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Courtesy photo
Home of Hope CEO Dr. Ralph Richardson (left) accepts a donation of \$25,000 from the Cresap Family Foundation, represented by Gail and Denny Cresap.

Foundation donates to greenhouse project

By Misty Bingham
Home of Hope Marketing and Development Officer

Some projects are just meant to be. Over a year ago, representatives of Home of Hope and Carolyn Piguet, the Vinita FFA Chapter Adviser, came together through meetings of the Craig County Wellness Initiative and an idea was sparked to collaborate on a horticulture program. After much dreaming and planning, the project will soon be a reality thanks to the generosity of the Cresap Family Foundation. "We recently met with the Cresap family and representatives from the Foundation to talk about needs at Home of Hope," said Dr. Ralph Richardson, Home of Hope Chief Executive Officer. "The greenhouse project was a great fit in keeping with the Cresap Family Foundation's mission of supporting youth and families, health and wellness, education, and other quality of life issues in Northeast and Central Oklahoma."

Renovation of the greenhouse behind the administrative offices on Hope Road, addition

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"My goal is not only to instill in my kids a love of agriculture, but a heart for service, and I think this is a great way to do both..."

Carolyn Piguet

City eyes uses for old courthouse site

Angela Thomason
Journal Reporter

As the old courthouse cleanup continues, the City of Vinita will be looking at future uses for the area that the courthouse once stood upon.

Mayor Ronnie Starks said that nothing official has been decided on the future use yet. He said that City Councilor Danny Lankford

will be meeting with the Parks Committee in the upcoming weeks to go over ideas.

Starks said, "We've been told that it will most likely take at least 30 days for that area to be cleaned up by the county before it will be of use to the city. There have been some ideas brought up about what the city could do with that space, but nothing has been decided at the time. I personally would like to see

some picnic shelters go up in that space since we don't have one right now, but that's just one idea. Also, the city is limited on what it can do anytime soon, due to funds."

Starks said there's no timeline set on anything right now since the first step will be for the county to have time to finish the demolition project.

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Food basket donations to be picked up

Don't forget to set out your food donations for Thanksgiving food baskets on Saturday. Volunteers with First Baptist Church will be going out in the community to pick up donations from homes starting around 8:30 a.m. as part of the annual Thanksgiving basket program.

You can attach the plastic bags filled with non-perishable foods on your mail box or leave on your porch for pickup.

You may also drop off your food donations at First Baptist Church on Saturday until noon.

They are hoping to coordinate 200 baskets to be delivered to those in need this Sunday.

Anyone who would like more information on the coordination of the baskets, or to volunteer to help, can call First Baptist Church at 918-256-7831.



Photo courtesy of Carolyn Piguet

Vinita FFA food science students Dillon Campbell (left) and Brannon Vail work on homemade noodles and pie crusts that will be available at the Thanksgiving Market. It will be held from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday at the Agriculture Center at Vinita High School.

FFA to host Thanksgiving market on Saturday

Angela Thomason
Journal Reporter

Want to make a great Thanksgiving spread next week but don't have time to make all the homemade side dishes?

Vinita FFA can help. They will be holding a Thanksgiving market on Saturday, from 8 a.m. to noon, at the Vinita Agriculture Center at Vinita High School.

Students in the Food Science classes through the various FFA programs worked this week making homemade noodles, rolls, pie crusts, and other baked goods in preparation for the market.

The Okie Origins store will also be open with a variety of goods from which to select.

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Shop local this holiday season



STREET SCENES

Nick DeVore happy 16th birthday...Dale Haire bringing in information on the Senior Citizens Center pool tournament...Randy Tracy happy birthday Monday...Kevin Grimes discussing video games...DeAnna Chenoweth happy birthday Monday...Alan and Julie Hency checking out at Walmart...Wayne Shearhart talking about old school photos collected by his mother, who was pictured in a photograph of the 1923-24 Vinita Queen Bees that ran in Thursday's Journal...Jake says if you get in an argument with your wife, it's easy to get in the last word. Just say, "OK, honey, here's the money."