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the people that stepped up to do a great service, and the community loves them — let's back them up."

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Addington, who served in the Korean and Vietnam wars and also as the sheriff of Garfield County, received three awards Monday.

With several of his family members in attendance, Addington was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award, the foundation's "greatest honor," as well as a Professional Law Enforcement Award and a Community Service Award.

"I can't really describe it," Addington said of how he felt about receiving the awards, "but it's wonderful ... and I'm so glad that everyone else was recognized."

Dockins and Yearick each received a Community Service Award, as did EFD and Life EMS. NEPD received a Professional Law Enforcement Agency Award.

Dockins said "with everything that's going on in the world," it's good to see first responders recognized, especially those serving North Enid.

"It's nice to see that people do appreciate the things they do, the struggles they fight and the protection they provide," he said.

Yearick said it's an honor to be recognized and that NEPD Chief James Logsdon and other NEPD officers, who are all "hardworking and take their jobs seriously ... to protect and serve," have put in "so much of their time to make the department a good agency."

Logsdon said he appreciates the support from the community and other law enforcement agencies in Enid and Garfield County, adding that for NEPD

to be a good agency it "has to have a

good community."

"And we do have that good community," he said. "We have people who are not only respectful of us but respectful of each other, and that's the only way that we can propel forward — with the community behind us. We are servants of the community; we are servants of the law; and we appreciate the support."

Smith said it's important to recognize first responder agencies in smaller cities and towns for their efforts because "they represent the greater good of the United States."

"You see so much of people doing the wrong things and are always hearing about that," he said. "Why not show these towns that may be a little but have a big heart and show these communities that come together?"

FTX founder charged in scheme to defraud crypto investors

NEW YORK (AP) — The U.S. government charged Samuel Bankman-Fried, the founder and former CEO of cryptocurrency exchange FTX, with a host of financial crimes on Tuesday, alleging he intentionally deceived customers and investors to enrich himself and others, while playing a central role in the company's multibillion-dollar collapse.

Federal prosecutors said Bankman-Fried devised "a scheme and artifice to defraud" FTX's customers and investors beginning in 2019, the year it was founded. He illegally diverted their money to cover expenses, debts and risky trades at the crypto hedge fund he started in 2017, Alameda Research, and to make lavish real estate purchases and large political donations, prosecutors said in a 13-page indictment.

Bankman-Fried, 30, was arrested Monday in the Bahamas at the request of the U.S. government, and remains in custody after being denied bail.

He has been charged with eight criminal violations, ranging from wire fraud to money laundering to conspiracy to commit fraud. If convicted of all the charges, Bankman-Fried — referred to by crypto enthusiasts as "SBF" — could face decades in jail.

LANKFORD

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civilian pay."

Also included in the NDAA are changes to impact funding, which will go to help schools in locations with a military base that have experienced a loss in tax revenue, with funding helping to offset those losses. There also was additional funding added to help get various projects back on track at Tinker Air Force Base, Lankford said.

There also was language added that would eliminate the COVID-19 vaccine requirement for military personnel. While not a major component of the NDAA, Lankford said there have been thousands of military personnel who have never heard a response after filing an exemption from the vaccine on religious grounds. The amendment that would remove the requirement is likely to pass, Lankford said, and that there will be follow-up work to do with military chaplains and leadership to see why there wasn't an answer on the exemptions filed.

"We're going to follow back up with the armed services, as I have for the past year and a half, talking with chaplains, leadership of the services, their manpower, to see why are these people getting no answer," Lankford said.

Lankford also said there are thousands of armed services personnel in Oklahoma who are effectively sidelined.

"We have folks in Enid that are pilot train-

ers and they can't get in an aircraft because they haven't had the COVID vaccine, so they are just doing simulation training," Lankford said. "These folks that have requested religious exemption haven't heard an answer for a year and a half."

Lankford also touched on the fact that the Military Spouse Employment Act, which has passed the Senate and headed to the House, will help the retention rate for military families who may have left the service due to a spouse having limited options for a career. The spouse employment legislation would make it so a federal agency could hire fully remote jobs, which would better allow for a military spouse to have a career even if moving every few years.

"When I talk to military families that are leaving the military, they say there are two main reasons why a military family leaves," he said. "It's a career for their spouse and education for their children. What I'm trying to do, and with the bill passing the Senate already, is to be able to open more opportunities at federal agencies to have an opportunity for telework, and to open up for fully remote work and then a military spouse could get a job at a federal agency. If we're going to keep families in the military, we've got to make sure that education is right for their kids and that their spouses have opportunities, as well."

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Join us at a Public Information Meeting for the Wagon Wheel Wind Project

The owners of the Wagon Wheel Wind Project will host a public open house to provide area residents information about the development of the project in **Garfield County, Kingfisher County, Logan County** and **Noble County**, Oklahoma.

The Project will be located on private lands, and will consist of approximately 176 wind turbine generators and associated infrastructure.

PUBLIC MEETING INFORMATION

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

Noble County Fairgrounds

1 Ivanhoe Street, Perry, OK 73077 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Project representatives will be available to discuss all aspects of the Project.



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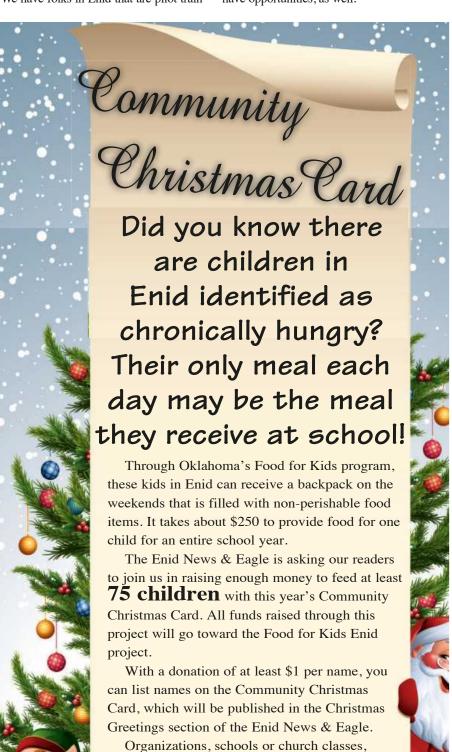
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