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The incident with the two turbines doesn't impact the operations of the larger wind farm. Garner said he did not have an estimate on the time it would take to repair the

turbines. Various factors affect how often wind turbines require

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maintenance, but generally, they require preventative maintenance check-ups one to two times per year.

NextEra monitors its wind turbines 24 hours a day, seven days a week, so the company could instantly see when the

turbines went offline, Garner said. The first phase of the Skeleton Creek Project, which

is located in Alfalfa, Major and Garfield counties and has been planned since 2015, became operational as Skeleton Creek Wind began generating electricity on Dec. 16, 2020, and will generate 250 megawatts of wind energy for Western Farmers Electric Cooperative.

Skeleton Creek Solar and Storage will feature photovoltaic solar arrays capable of generating up to 250 megawatts of solar energy and a 200 megawatt, four-hour battery energy storage system, according to its website. Operations are scheduled to begin as early as 2023.

The SCP is expected to stimulate the local economy through the creation of hundreds of construction jobs -Skeleton Creek Solar and Storage is expected to create up to 150-200 construction jobs — and also will provide millions of dollars, estimated over the first 30 years of the project, in lease payments to landowners and tax payments to the local communities.

## **AMERICA'S LONGEST WAR**

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time, or one minute before midnight in Kabul. He said a number of American citizens, likely numbering in "the very low hundreds," were left behind, and that he believes they will still be able to leave the country.

Secretary of State Antony Blinken put the number of Americans left behind at under 200, "likely closer to 100," and said the State Department would keep working to get them out. He praised the military-led evacuation as heroic and historic and said the U.S. diplomatic presence would shift to Doha, Qatar.

Biden said military commanders unanimously favored ending the airlift, not extending it. He said he asked Blinken to coordinate with international partners in holding the Taliban to their promise of safe passage for Americans and others who want to leave in the days ahead.

The airport had become U.S.-controlled island, a last stand in a 20-year war that claimed more than 2,400 American lives.

The closing hours of the evacuation were marked by extraordinary drama. American troops faced the daunting task of getting final evacuees onto planes while also getting themselves and some of their equipment out, even as they monitored repeated threats and at least two actual attacks — by the Islamic State group's Afghanistan affiliate. A suicide bombing on Aug. 26 killed 13 American service members and some 169 Afghans.

The final pullout fulfilled Biden's pledge to end what he called a "forever war" that began in response to the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, that killed nearly 3,000 people in New York, Washington and rural Pennsylvania. His decision, announced in April, reflected a national weariness of the Afghanistan conflict. Now he faces criticism at home and abroad, not so much for ending the war as for his handling of a final evacuation that unfolded in chaos and raised doubts

about U.S. credibility. The U.S. war effort at



President Joe Biden and first lady Jill Biden watch as a carry team moves a transfer case containing the remains of Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Kareem M. Nikoui, 20, of Norco, Calif., during a casualty return Sunday at Dover Air Force Base, Del. (AP Photo / Carolyn Kaster)

tingent that would secure

the airport along with part-

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planned to give the now-de-

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billions more to prop up

about his plan to prevent

al-Qaida from regenerating

in Afghanistan and of sup-

pressing threats posed by

other extremist groups such

as the Islamic State group's

Afghanistan affiliate. The

Taliban are enemies of the

Islamic State group but

retain links to a diminished

included the withdrawal

of its diplomats, although

the State Department has

left open the possibili-

ty of resuming some level

of diplomacy with the

Taliban depending on how

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The final U.S. exit

Biden now faces doubts

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times seemed to grind on with no endgame in mind, little hope for victory and minimal care by Congress for the way tens of billions of dollars were spent for two decades. The human cost piled up — tens of thousands of Americans injured in addition to the dead.

More than 1,100 troops from coalition countries and more than 100,000 Afghan forces and civilians died, according to Brown University's Costs of War project.

In Biden's view the war could have ended 10 years ago with the U.S. killing of Osama bin Laden, whose al-Qaida extremist network planned and executed the 9/11 plot from an Afghanistan sanctuary. Al-Qaida has been vastly diminished, preventing it thus far from again attacking the United States.

Congressional committees, whose interest in the war waned over the years, are expected to hold public hearings on what went wrong in the final months of the U.S. withdrawal. Why, for example, did the administration not begin earlier the evacuation of American citizens as well as Afghans who had helped the U.S. war effort and felt vulnerable to retribution by the Taliban?

It was not supposed to end this way. The administration's plan, after declaring its intention to withdraw all combat troops, was to keep the U.S. Embassy in Kabul open, protected by a force of about 650 U.S. troops, including a conof human rights.

The speed with which the Taliban captured Kabul on Aug. 15 caught the Biden administration by surprise. It forced the U.S. to empty its embassy and frantically accelerate an evacuation effort that featured an extraordinary airlift executed mainly by the U.S. Air Force, with American ground forces protecting the airfield. The airlift began in such chaos that a number of Afghans died on the airfield, including at least one who attempted to cling to the airframe of a C-17 transport plane as it sped down the runway.

By the evacuation's conclusion, well over 100,000 people, mostly Afghans, had been flown to safety. The dangers of carrying out such a mission came into tragic focus last week when the suicide bomber struck outside an airport gate.

