

Stillwater Medical Center and Chisholm Public Schools teamed up on Feb. 17 to learn potentially life-saving skills in the national Stop the Bleed

Volunteers and staff from Stillwater Medical Center met with about half the school district's educators during the Presidents Day in-service period, to teach them how to stop traumatic bleeding, including techniques such as applying tourniquets and dressings.

Stillwater Medical Center, using grant funds, also provided each school in the district with a bleeding control backpack, which contains tourniquets and trauma dressings similar to what medics might use on the battlefield.

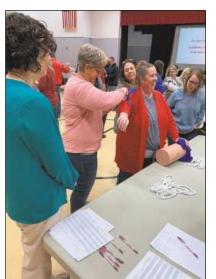
It all was part of the national Stop the Bleed initiative, a cooperative program of U.S. Department of Defense and U.S. College of Surgeons to train people in techniques to stop traumatic bleeding in the event of shootings, natural disasters, terror attacks and other mass casualty

"While more than 1 million people have now been trained to Stop the Bleed, that's just a start," according to the program's promotional material. "Our goal is to train 200 million ... to make our nation more resilient by better preparing the public to save lives if people nearby are severely bleeding."

Heidi Gilbert, emergency department educator at Stillwater Medical Center, said paramedics and nurses from the hospital have been working to train as many schools as possible in north-cen-

"Our goal is to get education and backpacks into not only Payne County, but every county that touches Payne County in 2020," Gilbert said.

Gilbert said she sent emails to every district in the region in advance of the Presidents Day holiday, and Chisholm Public Schools took them up on the free



Chisholm Middle School teacher Mary Coats practices putting a tourniquet on fellow middle school teacher Stacy Buford, while middle school teacher Stacia Paul (right) and Principal Crystal Szymanski (left) look on, during the Stop the Bleed training event, provided by Stillwater Medical Center to Chisholm teachers and administrators on Feb. 17. (Photo provided)

training and bleeding control kits.

"We're proud of them for trying to keep their kids safe," Gilbert said, "and we would like them to be recognized for their commitment to their kids.

Schools in Tonkawa and Blackwell also have signed up for the free training in the coming weeks.

Gilbert said the Stop the Bleed program was developed for schools after the mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., in 2012, which claimed 26 lives. She said it was determined after the attack a number of those who died could have lived, if their bleeding had been controlled in the minutes after the shoot-

Stop the Bleed training teaches people to act quickly, and apply effective bleeding control techniques. Gilbert said

someone with severe bleeding can die in as little as 90 seconds.

While the program is designed for schools and mass casualty events, Gilbert said it has potential to save lives in everyday accidents, such as car accidents or mishaps at home or work.

Trainees learn how to use commercial tourniquets, provided in the bleeding control backpacks. But, Gilbert said the course also teaches you how to use everyday items to create bandages and tourniquets, if there are no other options.

"From having nothing to having everything available, and how you can help in those situations — we just want people to be trained as much as possible," she said.

Chad Broughton, superintendent of Chisholm Public Schools, said the lifesaving skills Gilbert and her team provided were well worth the time. About half the district's teachers were trained in Stop the Bleed, while the other half attended a trauma training summit offered by the State Department of Education in Oklahoma City.

The benefit for us is, we're always looking for ways to train in case of an emergency," Broughton said. "You never know when the situation is going to arise, and having people trained helps you in those situations.

Broughton said the training only took about an hour and was well-organized.

"I just think it's a great opportunity, and it's time well-spent," he said. "They're very prepared, they know what they're doing and it's great training in a short time frame.'

Gilbert said she'd like to offer the free training and free bleeding control kits to as many schools as possible.

Any school interested can contact her by email at stopthebleedteam@stillwa ter-medical.org.

"We want our kids to be safe, and the more people who know this in the community, the safer we all are living in the community," Gilbert said. "That's our ultimate goal.

Woodward police chief resigning, cites differences with FOP

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WOODWARD Woodward Police Chief Curt Terry announced over the weekend that he was resigning.

Terry said in an email message that "due to irrec-

oncilable differences with the police union I have decided to leave and write another chapter in my law enforcement career." Terry

Woodward Police appointed police Chief Curt Terry. chief in 2017. (CNHI News He said he has

Oklahoma Photo) accepted a position with Oklahoma's Law Enforcement Training Council.

