

## Working the FRONT LINES

Purcell nurse faces COVID-19 on a daily basis

**Jeanne Grimes**  
The Purcell Register

In the era of COVID-19, it is good that Myka Rhodes works better under pressure.

Rhodes, of Purcell, is a registered nurse in the emergency department at OU Medical Center.

She is on the front line for 12 hours at a stretch when confirmed or probable COVID-19 patients arrive at the hospital.

It is hospital policy to test every patient who presents with COVID-19 symptoms.

Those results can be days in coming, however, and once the patients leave the emergency department, Rhodes has no contact with them. She never knows the results

of the COVID-19 tests administered during her shift or the fate of the patients she treats.

The rule of thumb for Rhodes and her co-workers is treat positives until testing shows they aren't.

"We see all kinds of patients," she said. "We see COVID, we see trauma – any kind of patient."

The medical center has set up tents outside to control the flow of patients and separate the COVID-19 patients from compromised patients.

When it comes to planning in the midst of a pandemic, acquiring personal protective equipment for staff and supplies needed to

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### Meal time

**Cathy Furniss** is the person behind the mask handing out food sacks at Purcell Elementary School last week. She and helper Sara Savage handed out over 350 meals last Thursday alone.

## Pandemic delay

Regina Clark sentencing reset to July

**Jeanne Grimes**  
The Purcell Register

The COVID-19 pandemic will delay sentencing for a former Purcell woman who pleaded guilty in February to 18 felonies committed more than five years ago.

Regina K. Clark, 53, of

Euliss, Texas, was to have been in McClain County District Court Thursday morning to be sentenced.

Now she will be sentenced at 1:30 p.m. July 28.

Clark was a co-owner of Sooner RV north of Purcell on Dec. 17, 2014 when she

brandished a .357 revolver at her then-husband, Brett Clark, and three employees. He had filed for divorce three days earlier.

She fired several shots at

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## Milestone birthday

Millie Brockhaus celebrates 104!

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The Purcell Register

Wynnewood, Oklahoma, April 18, 1916.

That's when Jessie and Archie Wilson welcomed the birth of Mildred Florene, the fourth of their seven children.

On Saturday, Millie Brockhaus celebrated her 104th birthday at Sunset Estates in Purcell.

About 15 of Millie's descendants were there, too, albeit on the outside looking in.

The nursing home is enforcing a strict lockdown, determined to protect its vulnerable residents from the deadly COVID-19.

Millie's daughter, Suzanne Clark, said the family matriarch particularly enjoyed watching the youngest family members through the window.

"She loves the little ones," Clark said.

Birthday greetings were shared via posters held up to the glass. Clark brought a big birthday cake, which staff accepted at the door.

A memorable birthday celebration for more than one

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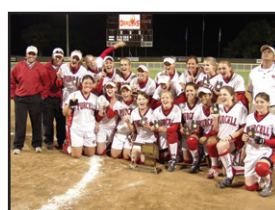
### Cake sentiment

**Suzanne Clark** couldn't be with her mother, Millie Brockhaus, on her 104th birthday Saturday, but she made sure Millie had a big birthday cake.

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### Drive through testing In Goldsby today (Thursday)

The McClain County Health Department is hosting a COVID-19 Drive-through Test Clinic today (Thursday) in Goldsby.

When: April 23, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (or until supplies are

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# A hint of things to come

Sales and use tax distributions from the Oklahoma Tax Commission this month were less than a year ago, according to figures released Monday.. The sales tax disburse-

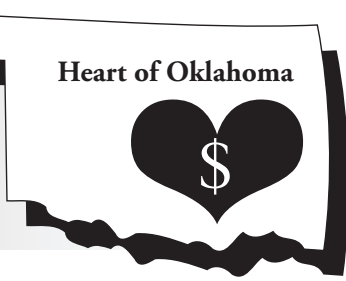
ment to municipalities was \$146,931,074, compared to \$147,825,459 in 2019.

Cities and towns also shared \$20,964,255 in use tax revenue. Counties received

\$24,294,963 and \$3,803,983 in sales and use taxes, respectively.

The taxes were on sales from February 16-29 and estimated sales from March 1-15.

