

Voters Should Apply Early For Absentee Ballots

Voters in Stephens County who want to have absentee ballots mailed to them for the August 26 Primary Runoff should apply now, County Election Board Secretary Dunagan said today. Although the County Election can accept applications for absentee ballots until 5 p.m. on Wednesday, August 20, Dunagan urged voters who want to vote by absentee ballot to apply early.

Absentee ballot application forms are available at the County Election Board office located at 101 S. 11th Suite 100. The absentee ballot application forms also can be downloaded and printed at: www.elections.ok.gov.

Voters who have requested an absentee ballot can track their ballot at http://www.ok.gov/elections/Voter_Info/Online_Voter_Tool/.

"At least two mail transactions must be made," Dunagan said. "The County Election Board must mail the ballots to the voter and the voter must return the voted ballots by mail." Ballots must be in the hands of the County Election Board by 7 p.m. on election day in order to be counted.

Dunagan said that any registered voter may vote by absentee ballot in any election in which he/she is eligible to vote. However, a voter must be registered and reside at an address within the geographical boundaries of a school district or municipality to be eligible to vote in school district or municipal elections. It is not necessary to give a reason, or excuse, for voting absentee.

"While anyone can vote absentee without giving a reason, the law still provides several excuses, and it is the advantage of some voters to use one of them," Dunagan said. By stating one of the following reasons on their application, these voters can activate some special conditions that make it easier for them to use absentee ballots. The reasons are:

* Voters who are physically incapacitated and voters who care for physically incapacitated persons who cannot be left unattended may vote absentee. They may apply only by mail, by fax or by email.

* Voters who are confined to nursing homes in the county may vote absentee. An Absentee Voting Board actually goes to the nursing home a few days before the election, sets up a small polling place and allows these persons to vote under circumstances similar to those at a regular precinct polling place. They may apply only by mail, by fax or by email.

* Military personnel and residents of the county living overseas and the spouses and dependents of each group are eligible to receive absentee ballots. These voters may apply only by mail, fax or by email. Military personnel should contact the Voting Service Officers in their units for application forms and additional information or visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program website (www.fvap.gov/oklahoma) for more information and instructions. Residents of Oklahoma living overseas can obtain the same material from any United States military installation and from United States Embassies and Consulates as well as the FVAP website.

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the Cincinnati Bengals, Miami Dolphins, Washington Redskins and a member of the Super Bowl XXIX Champion San Francisco 49ers, took notice of J.J. the first day of camp in Oklahoma City.

"The first day of camp when I go out on the field, I am looking strictly at skill level," Coach Marc Logan told the Times this past week in a phone interview.

"Footwork, how you hold the ball, just all things fundamental is what I am looking for. J.J. stood out on the first day. Usually the guys that stand out on the first day are normally the ones that get invited to "Top Gun."

"J.J. was a little rough around the edges starting out a little slow because it was his first camp, but he really came on strong," Logan said.

"Actually the next day, when we were doing drills, he had really good footwork. Footwork could improve, but for his age he has really good footwork. But if he improves his footwork, he will be phenomenal because he has all the other skill works.

"J.J. was one of my special guys at the camps and I had the coaches watching his progress and J.J. was working very hard and the coaches told me he was burning it up," Logan said.

"What is great about J.J. is that not only is he a good athlete, but he has a great personality and a good attitude about everything. J.J. was like a sponge on what I was trying to teach him.

"Some kids you have to tell twenty times, but with J.J. I only had to tell him once and he was out there on the field correcting it. He understands football. He has a good football IQ and understands the game a lot better than most kids his age.

"But most importantly, I told J.J. this game doesn't exist without your grades. He is a good student.

"When I do these camps, I give life lessons. I love the game of football. I played it my whole life. It is a life lesson type of game. It teaches you about wins and losses, defeats and victories. That is what life is all about. You are going to win in life and lose sometimes. Studying and grades is one thing I really stress.

"Like I told J.J., I wasn't the most talented. There were people that could run rings around me. I had the grades, the good attitude and I kept my nose clean. Life is about choices and making the right choices. When you make the right choices, good things happen to you. It is about being a student-athlete in that order," Logan said.

When asked about FBU camp, Logan said that the Football University Camp is one of the top camps in the country.

