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## Dec. begins on deadly COVID trend

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Carter County began the month of December on a deadly trend, recording its 15th COVID related death since the onset of the pandemic.

The newest reported death came a day after the county and the state marked the worst month on record for deaths, hospitalizations and infections from the disease.

As of Tuesday, the county was responsible for 345 of the 30,318 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 15 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 case just days before.

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## One in jail after dropped gun fires

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One person was arrested and two others could face charges after altercations on Thanksgiving that involved a minor and a firearm. Ardmore police were dispatched to a home in the 300 block of 12th Avenue Northwest

around 6:20 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 26, for reports of a disturbance and a gunshot, according to police records.

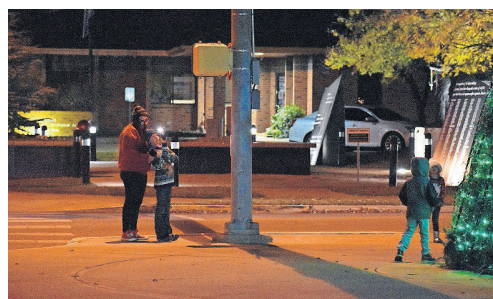
Ardmore police Capt. Claude Henry on Tuesday said investigators discovered the situation started at a nearby gas station, where 26-year-old William

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## Tis the season



A young child looks in wonder at the Christmas tree lights in Central Park while a woman reviews photos on Tuesday. [MICHAEL D. SMITH, THE ARDMOREITE]



Families snap photos of the Christmas tree lighting in 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]



Families take photos of the Christmas tree lighting at Central Park on Tuesday. [MICHAEL D. SMITH, THE ARDMOREITE]

## Police investigate Thursday morning assault

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Ardmore police continue to investigate a domestic disturbance that victims say involved a firearm.

Authorities arrived at the 900 block of Lake Murray Drive South shortly after 1 a.m. Thursday morning in response to an assault, according to police records. Ardmore police Capt. Claude Henry said two victims alleged a suspect had pointed a firearm at them.

"It revolved around a domestic situation. One of the victims in this report and the suspect in this report were once in a dating relationship," Henry said on Tuesday.

Responding officers tried to make contact with the suspect but were unsuccessful, according to a police report. Henry said officers also made an unsuccessful attempt to contact the suspect at their residence later that day.

Henry said charges have been sent to the district attorney's office for consideration. Authorities continue to search for the suspect whose identity was not released on Tuesday.

No injuries were reported during the incident. "The firearm was simply pointed at the victims," Henry said.

## Ministry raising money to buy bikes for kids in need

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Outcast 4 Christ Recovery Ministry and Sober Living kicked off their 8th 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 "locked up" in a special jail outside of WOW Church until they could secure 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 for Christ Recovery Ministry, said their organization has partnered with the Family Shelter of Southern Oklahoma, the Community Children's Shelter and Family Service Center, the 20th District Drug Court, and other local nonprofits to make sure all the

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Members of the Outcast 4 Christ Recovery Ministry set up a jailhouse 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 Destiny Recovery Center volunteered to be "jailed" and then called friends and family to bail them out by donating to the event. [[DREW BUTLER/THE ARDMOREITE]]

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