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Ignoring the signs

Someone paid no attention to the sign when a mattress and baby stroller were dumped on 160th in McClain County. The McClain County Sheriff's office, along with District 1 County Commissioner Glen Murray's office worked Tuesday to clean up the site thanks in part to a \$50,000 grant from the Department of Environmental Qualities.

Three-peat on pot Council halts marijuana enforcement

Jeanne Grimes
The Purcell Register

Will Purcell's third attempt to draft a medical marijuana ordinance be a charm?

The devil, it seems, is in the details.

The city's first ordinance approved Oct. 1, 2018, lasted just five weeks before undergoing a major overhaul of permissible locations for retail marijuana businesses,

commercial growing facilities, wholesale facilities and marijuana storage facilities.

Those ordinances also set business hours – 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays, while also mandating the businesses be closed on New Year's Day, July 4, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

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Closing day

City now owns new hospital site

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Wednesday's closing on a tract of land was a giant step in Purcell's plan to build a leaner, more efficient

hospital to replace the aging Purcell Municipal Hospital.

The city council and public

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Musical offices

Changing roles at Lex Town Hall

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It's almost as though there's been a game of musical offices at Lexington's Town Hall.

City manager Chris Coker resigned effective November 30 to return to law enforcement.

In his stead on December

1, police chief Deana Allen walked out of the police department to serve as interim city manager.

And back at the police department, Cpl. Michelle Moore moved up in rank and settled in

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Bobby Elmore new Chief

Longtime Chief Kevin Williams retired effective Dec. 31

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Longtime law enforcement officer Bobby Elmore is settling in as Purcell's Chief of Police.

Elmore was promoted from Captain to Chief after longtime Chief Kevin Williams retired effective December 31.

The department held a retirement reception for Williams that day.

Williams had been on the Purcell Force since coming here in 1992 from his home town of Sulphur.

Elmore first worked on the staff of the McClain County Sheriff's Department in 1995 before moving to the police department in 1999.

He took a short break from his police work in Purcell, working for the Aurora, CO., Police Department in 2005.

He returned here in 2007 and had advanced his way



Elmore



Bolling

up to Captain.

With Elmore moving up to Chief, Patrol Lt. James Bolling has been promoted to Captain.

Bolling and his wife, Jana, have two children, Lilyan, eight and Travis, 15.

In making the announcement of the promotions, City Manager Dale Bunn said he has every confidence in Elmore as Chief and advancing Bolling to Captain.

"I enjoyed working with Kevin," Bunn said of the retiring chief. "I thought he really cared about his staff and the people of Purcell."

Williams served as Interim Chief from April of 2007 to June of '07 when then City Manager Eric Johnson removed the Interim title.

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The human connection

Dispatchers work outside the public eye



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Who are you going to call?

Dispatchers are the unseen face of emergency services for Purcell and McClain County. Between them, Heather Hill, left, and Nancy Winsett have 30 years experience in the stressful, yet rewarding, job. They are among nine dispatchers who work at the Purcell Police Department.

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Emergency or mundane, there's one constant to every telephone call made to the Purcell Police Department – a human on the other end of the line.

Always. Dispatchers answer all calls to the department's main number, as well as 911 for nine fire departments, Wadleys EMS and all of McClain County except Newcastle and Blanchard.

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An Interesting
Neighbor
Everyone has a story

Jeanne Grimes
The Purcell Register

When Robby Elliott was in fifth grade, he went to work cleaning up around the family-owned Purcell Automotive for his grandfather, Don Elliott.

His second day on the job, he pulled a transmission from a pickup.

Now 37, Robby has worked 28 years at Purcell Automotive. He's owned the business for the past seven years.

The senior Elliott opened the mechanic shop at 830 S. Green Ave., in 1967.

Robby's father, Randy, was the second generation to run the garage.

Robby is the third and now there's a fourth waiting in the wings. Robby's soon to be 8-year-old son, Bergen, is already showing signs he will be every bit as much a motorhead as his dad.

Robby also has a daughter, 4-year-old Maggie who is "all girl."

The shop is staffed by four mechanics and Robby. Keeping the business in the family is Robby's sister, Amanda, who handles the office.

"We do pretty much everything but paint and body," said Robby, who still does some of the mechanical work himself.

Certainly vehicles in the 21st century aren't the same beasts as those in his grandfather's day.

The business has evolved along with the internal combustion engine.

"We stay in business because of my customers," he said. "I wouldn't trade my job for any job."

The challenge of working on all makes and models of vehicles is the norm for independent repair shops like Purcell Automotive.

And really the similarities

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Robby Elliott

The Purcell Register

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By the numbers

State tracks 2019-20 flu season

Jeanne Grimes
The Purcell Register

Make no mistake. It's flu season and if you are unfortunate enough to contract it, you will be miserable.

But there are signs that maybe, just maybe, this flu season isn't necessarily the worst we've seen.

The Oklahoma Department of Health which tracks such things reported 431 hospitalizations statewide from September 1 through December 28.

If you think that is high, consider this. Twenty-one of Oklahoma's 77 counties didn't report a single flu patient needing hospitalization.

And those counties were spread across the state.

They were Atoka, Beaver, Cimarron, Coal, Dewey, Ellis, Grant, Greer, Harmon, Harper, Latimer, Love, Major, Marshall, McCurtain, Noble, Nowata, Pushmataha, Texas, Tillman and Woods.

Eighteen others each reported just one hospitalization — 0.2 percent of the 431. Those counties include Adair, Alfalfa, Beckham, Bryan, Carter, Craig, Haskell, Hughes, Jefferson, Murray, Okfuskee, Pawnee,

Pontotoc, Roger Mills, Seminole, Sequoyah, Washita and Woodward.