Speaking shortly after that attack, Biden stuck to his view that ending the war was the right move. He said it was past time for the United States to focus on threats emanating from elsewhere in the world.

"Ladies and gentlemen," he said, "it was time to end a 20-year war.'

Biden weighed advice from members of his national security team who argued for retaining the 2,500 troops who were in Afghanistan by the time he took office in January. But in mid-April he announced his decision to fully with-

# Search warrants served in fraud, ID theft case

**Enid News & Eagle** 

OKLAHOMA CITY - Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation served two search warrants on addresses in Oklahoma City related to a fraud and identity theft investigation that began in Blaine County in June.

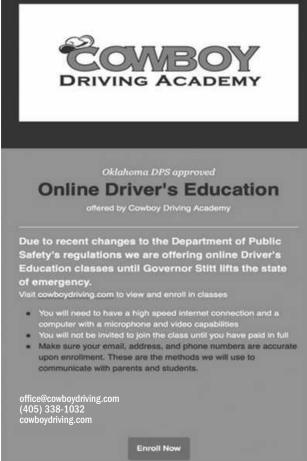
One warrant was served at an apartment complex located at 122nd and North MacArthur and the second was served at Morningside Storage facility also on North Macarthur.

On June 29, a deputy with Blaine County Sheriff's Office arrested 39-year-old Kody Finnell and 23-year-old Emily Hawyard following a traffic stop. After securing a search warrant to search the vehicle, authorities found the pair to be in possession of nearly 300 stolen and fraudulent checks, more than 30 Social Security numbers belonging to others, 350 stolen credit cards, forged U.S. treasury checks and numerous fake driver's licenses. On July 1, OSBI was requested by Blaine County Sheriff's Office to assist with the investigation.

During the investigation, it was discovered the fraudulent documents were being used along the Interstate 40 corridor in western Oklahoma for months with multiple local agencies conducting their own investigations. The fraudulent and forged documents were tied back to the apartment complex and storage units in Oklahoma City.

OSBI was assisted by Oklahoma City Police Department and U.S. Secret Service during the execution of Monday's search warrants. No arrests were made.

Finnell and Hayward are facing multiple felony counts including use/possession of license or ID card, conspiracy to unlawfully manufacture LIC/ID card and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia. They remain in Blaine County Jail.



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### **PUBLIC NOTICE** Published in the Enid News & Eagle August 24, 31 & September 7, 2021 LPXLP SOLICITATION FOR BIDS (BID NOTICE)

Sealed proposals will be received by Garney Companies, Inc. for the City of Enid, Oklahoma, a Municipal Corporation, at the Office of the City Clerk of said City, located in the City Administration Building, 401 West Owen K. Garriott in Enid. Oklahoma, until 10:00 A.M., local time on 30th day of September 2021, for furnishing all labor and materials for

KAW LAKE WATER SUPPLY PROJECT
- SOLICITATION GROUP 4.00: WORK PACKAGES - WATER TREATMENT PLANT - WEST PLANT FACILITIES

COMPLETE Proposals will be publicly opened and

read aloud at 10:10 A.M., local time on the day of September 2021, at the City Administration building. All proposals will remain on file in the Office of the City Clerk at least 48 hours before award of contract will be made and entered into thereon Bids received more than ninetysix (96)

hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, before the final time set for receipt of bids, as well as bids received after the final time set for receipt of bids, will not be considered and will be returned unopened. No Bidder may withdraw a bid within 90 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Copies of the general conditions, plans, and specifications and other bidding documents are on file in the above office and are open for public inspection

Complete set of Plans, Specifications and bidding documents may be obtained by registering on-line at https://www civcastusa.com. Please e-mail Shane O'Brien at sobrien@garney.com for further assistance.
A Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference for all

Bidders is scheduled for 9:00 A.M., local time on the 15th day of September 2021 at the Stride Event Center in Enid, Oklahoma, Attendance to the Mandatory

Pre-Bid Conference is required and attendance is a pre-qualification for submitting a proposal. A Mandatory Site Visit will e held for all Bid Packages immediately following the Pre-Bid Conference. Any Bid Proposal received from a Bidder who did not attend the Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference and Site Visit will be returned

A portion of this project is financed by a loan from the Oklahoma Water Resources Board through the Department of Environmental Quality Drinking Water State Revolving Fund.

Please reference the bidding documents for all bid requirements. Garney Companies, Inc. and the City of Enid, Oklahoma reserves the right to

Garney Companies, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer Dated this 24th Day of August, 2021

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Notice of Self Storage Sale Please take notice SpareBox Storage Van Buren located at 1016 N Van Buren St., Enid, OK 73703 intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the Facility by the below list of Occupants whom are in default at a Auction. The sale will occur or otherwise disposed as an online auction via www.storagetreasures.com on 9/15/2021 at 12:00pm. Unless stated otherwise, the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Sandra Gonzolezmartin unit #200025 last known address: 20515 Aldine Westfield Rd #78. Humble. TX 77338: Jon Donnell unit #200049 & #200101 last known address: 822 S. Van Buren, Enid, OK 73701: Katherine Nevore unit #200060 wn address: 5602 Texoma, Enid, OK 73703: Roger Hess unit #200186 last known address: 705 Bear Run, Enid, OK 73703. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details

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