Death cases remained on a deadly trend, recording the month of December as the worst month on record for deaths, hospitalizations and infections from the disease. As of Tuesday, the county was responsible for 15 of the 10,138 presumably active infections throughout the state. Tuesday’s death in Carter County, that of a man in the 50-64 age group was one of 31 new deaths reported for the state. The statewide seven-day average for new deaths has remained in double digits since November 14 and has fallen below that threshold twice in the last 70-days. For Carter County, the seven-day average for new cases fell below 40 for the first time since Friday after a sharp jump in new daily cases just days before.

Dec. begins on deadly COVID trend

One in jail after dropped gun fires

One person was arrested and two others could face charges after alterations on Thanksgiving that involved a minor and a firearm. Ardmore police were dispatched to a home in the 300 block of 11th Avenue Northwest around 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 26, for reports of an disturbance and a gunshot, according to police records. Ardmore police Capt. Claude Henry said two victims alleg a suspect had pointed a firearm at them. “It revolved around a domestic situation. One of the victims in the report actually the suspect in this report was once in a dating relationship,” Henry said on Tuesday. Responding officers tried to make contact with the suspect but were unsuccessful, according to police records. Henry said officers also made an unsuccessful attempt to contact the suspect’s vehicle the day.

Police investigate Thursday morning assault

Ardmore police continue to investigate a domestic disturbance that victims say involved a firearm. Authorities arrived at the 900 block of Lake Huron Drive South shortly after 1 a.m. Thursday morning in response to an assault, according to police records. Ardmore Capt. Claude Henry said two victims alleg a suspect had pointed a firearm at them. “It revolved around a domestic situation. One of the victims in the report and the suspect in this report were once in a dating relationship,” Henry said on Thursday. Responding officers tried to make contact with the suspect but were unsuccessful, according to police records. Henry said officers also made an unsuccessful attempt to contact the suspect’s vehicle the day.

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Members of the Outcast 4 Christ Recovery Ministry set up a jaihouse outside of WOW Church as part of a fundraiser for their Bikes 4 Christmas program for local children in need. The Outcasts along with women from Soulsity Recovery Center volunteered to be “jailers” and time called inmates and family to bail them out by donating to the event, (source: ardmorerite.com)

Tis the season

Families snap photos of the Christmas tree lighting at Central Park on Tuesday. Even though the traditionally large event was canceled due to coronavirus precautions, almost two dozen people were scattered along West Main Street to watch the lighting. (MICHAEL D. SMITH, THE ARDMOREITE)

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Outcast 4 Christ Recovery Ministry and Sober Living kicked off their 9th annual Bikes 4 Christmas event on Tuesday with a jailhouse-themed fundraiser. Volunteers from the Outcast, along with women from Destiny Recovery Center, volunteered to be “jailers” in a special cell outside of WOW Church until they could score at least $50 in bail. All funds raised by the event will now be used to purchase bicycles and toys for area children in need. Johnny Bruce, director of Outcast 4 Christ Recovery Ministry, said their organization has partnered with the Family Shelter of Southern Oklahoma, the Community Children’s Shelter and Sober Living Center, the 20th District Drug Court, and other local nonprof- it to make sure all the See BIKES, A$