Two hospitalizations each or 0.5 percent were reported from Cotton, Craig, Garfield, Kiowa, LeFlore and McIntosh counties.

Reports of three hospitalizations or 0.7 percent each came in from Choctaw, Custer, Delaware, Grady, Jackson,



Johnston, Kingfisher, Lincoln and Washington counties.

There were just four hospitalizations (0.9 percent each) in Blaine and Payne counties.

McClain was one of four counties reporting five hospitalizations or 1.2 percent each. The others were Logan, Osage

and Pittsburg.

Caddo County had six hospitalizations for 1.4 percent of the total.

Okmulgee and Ottawa counties each had seven hospitalizations or 1.6 percent.

There were eight hospitalizations (1.9 percent) in Wagoner County while Cherokee, Kay, Pottawatomie, Rogers and Stephens counties had nine each or 2.1 percent.

Canadian and Mayes counties came in with 10 hospitalizations each or 2.3 percent.

The report from Comanche County was 11 patients hospitalized or 2.6 percent.

Fifteen hospitalized flu patients in Creek County amounted to 3.5 percent, while 16 and 17 in Cleveland and Muskogee counties, respectively, were 3.7 and 3.9 percent.

Oklahoma County had 73 hospitalizations or 16.9 percent.

Tulsa County was the hardest hit with 118 flu cases or 27.4 percent.

Together, the hospital count for the state's two most populous counties was 191 or 44.3 percent.

7 day forecast from @PurcellRegister @OUNewsCrowd

Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed
66°	60°	41°	53°	55°	57°	50°
45°	26°	25°	37°	34°	40°	29°

Colder weather coming in

A system will move through our area on Thursday, creating a 10% chance of rain for later in the day. However, a more pronounced system will come through Friday and impact us

through Saturday. This will bring greater chances of rain, and possibly a severe storm risk into the evening.

Precipitation will clear out by Sunday, leaving sunny skies,

but chillier temperatures.

Beginning next week temperatures will start to rebound into the averages for mid-January, staying within the mid to low 50s.

Applications accepted for Leadership Oklahoma Class 34

Leadership Oklahoma, a statewide program in its 31st year, is now accepting applications for its 2020-21 adult class.

The organization accepts a class of 52 members each year. The criteria for selection includes demonstrated leadership on the part of applicants in their communities and state.

The program is designed to be a series of issue-oriented forums and experiences, which are based on the belief that knowledge is a key element and

prime motivator of leadership.

It consists of an orientation session, a mandatory two-day retreat and eight two-day sessions. Classes are held in locations that best relate to the issues of importance to the state.

"Leadership Oklahoma and its graduates work to create and implement the positive changes necessary to make Oklahoma a better state," said Dr. Dan Molina, Senior Medical Officer, Family Medicine Physician, Oklahoma City Indian Clinic

and recruitment chair for LOK Class 34.

"By learning about the issues that impact our state socially, economically and environmentally, class members are motivated to fulfill our mission of creating a dynamic network of leaders whose increased awareness and commitment to service will energize Oklahomans to shape their state's future."

Approximately 1,500 people have graduated from the program and remain active.

"Leadership Oklahoma has been one of the most enjoyable and beneficial experiences I've ever had, both professionally and personally," said Scott Stidham, current chair of Leadership Oklahoma board of directors and Tulsa Market President, MidFirst Bank.

"The opportunity to spend time in every quadrant of our state, learning its incredible strengths and unique challenges was a once in a lifetime experience. As an individual, the professional network and true friendships I developed while learning and traveling with fellow classmates were absolutely priceless.

"As a representative of my community, working with leaders and experts from all over our state proved to be a catalyst for deeper understanding and further engagement," he concluded.

Applications are available on the Leadership Oklahoma website at <http://leadershipoklahoma.com/Adult-Program/Adult-Application>. Completed applications must be received in the Leadership Oklahoma office no later April 1, 2020, at 5 p.m.

Please contact Dr. Marion Paden, Leadership Oklahoma President and CEO for additional information at 405-848-0001 or mpaden@leadershipoklahoma.com.



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It is the responsibility of the home owner and or renter to maintain your property, from the street to the middle of the alley. You are required to keep mowed any grass, weeds, or similar vegetation in that area between the property line and the street. And from the property line to the center of the alleyway. This includes keeping trees trimmed.

Vehicles, trailers, tractors etc. are not allowed to be parked in the alley. This is very important for emergency vehicles such as fire trucks, ambulances and police. Keeping the alleys clean and free and open also allow for the city's work trucks to have access to utility poles, water mains, sewer etc.

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NEWS In Brief

Purcell Ag

Boosters Dinner

The 2020 FFA/4-H Baked Potato Dinner will be held Sunday, January 12, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Purcell High School commons area. Tickets are \$10 and includes brisket, baked potato, dessert and a drink. Takeout orders are available on the north side of PHS.

The Purcell Masonic Lodge #27 will be partnering with the booster club for the event.

Contact Jason Baker or an FFA or 4-H student for tickets.

Indian Tacos

The Chickasaw Nation Indian Taco Sale has been changed to the second Friday of the month from the third Friday of the month.

The next sale will be held Friday, January 10, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Chickasaw Nation Senior Center, 703 Sherri Classic Blvd., in Purcell at a cost of \$8.

Delivery orders will include Indian taco and dessert only.

For more information or for pick-up or delivery orders call 527-8855.

