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NBA'S BACK?

NBA owners are set to approve a plan for the season to restart with 22 teams in Orlando, Florida



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An Oklahoma jewelry maker's copper cuffs are helping bring hope to other local artists

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'Sharing the same soil'



Oklahoma State University Police Chief Leon Jones places his arm around Charmaine Motte of Stillwater during a moment of silence at Wednesday's rally outside the Stillwater Police Department. [BRYAN TERRY/THE OKLAHOMAN]

Hundreds protest in Stillwater

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STILLWATER — Hundreds of people gathered outside the Stillwater police station Wednesday in 90-degree weather to protest George Floyd's death at the hands of a former Minnesota police officer.

The peaceful protest drew people from other cities, including Tulsa and Oklahoma City, to listen to more than a dozen speakers talk about police brutality, white supremacy and systematic racism. Among the speakers were the Rev. T. Sheri Dickerson, the president of the Oklahoma City chapter of Black Lives Matter; Stillwater Police Chief Jeff Watts and high

schooler Emily Croft, who organized the protest.

"We need to do something that the curators of institutional and systemic racism would never expect," Croft told the crowd. "That is to come together, all of us, as brothers and sisters sharing the same soil."

The speakers' messages varied as some focused on police killings and others spoke about white Christianity's promotion of racism, but their goals remained the same: to motivate people to take action against an unjust system that targets black people.

Uriah Davis, a graduate student at Oklahoma State University's School of Global Studies, spoke to the crowd

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Stillwater police chief objects to rifle-carrying man at protest



Christopher Autrey, a member of the Three Percenters organization, said he attended a protest in Stillwater on Wednesday to prevent people from looting local businesses. Stillwater's police chief said, while not illegal, bringing a firearm to the protest was inappropriate. [JORDAN GREEN/THE OKLAHOMAN]

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STILLWATER — This city's police chief condemned members of a right-wing militia group who carried rifles at a peaceful protest in front of the city's police station Wednesday.

Stillwater Police Chief Jeff Watts said he was notified Wednesday that at least one member of the Three Percenters — Original group was at the rally, which began at 10 a.m. and ended about 12:30 p.m. People gathered to protest the death

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OSU FOOTBALL

Three OSU players test positive for COVID-19

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STILLWATER — Oklahoma State University's plan of action for handling positive COVID-19 tests among its football players who returned to campus on Monday is immediately being put to the test.

An Oklahoma State official says three players tested positive for COVID-19 in the first phase of testing to bring athletes back to campus, which began Monday.

Senior linebacker Amen Ogbongbemiga posted the news of his positive test on Twitter on Tuesday night.

OSU senior associate athletic director Kevin Klintworth posted further details on Twitter on Wednesday morning, saying that OSU tested more than 150 staff members, administrators and student-athletes "with 3 asymptomatic positives. All by (student-athletes). Positives were expected and the plan for that scenario has been activated. We will be as forthcoming as possible on the covid issues."

Additionally, freshman players who were initially scheduled to move in this weekend were notified by email or text message that their report date has been delayed until further notice, two sources told The Oklahoman.

University president Burns Hargis followed with a statement emailed to all students regarding the safety measures the school is focusing on prior to other students arriving.

"It will be an interesting semester as we continue to adjust to the COVID-19 pandemic," Hargis wrote. "Our overriding commitment is to protect the health and well-being of all members of the OSU community."

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CORONAVIRUS IN OKLAHOMA

The number of positive COVID-19 tests in Oklahoma increased by 113 to 6,805 on Wednesday, while the number of deaths rose by two to a total of 341. Here is a look at the latest numbers in Oklahoma and across the nation:

OKLAHOMA	
Positive	6,805
Deaths	341
Total recovered	5,711

UNITED STATES	
Total	1,841,629
Deaths	106,696

STIMULUS CHECKS

Want to see when your stimulus check might arrive? Go to irs.gov/coronavirus/get-my-payment and fill out the form to find out when your check will be processed.

Prosecutors charge 3 more officers in George Floyd's death



Demonstrators chant, Tuesday, at Rittenhouse Square in Philadelphia, during a protest over the death of George Floyd, who died May 25 after he was restrained by Minneapolis police. [MATT ROURKE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

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The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Prosecutors on Wednesday filed a tougher charge against the police officer at the center of the George Floyd case and charged three other officers, delivering a victory to protesters galvanized by a death that roused racial tensions and unleashed coast-to-coast unrest.

The most serious charge was filed against Derek Chauvin, who was caught on video pressing his knee to Floyd's neck and now must defend himself against an accusation of second-degree murder. The three other officers at the scene — Thomas Lane, J. Kueng and Tou Thao — were charged for the first time with aiding

and abetting second-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter. All four were fired last week.

The new charges were sought by Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison, who called the protests unleashed by the death "dramatic and necessary" and said Floyd "should be here and he is not."

"His life had value, and we will seek justice," said Ellison, who cautioned that winning convictions would be hard and said that public pressure had no bearing on his decisions.

Hundreds of protesters were in New York City's Washington Square Park when the charges were announced.

"It's not enough," protester Jonathan Roldan said, insisting all four officers should

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