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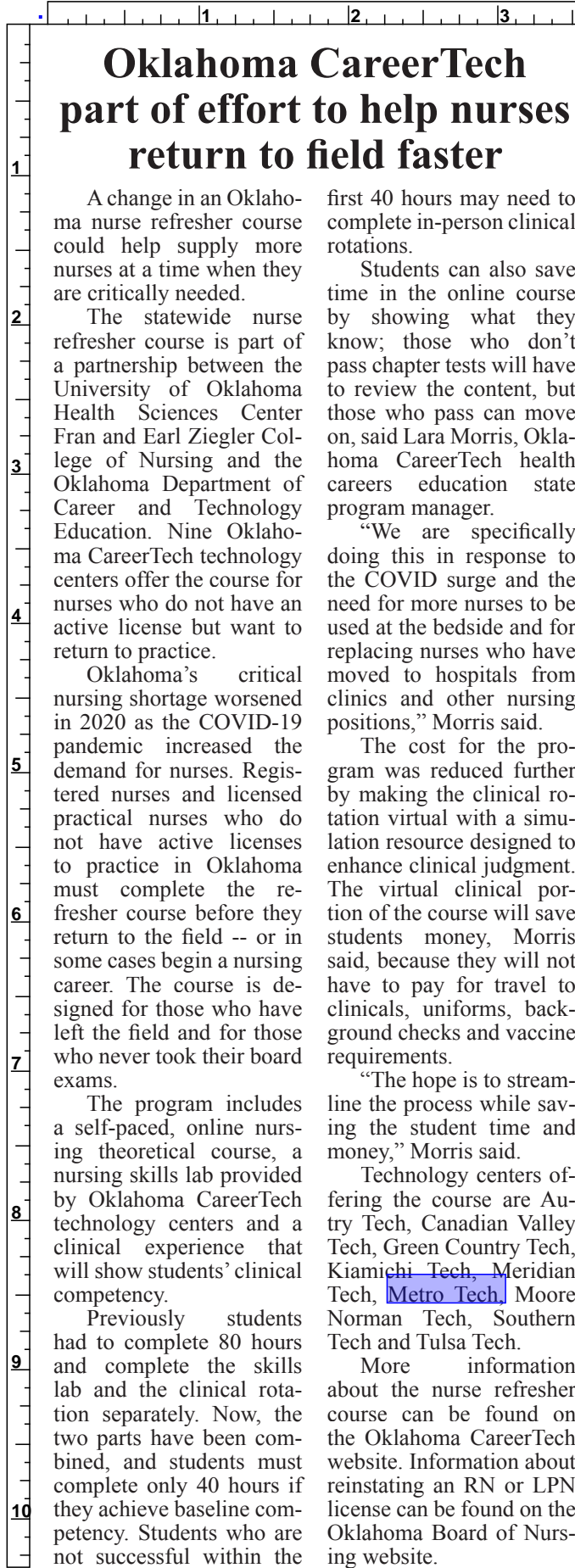
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The Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education provides leadership and resources and assures standards of excellence for a comprehensive statewide system of career and technology education. The system offers programs and services in 29 technology center districts operating on 58 campuses, 399 PK-12 school districts, 13 Skills Centers campuses that include three juvenile facilities and 32 adult basic education service providers.

The agency is governed by the State Board of Career and Technology Education and works closely with the State Department of Education and the State Regents for Higher Education to provide a seamless educational system for all Oklahomans.

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I promise I am not trying to plunge you into feelings of sadness and hopelessness, but rather illustrate to you that there are very few things that truly stand the test of time. In fact, the only thing I can think of that is not defeated by time is our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The Kingdom of God is the only think I can think of that is not conquered by time or by death. It is the one thing that stands forever and cannot be overcome. This is exactly why I want to extend to you, the community of Prague, my sincerest gratitude and thanks.

Recently, the churches of this great community recognized and answered a great need in the hearts and lives of our young people. On January 2, the churches came together and put on a "New Year, New Hope" rally in answer to the tragedy of losing the lives of three teenagers over the last couple years. There is no question that these terrible tragedies have had their effect on our community. Family and friends of those

churches of this town but most importantly by the wonderful Savior of this world.

In this Covid stricken world we now live in, this was not an easy event to plan for or carry out, but we believed it was essential to the spiritual health of our students regardless of the obstacles. Many of you attended the event and helped with anything and everything that you could while others baked cookies, donated money, offered words of great encouragement, and fervently prayed for the souls of our students. We saw students at the event submit their lives to Christ and receive His salvation and redemption from sin. Praise the Lord! We truly believe your help and your prayers were acts of obedience to God's call upon your lives and we thank you for your faithfulness.

You are helping build a one-of-a-kind legacy that will stand the tests of this world and the test of time by passing on the importance of faith in God Almighty to the next generation. Our prayer is that this next generation will be shaped and conformed into Godly men and women who go on to raise Godly children and so pass on the legacy of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior for generations to come.

Again we say thank you Prague. Please continue to pray for and support our young people. God bless you and your family.

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