Auxiliary Luncheon

The American Legion Unit 301 Ladies Auxiliary luncheon will be Tuesday, January 14, starting at 11 a.m.

A variety of beans, cornbread, special dishes and other items along with desserts and drinks will be served. It will be all you want for a \$6 donation to be used for Post programs.

The Legion Hall is located at 104 E. Broadway in Lexington (across the street from City Hall).

It is a casual event where many meet old friends and catch up on the latest news. The food is excellent and everyone is invited to attend.

Museum News

The McClain County Museum and Historical Society will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-4 p.m. and by special appointment.

Patrons and visitors can reach Pam Ellis-Hobbs at 527-8698 to request a tour or genealogy research information.

Lex Senior

Citizens Lunch

The Lexington senior citizens lunch program is on a Christmas break.

It will resume serving meals on January 8.

The lunch is open to the

public and home cooked and served by the Lexington Senior Citizens.

The Lexington Community Center is located at 131 S. Main.

Grief Support Group

A grief support group, run by a licensed therapist, will be held the second Tuesday of every month from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Call (405) 519-4398 to register or with any questions. Space is limited.

Door of Hope

Door of Hope has changed locations. The new meeting address is 1531 S. Green Ave., Suite A in Purcell.

The group meets on Thursdays with food and fellowship at 6 p.m. and the meeting beginning at 6:45 p.m.

For more information call (405) 595-1337.

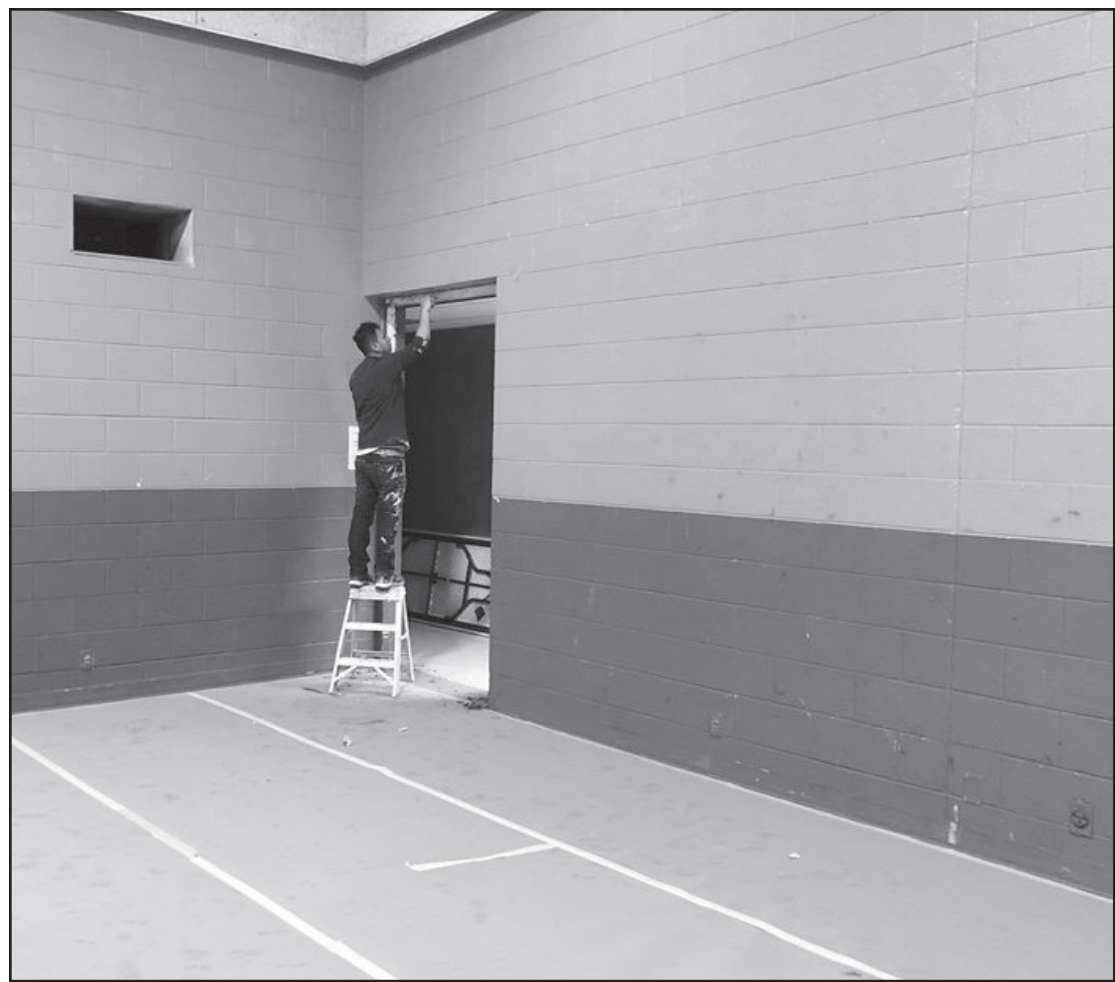
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NA Group

Purcell New Beginnings Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets Wednesday and Saturday at 8 p.m.

The group meets at the First Baptist Church in Purcell.

For more information call Sarah W. at (405) 816-9233.



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Sprucing up

The Multipurpose Center at Purcell Lake has never looked so good. Workers began painting the interior and making roof repairs in late 2019.

OSDH supports raising the age to buy tobacco products

In effort to protect youth and young adults from the harmful of effects of tobacco use, federal law raising the buying age for tobacco from 18 to 21 has been signed and is now in effect for Oklahoma.

It is now illegal for a retailer to sell any tobacco product, including cigarettes, cigars, smokeless tobacco and e-cigarettes, to anyone under the age of 21.

The Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) and Commissioner of Health Gary Cox applaud the effort and advise retailers to begin complying with the new federal law immediately.

“Raising the age of sale keeps tobacco out of high schools, where younger teens often obtain tobacco products from older students,” said Commissioner Cox. “This is a step in the right direction in improving the health of our youth and reducing the harmful health effects on Oklahomans.”

Studies indicate 95 percent of adult smokers begin smoking before they turn 21, and about 80 percent start before the age of 18. Four out of five become regular, daily smokers before they turn 21.

Nineteen states already have laws prohibiting the sale of tobacco products under the age of 21.

Tobacco use continues to be the number one preventable cause of death and disease in the United States.

In Oklahoma, \$1.62 billion in total medical costs are incurred each year from smoking.

OSDH reports indicate nine percent of Oklahoma high school students are current smokers and the number of students currently using e-cigarettes or vaping devices increased to nearly 28 percent in 2019 from 16 percent in 2017.

For those wishing to quit tobacco, the Oklahoma To-

acco Helpline offers free assistance and tobacco cessation resources.

Help is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week at OKhelpline.com or 1-800-QUIT-NOW (784-8669).

Services are also available in Spanish at 1-855-DÉJALO-YA.

Sen. Paul Scott says increased provider rates are a success

When the legislature passed a \$105 million reallocation to increase provider reimbursement rates for physicians, hospitals and nursing homes during the 2019 session, the goal was for health care facilities to expand access to high-quality care for Medicaid patients across the state.

According to Sen. Paul Scott, R-Duncan, the increased provider rate is working.

“Provider rate increases were paid to health care facili-

ties last week, and I’m hearing positive reports,” Scott said. “I’ve heard of nursing homes across the state that are now able to give salary raises and bonuses to their employees, reinvesting in their staff and nursing homes as a result of the increases. The provider reimbursement rate increase will help nursing homes and hospitals provide better care to our senior citizens, children and families, especially in rural Oklahoma.”

The provider rate increase

went into effect on Oct. 1, 2019, bringing Oklahoma’s reimbursement rate to 93.63 percent of the Medicare physician fee schedule. These physician rates have not exceeded 90 percent since mid-2014.

“I applaud the legislature for its dedication to positively impact our state’s healthcare outcomes,” Scott said. “We are striving to develop solutions that will make our healthcare system work well for all Oklahomans and their families.”

Oklahoma’s Stock Tank is a local launching pad for entrepreneurs

Oklahoma has a strong heritage of being an agrarian state and according to the 2017 agricultural census our state boasted of having 78,531 farms with an average of 435 acres.

Never before has it been more exciting for entrepreneurs to discover their dreams of owning a small patch of land and growing crops. Interest rates are low and the opportunities to purchase land in our state is very promising.

So how do you get started and begin your agricultural dream? A revolutionary new class to help agricultural en-

trepreneurs extend their profits and create value-added products called Stock Tank is being launched Tuesday, January 14 at 6 p.m.

To kick off the first class an entrepreneur panel ranging in small to large products and working with no employees to hiring 200 will share their entrepreneurial journey and recipe for success.

Imagine taking those strawberries and making a jam or creating your own beef jerky line and selling to a local convenience store or a large convenience store chain. The possibilities are endless.

This class is designed to help create a simple business plan, logo, marketing strategy as well as connect with mentors in the area to continue fostering the entrepreneurial spirit.

The second class will move the entrepreneurs to producing their product in a commercial kitchen or using a co-packer and further understanding the rules and regulations for producing value-added agricultural products.

Those wishing to attend can register by emailing jsquires@matech.edu or call at the Mid-America Technology Center at 449-7623.

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Neighbors

Washington's After Prom Daddy/Daughter Dance

Angie Steele
Washington Correspondent

Washington's After Prom Committee presents the 2020 A Night in Paris Daddy/Daughter Dance on Monday, January 20, from 6 to 8 p.m.

The cost is \$20 per couple, additional children are \$5 each. Tickets are available at the door.

All proceeds will benefit the Washington After Prom Party.

Masonic Lodge Breakfast
Washington Masonic Lodge will host their all you can eat for \$5 breakfast Saturday, January 18, from 7-10:30 a.m.

January's breakfast proceeds will go to help the Washington Senior Center for their projects.

All the regular breakfast items will be available as well as some surprises. Come hungry and leave full!

The Washington Masonic Lodge is located one block north of Washington Baptist church, and then turn left on Sharp Street. See you there.

Washington Senior Center Lunch

Lunch is served at the Washington Senior Center at 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday for senior citizens in the community. Come on down and enjoy lunch and time with friends. Your first meal is free. Age 60 and over and any age with a disability is a \$2 donation, under 60 meal charge is \$5. Live music begins on Fridays at 10 a.m.

Washington School Calendar of Events

January 9-11—HS Basketball Tourney at Lone Grove.

January 14—HS Basketball at Pauls Valley.

January 17—HS Basketball at Davis.

January 20—7/8/9 Basketball, Boys Home, Girls at Lexington.

First Baptist Church of Cole

Church schedule: Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and worship at 10:45 a.m. Sunday evening Bible Study at 6 p.m.

Wednesday evening activities for all ages at 7 p.m. The church website is www.fbc-cole.com.

The church is located in Cole on SH 74 B between Washington and Blanchard.

For more information, send an email to the website or call (405) 485-3377.

Washington United Methodist Church

We are a friendly, Bible based church where everyone is welcome. Our Sunday worship service begins at 11 a.m.

