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Will gov't shutdown affect local residents?

By [Name] | OCTOBER 9, 2013

As the federal government faces a potential shutdown, many Oklahomans are wondering how it will affect them. While the federal government is not directly involved in most local services, there are several areas where a shutdown could have an impact. For example, federal funding for certain social programs, such as Medicaid and SNAP, could be delayed or cut off. This could affect low-income families and individuals who rely on these programs for their basic needs. Additionally, federal employees who work for state or local agencies that receive federal funding could face pay cuts or furloughs. However, many local services, such as police, fire, and public works, are funded by local taxes and are not directly affected by a federal shutdown.

No injuries in Okla. pipeline blast

By [Name] | OCTOBER 9, 2013

A major pipeline explosion in Oklahoma on Wednesday resulted in no injuries and minimal property damage. The explosion occurred at a pipeline junction near [Location]. The cause of the explosion is still under investigation, but it is believed to have been caused by a gas leak that ignited. The pipeline operator, [Company Name], is working to repair the damaged section of the pipeline and ensure that the area is safe for residents. The explosion was captured on video and is being reviewed by investigators.



HALF CENT TO BE ON BALLOT

By [Name] | OCTOBER 9, 2013

The City of Okmulgee is preparing to put a half-cent sales tax on the ballot for voters to decide on. The tax would be used to fund various city services, including police, fire, and public works. The city council has approved the measure, and it will be presented to voters at a public hearing. The tax would be levied on all property within the city limits. The city is currently facing budget challenges and needs additional revenue to maintain its services. The public hearing will provide an opportunity for residents to voice their opinions on the proposed tax.

City commission will allow public vote

By [Name] | OCTOBER 9, 2013

The City Commission will allow a public vote on the proposed half-cent sales tax. The commission has scheduled a public hearing for [Date] at [Location]. The hearing will be held in a public forum where residents can express their views on the tax. The commission will then make a decision based on the public input. The tax would be implemented if approved by the voters. The city is committed to transparency and public participation in the decision-making process.

The proposed tax would generate approximately \$[Amount] per year for the city. This revenue would be used to fund various city services, including police, fire, and public works. The city is currently facing budget challenges and needs additional revenue to maintain its services. The public hearing will provide an opportunity for residents to voice their opinions on the proposed tax.

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18 states now selling gas for less than \$3 a gallon

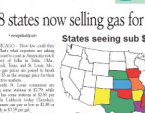
States seeing sub \$3/gal gas

Obama Administration denies Mass to Catholics

Religious liberty under attack

By [Name] | OCTOBER 9, 2013

The Obama Administration has denied a request from the Catholic Bishops of Massachusetts for a religious exemption from the Affordable Care Act's contraceptive mandate. The mandate requires employers to provide health insurance that covers a wide range of contraceptive services. The bishops argue that this requirement violates their religious freedom and the freedom of conscience of their members. The administration has stated that the mandate is a neutral, secular policy that applies to all employers. This decision has sparked significant controversy and is seen as a major attack on religious liberty.



Local gas prices 28 cents higher than state ave.

By [Name] | OCTOBER 9, 2013

Local gas prices in Okmulgee are 28 cents higher than the state average, according to GasBuddy.com. The national average is currently around \$2.80 per gallon, while local prices are closer to \$3.08. This is due to various factors, including local taxes and the cost of transporting fuel to the area. Gas prices are expected to remain high in the near future due to global oil market conditions.

Police arrest 8 House members at immigration rally

By [Name] | OCTOBER 9, 2013

Eight members of the Oklahoma House of Representatives were arrested by police at an immigration rally. The rally was held in [Location] and was organized by a group of immigration advocates. The House members were arrested on charges of disorderly conduct and obstructing justice. The arrests were widely reported in the media and have caused a significant stir in the state. The House members claim that they were simply exercising their right to free speech and assembly.

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The arrests of the House members have led to a heated debate in the state legislature. Some members are calling for a strong response to the arrests, while others are calling for a more measured approach. The incident has raised questions about the role of the police and the rights of citizens to participate in public demonstrations. The state is currently working to resolve the situation and ensure that the rights of all citizens are protected.

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The arrests have also led to a re-evaluation of the state's immigration policies. Some lawmakers are calling for a more comprehensive approach to immigration, including increased border security and improved vetting of immigrants. The incident has highlighted the need for a balanced approach that respects the rights of all citizens while also addressing the challenges of immigration.

Happy Birthda, Ron Kiley!

By [Name] | OCTOBER 9, 2013

Happy birthday to Ron Kiley, a local resident and community member. Ron has been a member of the community for many years and has been instrumental in many of the city's development projects. He is a well-respected and hardworking individual who has made a significant contribution to the city. We wish him a very happy birthday and hope that he continues to bring joy and success to all those around him.

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