

# Yukon man among 'Nation's Top 12' by NextGen

A Yukon man is the first Oklahoman to be named to a list of new leaders across the nation by a Washington, D.C.-based organization.

Lester Claravall was selected by NextGen, as one of its Nation's Top 12 honorees during a recent virtual summit.

NextGen is a movement to inspire new leaders through innovation, training and leadership opportunities in efforts to bridge the generation gap to help develop and retain new talent in the field of public service.

This year's summit was held virtually because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Twelve individuals from across the country were chosen to receive awards in six categories for this year's Top 12.

The categories included Courageous Champion, Innovator of the Year, Silent Hero, Exemplary Leader, NextGen Advocate, and

Dedication During Covid-19.

Claravall won the Exemplary Leader award for demonstrating benevolence, competence, integrity, dedication, and commitment to improving and inspiring others at the local, state, national or international level.

At the international level, Claravall has volunteered his time and expertise as an international speaker at global and world congress events held in Europe, Asia, Africa, and North America.

At the national level, Claravall was the youngest ever two-term national president of the Interstate Labor Standards Association (ILSA), a network of labor and safety officials from each state and several countries, to address such hot topics as wage theft, prevailing wage fraud, teen worker injuries, and human trafficking of children.

At the state level, Claravall served under

five labor commissioners at the Oklahoma Department of Labor.

During the past 23 years, he has served all 77 counties as Oklahoma's only full-time child labor officer to protect working children against workplace abuse, exploitation, endangerment, and hazardous occupations.

At the local level, Claravall graduated from the FBI, OSBI, Police, and Fire citizens' academies, served the Oklahoma City Police Department as an ambassador for three years, and served as the National Volunteer Fire Council Fire Corps state advocate to help support local fire and EMS departments across the state through volunteer efforts.

During his public service and community outreach career, Claravall has been recognized by several national and international organizations for his many contributions to helping others.

He was named one of the nation's 10 Outstanding Young Americans by the United States Junior Chamber and finalist for 10 Outstanding Young Persons of the World by Junior Chamber International.

He received the National Public Service Award presented jointly by the National Academy of Public Administration and the American Society for Public Administration, the Lewis Hine Award for Service to Children and Youth presented by the National Child Labor Committee, the Gold Screen Award presented by the National Association of Government Communicators, and the Labor Excellence Award presented by ILSA.

In addition, he was twice a finalist for Cable's Leaders in Learning Award presented by Cable in the Classroom.



Yukon resident Lester Claravall was notified recently that he has been selected as one of NextGen's "Nation's Top 12" leaders. Photo / Provided

## Medicare 101

There's a lot to know about Medicare.

Did you know that there are four parts to Medicare? And two options of having Medicare?

The four parts of Medicare are Part A, Part B, Part C and Part D. Part A is hospital coverage or inpatient care. It also covers skilled nursing facilities, rehabilitation facilities and hospice.

Part B is supplementary medical benefits, or outpatient care. It covers a broad range of outpatient care, such as physician office visits, lab services and durable medical equipment. Part C is Medicare Advantage plans. These plans cover Part A and Part B benefits under one plan. Some include Part D coverage.

Part D is prescription drug coverage. There are several different Part D plans in Oklahoma, each one with different premiums, deductibles and formularies.

When you sign up for Medicare, you have two options to choose from. The first option is called Original Medicare. Original Medicare is Part A, Part B and



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Part D. Many people add a Medigap policy to Original Medicare to lower their out-of-pocket costs. These costs are copays, deductibles and coinsurances relating to Part A and Part B. Medigap policies do not provide coverage for medications covered under Part D.

Your second option of having Medicare is a Medicare Advantage plan. These plans are very similar to major medical plans and include Part A, Part B and, sometimes, Part D. These plans are a replacement for Original Medicare. Many of these plans offer extra benefits, such as dental, vision and hearing benefits. They also have copays and coinsurances involved, depending on the type of health service

you need. Medicare Advantage plans can be HMOs or PPOs. This means that they have a network of healthcare providers that you would choose from.

If you have questions about the type of Medicare you have, or if you are trying to choose which option would be a better fit for you, give me a call. Medicare Annual Enrollment begins Oct. 15 and ends Dec 7.

This is the time of year that new plans are released for 2021 and you can make changes to your current benefits.

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## New convenience store planned for Yukon area

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Another Casey's General Store is coming to the Yukon area.

Plans are underway to open a new, 6,163-square-foot store at 10600 W. Highway 66 in late October.

This will mark Casey's fifth store in the metro area and the 44th store in Oklahoma.

The construction is estimated at \$1.733 million, according to a building permit issued in December 2019.

"At Casey's General Stores, our purpose is to make life better for our communities and our guests every day," said Katie Petru, director of communications for Casey's stores.

"We're proud to be expanding in the Oklahoma City community and look forward to welcoming guests at our new store in the coming months."

Petru noted that the location is ideal because of growing residential area and busy traffic along Highway 66.

Last year, a Casey's General Store opened at the intersection of Reno and Cemetery Road.

Founded more than 50 years ago, Casey's General Stores are the fourth-largest convenience store retailer and fifth-largest pizza chain in the United States.

The stores offer freshly prepared foods,

including pizza, sandwiches and bakery items, along with fuel.

"Our guests will also be able to join Casey's Rewards, which provide guests the ability to earn points on everyday purchases and redeem them for Casey's Cash, fuel discounts, or donate to a local school of their choice," Petru said.

"The ability for Casey's Rewards members to turn points they have earned into a donation to local schools – called Cash for Classrooms – is a distinctive feature, demonstrating Casey's purpose to make lives better for its communities and guests."

For more information, visit [www.caseys.com](http://www.caseys.com).

## Kolar murder trial delayed

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An El Reno man who is accused of leaving his young son in a hot car in 2018 is expected to appear in court next week on second-degree murder charges.

A jury trial for Adam Kolar had been set to begin Monday in Canadian County District Court.

However, it was postponed.

Kolar now is scheduled to appear in court Tuesday for a hearing.

Kolar, a former

employee at the federal correctional facility in El Reno, is accused of leaving his 3-year-old son, Ryker, inside his pickup for about six hours on Aug. 2, 2018.

According to court records, the child was discovered by a friend who went to Kolar's home to repair an air conditioner.

Documents show that Kolar visited a retail store at about 11 a.m., but didn't have the child with him.

The charges claim Kolar failed to provide adequate care, shelter,

medical care and supervision by leaving him unattended in the vehicle for several hours.

Authorities claim Kolar was under the influence of either alcohol or drugs at the time.

The child was found buckled into his car seat and had a body temperature of 105.9 degrees when he was found.

The medical examiner's office said the child died from cardiac arrest and that he likely suffered a heat stroke.

## Murder charge filed in fatal robbery

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Authorities have formally charged an Oklahoma City man with first-degree murder and armed robbery in connection with the fatal shooting of a clerk at an area 7-Eleven.

Charges were filed late Friday afternoon against George Lorenz Way in connection with the Sept. 3 death of

Laura Taylor.

Way is accused of robbing the store at SW 15 and Mustang Road during early Sept. 3 and then shooting Taylor multiple times when she followed him outside the store.

Taylor died at the scene.

The suspect was wearing a hoodie and a white mask, authorities said.

He was identified through video surveil-

lance and a tip to police.

According to the charges, Way could be sentenced to death, life in prison or life in prison without the possibility of parole if he is convicted on the murder charge.

In addition, he could face up to life in prison on the armed robbery charge.

He is being held in the Canadian County jail without bail.

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