You can call us at 288-1775, find us online at washingtonumc.net or on Facebook under Washington United Methodist Church, Oklahoma.

Union Hill Baptist Church

Sundays—Age Group Bible studies, 9:45 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.; Children's Church, 11 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Wednesdays—Evening meal, 5:30 p.m.; Age Group Bible Studies, 6:30 p.m.

Monthly Schedule—Retired/Senior Lunch, 4th Tuesday at Noon; Men's Breakfast, 1st Saturday of each month, 7 a.m.

First Baptist Church Washington

Weekly Worship Service Times:

Sunday—10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Weekly Small Group Opportunities:

Sunday School, Sundays, 9:45 a.m.

Youth Bible Study, Sundays, 5 p.m. and Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

GAs (girls 1-5 grade), RAs (boys 1-5 grade), Sundays at 5 p.m.

Mission Friends (Pre-K and Kindergarten), Sundays, 5 p.m.

Ladies' Bible Study, Tuesdays, 9 a.m.

Kid's Choir and Bible Study, Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Bible Study, Sunday, 5 p.m.

Connect with us at office@fbcwashington.com, 288-6060, Facebook: FBC Washington, Twitter @FBC-WashingtonOK.

Dale K. Graham Veteran's Foundation

Congratulations to our Veteran of the Week Scott Musselman of Blanchard. Mr. Musselman served our country honorably as a member of the United States Marines.

All of us at our Veterans Foundation would like everyone to know that most of the thousands of veterans and surviving spouses who visited during 2019 were able to receive the VA benefits for which they were eligible. We had over 1,300 approved at the 100 percent rate for their service-connected disabilities.

At the beginning of 2019, our goal was to help 1,200 veterans to receive that coveted 100 percent rating. As we have exceeded our own expectations by over 100 veterans, I'm very proud of the accomplishments our volunteers had assisting those who have served in the military.

Our most important goal for 2020 is for our organization to become Accredited by the Department of Veterans Affairs in Washington, DC. Currently, several of our volunteers are Accredited Claims Agents that enable us to represent veterans and surviving spouses with their VA claims for benefits. Now, we represent over

30,000 veterans and surviving spouses with their claims for VA benefits.

When this organization receives accreditation, we will be able to set up satellite locations in other states to provide our services. At this time, veterans are required to visit our site in Norman at 1268 North Interstate Drive each Tuesday or Thursday morning. On average, we are serving over 300 veterans and surviving spouses each week on those two days. Due to the limitations to that number, we must turn those away who arrive after we have reached our limit.

We have signed the lease on the building next door that should enable us to increase the number of men and women we serve. Hopefully, it won't be long until the workstations are complete to allow us to start using that area.

We are continuing to add volunteers to our second shift that begins at ten am until closing. That change has enabled us to shorten our workdays. Some of us who start at 4 a.m. were not finishing until 4 to 6 p.m..

If you would like to help us make a difference, we welcome your support. We spend over \$25,000 each month in direct support of the veterans and family members we serve.

As you know we are a 501(C)(3) non-profit and are wholly dependent on donations from the people we serve and local grants. We accept donations of vehicles that can be given to veterans in need or sold to raise funds to continue our mission.

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Interior upgrade

Paint and roof work are among improvements that are changing the appearance of the city's Multipurpose Center.

Wooly Fun Show

By Carrie James
Cleveland County
4-H Trailblazers
Horse Club Leader

The Cleveland County 4-H Trailblazers Horse Club invites all fellow Oklahoma 4-H members to come compete at the annual Shelly Smith Memorial - Wooly Fun Show on Saturday, January 25.

The show will be held in the Cleveland County Fairgrounds indoor arena at 615 E. Robinson in Norman. Registration opens at 8 a.m. The show begins at 9 a.m.

"We'll have a well-run show with classes to appeal to every rider," said Trailblazers leader, David James. "Last year we had over 50 competitors from around the state, and a lot of enthusiastic feedback."

The 36 slated classes include English Hunter classes and Western classes, as well as timed events, and even fun classes.

Each class is divided into junior level for ages eight-13, and senior level for ages 14-18. Prizes will be awarded to the top five places in each

class, with four categories of over-all high-point awards.

Jeffery Beadles will judge all classes.

Negative Coggins certification within the past year must be presented at check-in. Entry fees start at \$8 per class.

All proceeds benefit the Cleveland County 4-H Trailblazers Horse Club, event sponsor.

For more information, contact Trailblazers club leader, David James at (405) 808-7222.

American Legion National Commander to visit Lexington

American Legion National Commander James W. "Bill" Oxford will visit Lexington to attend the District Oratorical contest on January 18.

Commander Oxford is a Marine Corps veteran having served as an aviation technician in Viet Nam. He also served in the North Carolina National Guard and Army reserve prior to retiring with 34 years of service.

He is a member of Post

29 in Lenoir, N.C. and was elected National Commander of the American Legion on Aug. 29, 2019 during the 101st National Convention in Indianapolis.

The American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship contest was established in 1938. The top three Scholarship awards at the National level are \$18,000, \$16,000 and \$14,000.

Contestants at the District

contest will present a 10 minute oratorical on the U.S. Constitution.

Winners of the contest will progress to the Department contest in February and, hopefully, on to the National contest in Indianapolis.

The contest will be at the Lexington City Hall and begins at 10 a.m. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.



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Veteran of the Week

Dale K. Graham Veteran's Foundation Veteran of the Week is Scott Musselman, a United States Marines Veteran. He got to ring the bell last week to commemorate his 100 percent rating decision after navigating the VA forms and processes with the Foundation throughout the past year. We appreciate Mr. Musselman for his service.