"In this amazing position I will be using my skills and experience to provide law enforcement training to officers across the state," he said.

Terry said he wanted to thank City Manager Alan Riffel, commissioners, staff and members of the community "for the overwhelming confidence and support shown to me during my tenure as police

According to Riffel,

Terry's resignation will take effect March 2, and Assistant Chief Billy Parker will serve as acting chief until the position is filled.

"Well, clearly we're disappointed that we have a situation where the

> police chief has now resigned, but we're again looking to replace a key position in the city," Riffel said. "Obviously, we're going to move forward with some diligence in selecting a successor, but right now we don't have an

established timeline." Riffel stressed the importance of finding the right person for the office.

"Unfortunately, Curt Terry and the union had different viewpoints on several issues which we were unable to resolve," said FOP Lodge 187 President Dan Mathews. "We wish Curt Terry the best in his endeavors.

Terry or Mathews did not say what the unresolved issues were.

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WIND ENERGY IN OKLAHOMA

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all parties involved are glad the requirements could be met to preserve the Air Force's airspace and allow development

"We understand the military training routes and the setbacks of the Air Force, and how vital those are," Lienhard said. "It's just a very lengthy process ... I wouldn't consider it an issue. There's just a lot to it."

While navigating the airspace requirements may be cumbersome, Lienhard said the overall environment in Oklahoma is productive.

'Oklahoma is a great state to work in," Lienhard said. "It is the most important state in our company, because of being able to operate here, because of the work we've already done, and because of the relationships we've been able to build at the Capitol."

In addition to the wind farm, Skeleton Creek production also involves a 250 megawatt solar panel farm and a 200 megawatt battery facility - both of which should be completed in late 2023, Lienhard said.

The total footprint of the project the wind farm, solar farm and energy storage facility — will include Garfield, Alfalfa and Major counties.

Once completed, the "largest combined wind, solar and energy storage project in the U.S." will add 500 megawatts to the regional power grid, plus another 200 megawatts from the energy storage facility for up to four hours, if fully charged.

Taken together, Lienhard said the wind farm, solar and battery projects represent about \$600 million in new NextEra energy investments in the

And, he said, the demand for that kind of renewable energy development is only accelerating.

"Company-wide, the demand for wind and solar are only growing," Lienhard said. "The efficiencies have come so far, the demand is incredible.'

The next big boom in renewables may be in solar, he said.

"The demand is there, it's real and there is going to be a very big push for solar in the next 5-10 years," he predicted.

For more information, the public is invited to the Skeleton Creek Wind Energy Center Open House, 5-7 p.m. Tuesday at Stride Bank Center.

Woman dies in accident

By James Neal

Staff Writer

A Sunday afternoon single-vehicle accident in Čaddo County claimed the life of a Mutual

Nadia Storms, 20. was pronounced dead at the scene of the vehicle accident, which occurred about 2:42 p.m. Sunday on the Interstate 40 eastbound ramp from U.S. 281, at mile marker 101 in Hinton, according to an Oklahoma Highway

Patrol report. According to the report, Storms was the sole passenger in a Ram 1500 driven by James Reeves, 24, of Mutual.

lost control of the pickup on the ramp, left the road to the right, and the pickup then overturned an unknown number of times down an embankment. Storms was not wear-

The report states Reeves

ing a seat belt, according to the report, and was ejected from the vehicle before it struck some small trees and came to rest on the passenger side.

Reeves was transported to St. Anthony's Hospital with leg and trunk internal injuries. He was treated and released.

Reeves' condition and the cause of the collision remain under investigation, according to the OHP report.

HUNTING

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ly that it is opens nocturnal coyote hunting to everyone. Her agency already has a process in place for landowners to hunt at night as needed, she said.

"We're just kind of working with him to make sure landowners get what they want through our current (permitting process)," she said.

Lawmakers legalized

nighttime hunting of feral hogs — which are not classified as wildlife — a few years ago, she said.

Since nighttime hog hunting became legal, problems arose with people killing deer instead of swine, Jager said.

She said her wildlife officials haven't fielded any complaints about depredation permit denials, but

the top agency's top law enforcement officer recently took the proactive step of emailing game wardens about the issue.

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Leewright, R-Bristow, said he'll be supporting the mea-

"This is a great concern to some of my constituents," he said.

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