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## Surviving the Oklahoma City Bombing: 25 years later

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There were 361 people in the Alfred P. Murrah building on the morning of April 19, 1995, 154 of those were in the part of the building that was totally destroyed. Out of those 154 people, only five survived. Clark Peterson of Hinckley was one of those five.

Twenty-five years ago, on April 19 at 9:02 a.m., domestic terrorists perpetrated one of the worst attacks ever on U.S. soil: the

bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City.

Peterson worked on the fourth floor of the Murrah building in the Advertising and Public Affairs office, a section of the U.S. Army Recruiting Battalion. He began working there in January of 1986.

This is Peterson's story of April 19, 1995.

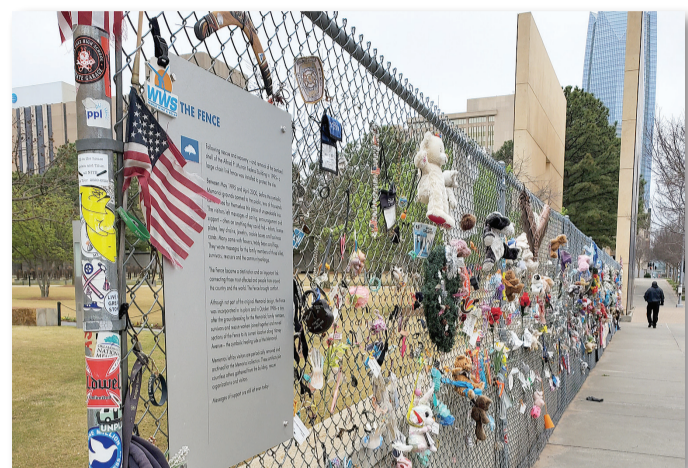
Peterson arrived at the Murrah at 7:30 a.m. not noticing anything out of the ordinary. He met with his supervisor at 8:58 a.m. in his

office, which was just two feet away from the north window wall. Peterson returned to his desk just a minute later and began working on his computer.

In his book, "Blasted Into a Pile of Rubble," Peterson describes what happened next.

"An electric spark snapped and appeared on the left side of my computer and everything turned black. White lit objects raced throughout a coal-like blackness. All of this was

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The Hinckley-Finlayson baseball and football lights were turned on for one hour Friday night to honor our military past and present, to show appreciation to all the tier one workers, to the high school athletes and to the community for sticking together.

## Changes at Essentia, Gateway

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Canceled elective procedures and appointments have triggered changes in staff at both Essentia Health Sandstone and Gateway Clinics in Hinckley, Sandstone and Moose Lake.

An update on Essentia Health Sandstone and Gateway Clinics was provided by Micheal Hedrix and Eric Nielsen respectively to the North Pine Area Hospital District (NPAHD) during their monthly meeting on March 31, 2020.

In response to COVID-19, changes at the Pine Health-care campus have taken place. Patients who were

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## Learning about loss during social distancing, isolation orders

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"It's not at all what I would have wanted."

Tim Zacharias, of Cambridge, was honest in describing the recent visitation service held for his wife, Tracy,

who lost her battle with ovarian cancer on March 22.

"Tracy knew a lot of people, and she was very close to a lot of people," Zacharias said. "I would have wanted to open it up where hundreds of people could have come, but we didn't get to do that."

Funerals and visitation services are two of the many practices being disrupted and changed by the COVID-19 virus and its "social distancing" protocols.

Zacharias praised Strike Life Tributes in Cambridge for creating a meaningful gather-

ing time for Tracy's family and friends amid strict guidelines sent out by the Minnesota Department of Health, which oversees funeral and mortuary practices.

Like everything related to the pandemic, information and restrictions were changing

almost daily last week.

"These poor families," said Brian Strike, funeral director with Strike Life Tributes. "Things are changing so fast. You get mixed messages all the time. It's just difficult."

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