OSU EXTENSION News



Landowner rights seminar

Justin McDaniel
Extension Ag Educator

Landowner rights are generally considered to be sacred in this country, but it takes little more than a knock on the door or a phone call from a pipeline company demanding access to your land to suddenly throw those sacred assumptions into question.

Perhaps you've been approached with an offer for wind energy generation, drilling mud disposal, or farm pond use for fracking. While many companies do their best to have a good relationship with landowners and follow all laws and regu-

lations, there are exceptions.

Landowners are wise to educate themselves as much as possible to understand their rights. They should research the company's track record as well as what to look for in a contract. Agriculture producers leasing land should also be aware of their rights.

To help landowners and leasers better understand their rights and help alleviate the stress that can come with these land access activities, OSU Extension and Mid-America Technology Center (MATC) will offer a free Landowner Rights Seminar.

Attorneys George Braley

and Trae Gray, both well respected in this field, will share their extensive knowledge and experience with attendees.

The seminar will be held on Tuesday, January 21, at 6 p.m. at the MATC Administration Building Room 121 (Auditorium), 27438 State Highway 59, Wayne.

Those interested in attending can call the Extension Offices in Cleveland County at 321-4774; Garvin County at (405) 238-6681; or McClain County at 527-2174.

They can also contact Jona Kay Squires with MATC at 449-7623 or <http://www.matc.edu/ag>.

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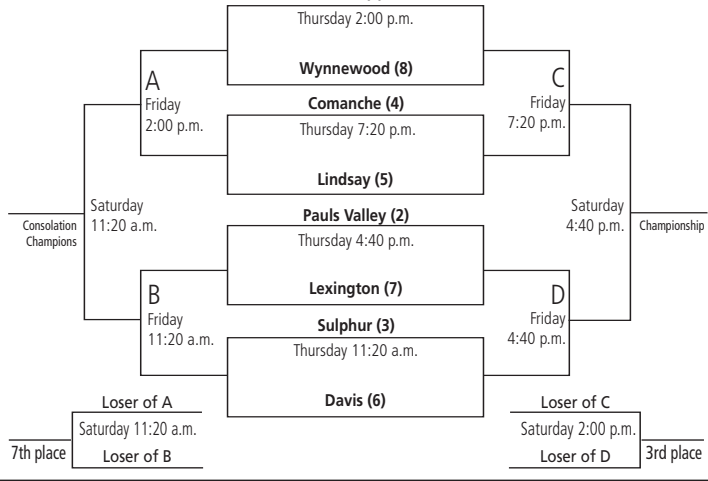
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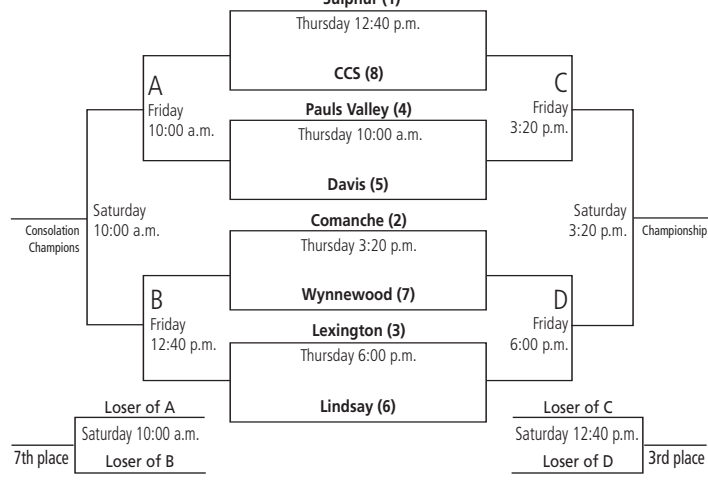


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Cage tourneys en masse

Purcell playing in Byng

All four area high schools are in separate basketball tournaments this weekend.

The Dragons will play in the Byng Tournament January 9-11.

Lexington's boys and girls will play in the Lindsay Tournament January 9-11.

Washington will play in the Lone Grove Tournament beginning today.

Wayne will be in the Alex Tournament Thursday through Saturday.

Purcell's boys open the tournament at 2:30

p.m. against Tulsa Memorial's junior varsity.

Davis vs Sikes' Dragons

open with Bethel at 4 p.m. today.

Washington's girls open at 4 p.m. in the Lone Grove tournament against Marlow.

The Warriors open the tournament at 2:30 p.m. against Cache.

Lexington opens their tournament at 6 p.m. against Lindsay.

The Bulldogs begin tournament play at 4:40 p.m. versus Pauls Valley.

Wayne's girls will begin play at Alex at 7 p.m. against Alex.

The Bulldogs kick off the tournament at

5:40 p.m. against Stratford.



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To the rack

Hector Quinonez eyes the hoop during Washington's game against Bridge Creek before the Christmas break. The Warriors travel to Lone Grove today (Thursday) for the Longhorn Invitational Basketball Tournament where they play Cache at 2:30 p.m.



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Elevate

Laylin Scheffe takes a jumpshot against Bridge Creek in pre-Christmas action. Washington travels to Lone Grove today (Thursday) for the Longhorn Invitational Basketball Tournament where they play Marlow at 4 p.m.

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Purcell Senior Citizens

By Fredda Perry

It's a new day, a new dawn, a New Year. From the chatter in the center's dining room, the seniors are ready to be back and ready to start a new year.

We are almost all in our places. Our janitor, Renea, is still out sick. We miss her greatly when she is gone. She is the one who keeps us shined up.