"I say this because you have some of the top coaches in the country. You have so many former NFL players and coaches. Some of them have over forty years of experience. Put all of those coaches and players together, we have probably eighty coaches at the camps around the country sharing their experiences that are beneficial to these kids at every age and skill level.

"I told my kids a lot of things they were learning right now, I didn't actually learn until I got in the NFL. One or two days in the NFL, I learned more than I did in my whole career."

Logan shared he believed these camps allowed the kids attending to be better prepared to compete against others for their positions and gives them a greater advantage in their knowledge of the game.

"You want that type of education and excitement they learn here at the camp to be contagious and they take it back with them to their schools and teams," Logan said.

Logan said J.J. was invited to attend the FBU "Top Gun" Camp in

Dublin, Ohio because his FBU camp evaluation in Oklahoma City showed a certain skill level combined with his ability to adapt to what he was being taught.

"It is crucial to take what you see on the chalkboard and transfer it to the field and J.J. was showing us that. The ones that show us this commitment, continue to excel for their age and skill level, we would like to continue their development at Top Gun. These are the kids that will benefit because of their higher levels they already have in place," Logan said.

Logan shared that at Top Gun, J.J. and the other kids can compare their skills with peers from around the country. "They can find out if they need to work harder to compete with some of the best. It can either boost your confidence or make you work harder knowing what it takes because they have seen it."

J.J. told the Times that his favorite NFL star right now was LeSean McCoy of the Philadelphia Eagles. and past or present would have to be Walter Payton and Barry Sanders.

J.J. said right now his favorite college football teams would be Alabama and Oklahoma, and for another sport he loves, basketball, the college teams would be Kentucky and Oklahoma State.

While J.J. may have dreams of playing pro ball someday, he has goals well before that day can arrive that shows a sense of maturity beyond 7th grade dreaming.

"I want to keep working hard so that I can help Comanche win a state championship in every sport I compete," J.J. said.

Tribe Pride!

(ed. note - J.J. is on a watch list this fall for possible placement on the East Bay All-American 7th grade football team. If selected, the game would be broadcast nationwide taking place in Naples, Florida.)

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at Will Rogers Airport recorded only 4.18 inches. A total of 43 Mesonet sites recorded at least 5 inches of rain during July. Beaver brought up the rear with only 1.6 inches, about an inch below normal. The final U.S. Drought Monitor map of the month portrayed 76 percent of the state in drought, although only 23 percent was considered in extreme-to-exceptional drought, the Monitor's worst two categories. Additionally, that final map did not consider heavy rains that fell in July's final few days.

Severe weather was sporadic during July with various reports of wind or hail damage and flash flooding. The most noteworthy event was the 106 mph wind gust recorded by the Burneyville Mesonet site late in the evening of July 30. A possible microburst was the culprit, and more than 3 inches of rain fell in just a few hours following the 106 mph gust. The reading tied a wind gust at Idabel on May 4, 2006, as the fourth high-

est ever recorded since the Mesonet began in 1994. The top two gusts of 151 mph and 131 mph were both associated with the May 24, 2011, EF5 tornado that brushed the El Reno Mesonet site. Preliminary numbers from the National Weather Service show 13 tornadoes for Oklahoma thus far in 2014. The 1950-2013 average for January-July is 48, and the annual average is 56. Only 1988 saw fewer tornadoes through July with 10. That year also ended with the lowest annual total of 17. The 2014 tornado totals are subject to change with further investigation from NWS personnel.

According to the 6-10 day outlooks from the NWS' Climate Prediction Center (CPC), another surge of cool air and moisture looked possible for early August. The CPC outlooks for the month of August saw increased odds of above normal precipitation across Oklahoma, but equal chances of above-, below- and near-normal temperatures.



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DRH *welcomes* **Krystal Vonfeldt, DO**

Please join the medical staff and team members of DUNCAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL in welcoming Crystal Vonfeldt, DO to the DRH team. Dr. Vonfeldt completed medical school at the Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She completed her Family Medicine Residency training at Great Plains Family Medicine Residency Program in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. We know that Dr. Vonfeldt will be a valuable addition to our medical staff. Dr. Vonfeldt will be practicing at Fallingwater Medical, located at 1334 Harville Road in Duncan, Oklahoma. To schedule an appointment, please call (580) 255-8564.

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