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Ricky Bryan Memorial Roadway

A portion of 305th East Avenue, between SH-51 and 147th Street South, has been dedicated to Ricky Bryan who was an inspiration to many youth in Coweta by the way he lived his life and by the way he supported many numerous youth activities in Coweta.

In loving memory.



Water System and Treatment Facility Improvements



Follow up



The City just recently received bids on the upgrade of the water distribution system. Upon completion the project will provide improved water quality and supply to the community. Included in this project is a new Booster Pump Station, a redundant water supply and additional pressure and volume. Also included is the "looping" of the system such that upon completion, it will provide better pressure and water quality to the City. The installation of a new 12" main trunk line that extends north from the new booster pump station to 121th street and an extension of the line further north to 111th and a final one tying into the existing water line along SH 51.

The Improvements to the water plant are proceeding with the submittal of the Engineering Report to the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ). ODEQ is required to review and approve all improvements to the public water system to ensure safe and reliable water. The design that is being submitted will meet and exceed the water quality requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act as well as allow for future expansion.



Transit ridership on the rise!

	<u>Sooner Ride trips</u>	<u>Demand trips</u>	<u>Total</u>
Aug.	241	484	725
Sept.	400	582	982
Oct.	445	608	1,053
Nov.	475	627	1,102
Dec.	374	797	1,171



Call today for a ride! 486-1783

SPECIAL ELECTION SCHEDULED

April 6, 2010

The Coweta City Council has scheduled a special election for April 6, 2010, to allow the voters of Coweta to determine contract terms with the Union representing the Coweta police officers. The election terms in dispute include a City proposal that the Union and City agree in the contract that "just cause" would exist to terminate any police officer who is charged with a felony, DUI, drug crimes or a crime involving moral turpitude; it should be noted that the Union adamantly opposes this contract language. Additionally, the City proposes to keep existing contract language that provides for selection of an arbitrator by agreement of the parties, or if unable to agree, selection by a Wagoner County Judge (the Union proposes appointment by a federal agency). The Union also proposes contract language that would require Union approval of most decisions made in managing the Coweta Police Department; the City opposes that change. Lastly, the parties have a dispute about a wage article, and how wages would increase next year.

The wage issue has been mostly resolved by the City's new agreement with the Union representing the Coweta firefighters. On February 1, 2010, the Coweta City Council approved a historic three year contract extension with the members of the Coweta Fire Department. The contract recognizes the recent economic downturn and does not include any pay increase for the next budget year, unless the economy has rebounded and other city employees are given an across-the-board pay raise. The three year agreement means the City and firefighters will not have negotiations during the next three years, as all issues were resolved by the parties well in advance of the upcoming budget year.

Let your voice be heard on April 6th. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.



Coweta Recycling center now taking phone books in addition to glass, plastic, aluminum, oil and paper (office and newspaper). Visit the center at 121st and SH-51 and let's recycle Coweta!



GET YOUR PET "FIXED"!

Mobile Spay/Neuter Clinic for low-income residents of Coweta and surrounding areas (held once a month).

Over 70% of pets born in our area are unwanted; only you can stop pet overpopulation.

Serving households with incomes under \$35,000 a year.

\$45 per dog or \$35 per cat;

rabies vaccination and deworming are included.

For information or to make an appointment, call

Kathleen at 918-486-3773



NOAA weather radio grant

1,000 weather radios are available for elderly and low income residents of Coweta. The radios were obtained through a grant applied for by the Coweta Fire Department. These radios are programmed to receive weather reports and alerts to notify residents of possible severe weather. Please contact the Coweta Fire Department at 486-2121 if you would like to receive a **free radio**.



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2010 United Way Campaign

This year, the City of Coweta employees gave \$3,314.40 to the United Way Campaign. Way to go!!