Monday, as the seniors began to gather, some of our regulars who had been sick began to come back. Glad to have Judith, Stacy and Joyce back with us.

We want to give Adam Wadley a big note of appreciation for the fruit and candy sacks he provided for the seniors at the Purcell Senior Citizens Center.

The senior center serves a warm meal five days a week. All seniors are welcome to come in, eat a warm meal and warm your soul and body.

We want the people to feel free to stay and play games after lunch is served. The center is open until 3 p.m. every day except Friday at which time we set up for the Friday night dance. The dance is every Friday night from 6:30-9:30 p.m. The ticket charge is \$6 per person.

We love having guests for lunch. If you are planning to eat with the seniors, it is imperative to call and make a reservation by 8 a.m. that day or the afternoon before.

If you do not have a reservation you will have to wait until all the people who have a reservation are fed. Call Evelyn or John at 527-9462 to make a reservation. If there is no answer call 527-5070. This is an alternate number so please use the 527-9462 number first.

Check the seniors garage sale on Thursday and Friday. The store is open two days a week. The items change weekly. The special item this week is a Yamaha keyboard. It is in good shape. Just needs a little tender love and care.

There is still an electric wheelchair at the center that is free to anyone who would like to pick it up. All you would need is to purchase a battery.

Lately there have been some items left on the carport at the senior building. We ask if you need to leave something over the weekend, you call 990-1840 and let someone meet you before you just dump it.

If you need a place for a special celebration, birthday party, family reunion or any type of class, check out the senior center. Call the center at 527-5070 and ask for Fredda or Hester.

Menu for the week of January 13-17:

Monday—Swiss steak, baked potato with sour cream, black-eyed peas, sliced bread or hot roll, margarine, simply super cake.

Tuesday—Goulash, corn, tossed salad with dressing, garlic bread, margarine, gelatin with topping.

Wednesday—Baked chicken, sweet potato, California mix, hot roll, margarine, peaches.

Thursday—Chili with beans, pickle spear, sliced onions, coleslaw, crackers or cornbread, margarine, harvest bars.

Friday—Meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, dinner roll, margarine, chocolate pan pie.

Lexington Community News

By Hazel Shockey Daniels

There are no major changes at the center, however, some of the volunteers are not able to continue giving of their time. Volunteers will be needed one day a week, especially after the holidays.

More information will be forthcoming about the dates involved.

Lunch is served from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday for a \$7 donation. To-go orders are \$8. The lunch is open to the public and home cooked and served by the volunteers at Lexington Community Center, 131 S. Main.

All menus are subject to change.

Menu for January 9, 15 and 16:

Thursday, January 9—Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli with cheese sauce, okra, rolls, salad bar, chocolate or lemon pie.

Wednesday, January 15—Meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, blackeyed peas, macaroni and tomatoes, rolls, salad bar, chocolate delight.

Thursday, January 16—Fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, corn, rolls, salad bar, millionaire pie.

Wayne Senior Citizens

By John Webb

Our attendance has been trending slightly upward lately and we would like to invite anyone 60 or older to join us for lunch. We serve a delicious meal at 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday, excluding closure days.

If you would like to reserve a meal, please call the kitchen in Purcell at 527-9462 by 8:30 a.m. and ask for Sherrie or John. You may also call the day before you plan to attend.

And, if you are a senior in need of a home delivered meal, please call to see if you qualify.

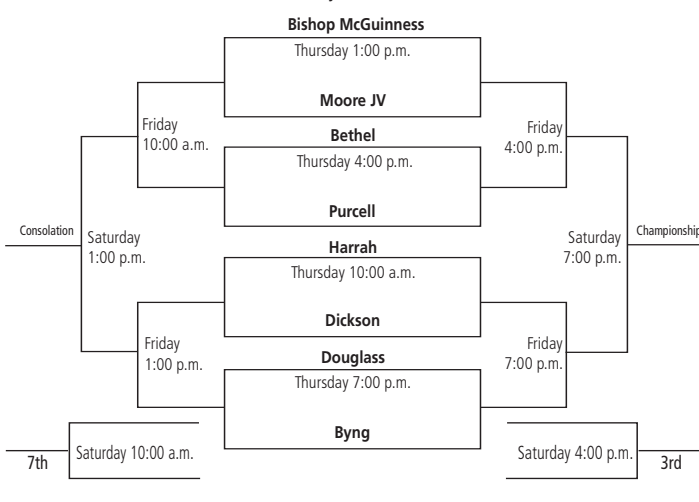
Our weekly menu is listed in the Purcell Senior Citizens Center article in **The Purcell Register**.

Come join your friends or make new ones at your Wayne Senior Citizens Center.

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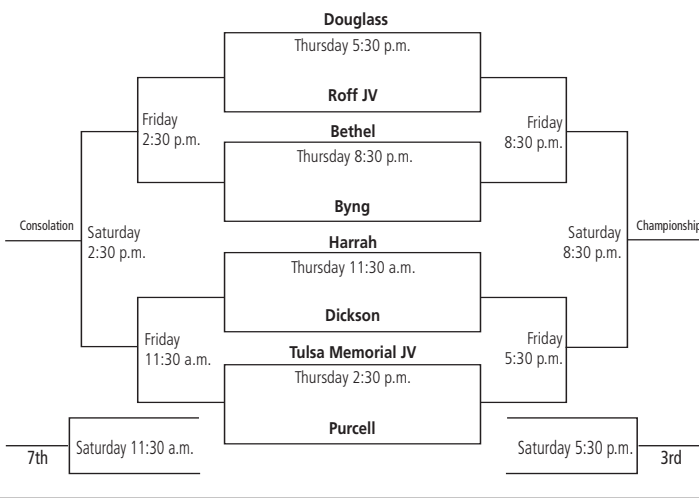
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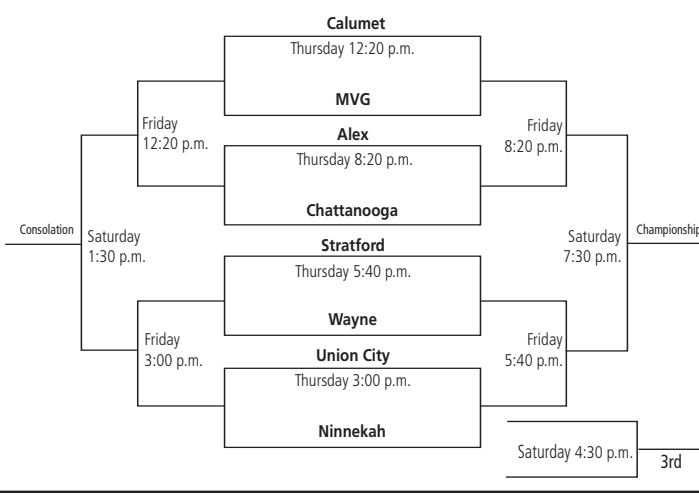
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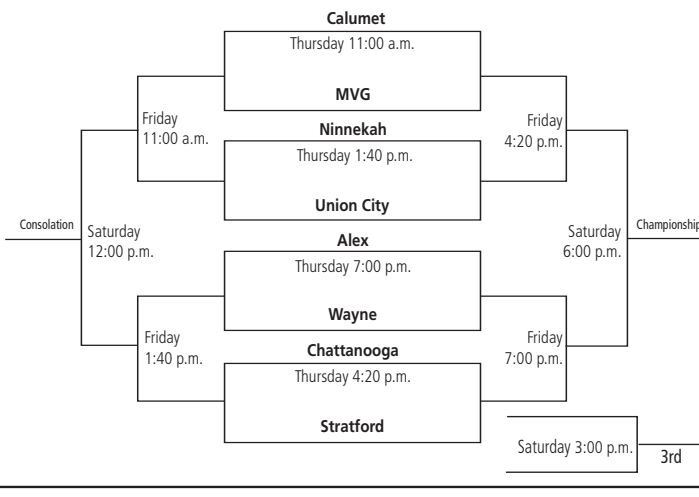
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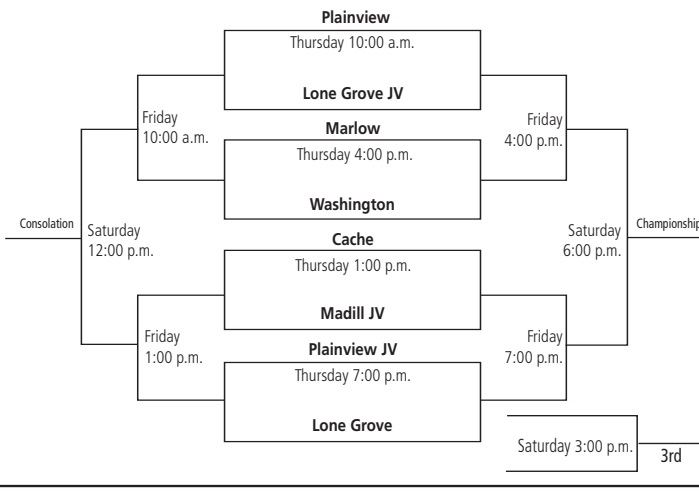
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Up strong

Gavin Nation lays the ball off the glass during Purcell's 57-48 win over Pauls Valley. Nation scored 13 points in the game.



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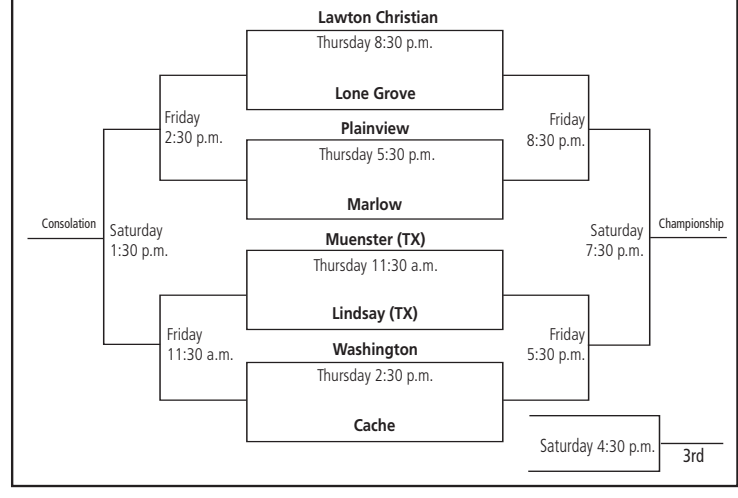
Past the defense

Alicia Baker gets past a Pauls Valley defender during Purcell's 46-40 loss to the Panthers. Baker scored 12 points in the game.

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Wash News:

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from a VA medical appointment or our Foundation, please contact 405-550-8806, Ext. 105 for Clayton or Ext. 106 for Louie.

We are available every Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 1268 North Interstate Drive, Norman, OK 73072. We open the doors by 5:30 a.m., and we begin working as soon as volunteers have their computers ready. Visit our website at

dalekgrahamveteransfoundation.org for more information. There you will find a section on Frequently Asked Questions. You may also contact us at (405) 550-8806 for information or to schedule transportation. Semper Fi!

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