## APRIL SALES/USE TAX REPORT



CITY	RATE	2020	2019	DIFFERENCE
Blanchard	.04	\$314,771.02	\$304,902.12	+\$9,868.90
Byars	.04	\$2,649.35	\$3,966.93	-\$1,317.58
Cole	.04	\$5,436.78	\$4,427.66	+\$1,009.12
Dibble	.05	\$19,753.78	\$17,108.85	+\$2,644.93
Goldsby	.035	\$129,118.32	\$151,152.18	-\$22,033.86
Lexington	.04	\$46,232.54	\$38,866.57	+\$7,365.97
Lindsay	.04	\$253,424.23	\$267,408.51	-\$13,984.28
Maysville	.04	\$27,812.69	\$29,586.28	-\$1,773.59
Newcastle	.04	\$641,594.87	\$673,050.57	-\$31,455.70
Noble	.04	\$156,958.79	\$137,121.99	+\$19,836.80
Norman	.04	\$6,605,987.82	\$6,661,304.73	-\$55,316.91
Paoli	.03	\$4,210.72	\$3,708.12	+\$502.60
Pauls Valley	.045	\$522,142.79	\$548,233.30	-\$26,090.51
Purcell	.05	\$555,338.88	\$516,279.82	+\$39,059.06
Slaughterville	.02	\$18,489.52	\$16,435.26	+\$2,054.26
Wanette	.035	\$3,156.70	\$2,957.17	+\$199.53
Washington	.04	\$20,383.44	\$15,255.98	+\$5,127.46
Wayne	.035	\$22,719.41	\$18,339.51	+\$4,379.90
McClain County	.005	\$249,281.08	\$259,267.60	-\$9,986.52

### 7 day forecast from @PurcellRegister @OUNewsCrowd

Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed
<b>78°</b>	<b>72°</b>	<b>70°</b>	<b>75°</b>	<b>78°</b>	<b>82°</b>	<b>84°</b>
<b>54°</b>	<b>49°</b>	<b>48°</b>	<b>55°</b>	<b>59°</b>	<b>53°</b>	<b>53°</b>

## Looks like pleasant weekend

After an active severe weather week, we'll see a much calmer pattern in the next seven days. Our next chance for rain comes late Thursday night into Friday, but that will taper off just in time for the weekend. A pleasant weekend is in store for the area, staying in the 70s. Warm temperatures will have a chance to peak though thanks to a dry pattern through next week. Temperatures will reach the 80s by next Tuesday and Wednesday!



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### Striping the lot

Workers took advantage of Tuesday's good weather to stripe the newly blacktopped parking lot at the Purcell Multi-Purpose Center.

## Delivery to seniors in ASCOG area

When the Covid-19 response began to increase social distancing guidelines and close more businesses, the AAA

reached out to many community partners to address the needs related to food insecurity for the older Americans in the area.

totaling 2,000-3,000 people for two to three weeks, allowing them to continue to stay home and stay safe.

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Director Manriquez appreciates The Regional Food Bank Director of Health and Senior Programming, Keeley White, State of Oklahoma Special Unit on Aging, all the ASCOG employees along with all the other volunteers.

The ASCOG team, with assistance from some amazing volunteers, received the truck and were able to make deliveries to all 20 Title III Nutrition sites for disbursement to the seniors via curb side pick-up and home delivery by noon.

"The heart of a volunteer is never measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others." - DeAnn Hollis

The counties/towns receiving assistance for their seniors included Byars, Purcell and Wayne.

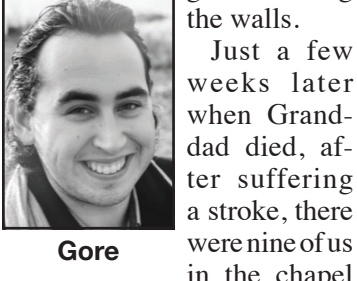
Please contact the AAA for information about services for seniors by phone at (580) 736-7036 or 1-800-211-2116, by email @ manr\_kr@ascog.org, ship\_ja@ascog.org, Dext\_da@ascog.org, hutc\_ma@ascog.org, dent\_st@ascog.org or by visiting our Facebook or ASCOG's website @ www.ascog.org.

These donations will help feed up to 1,324 senior families,

## It was hard. It was unfair. It was a funeral during a pandemic

By Hogan Gore  
Gaylord News

When my grandmother, Lavon Gore, died in early March, every pew in the local Methodist church in Seiling was full and many other people, unable to find a seat, congregated along the walls.



Gore

Just a few weeks later when Granddad died, after suffering a stroke, there were nine of us in the chapel for the service, including two ministers.

was split. A few of us said goodbye in person, while the rest watched a live stream in another wing of the church.

In this instance my stubbornness came in handy, as I stayed put and simply said no when asked to leave my seat on the second row. I made it understood that I was not going to watch the service on a TV screen.

Selfish? Maybe. But regardless of my presence or lack thereof, there was plenty of room for social distancing. We complied at the beginning of the service, but as the funeral proceeded to a slideshow of our family's favorite memories, the distance between us disappeared, emotionally and sometimes physically.

The service was similar to Grandma's in its message, our family's mourning and the recordings of gospel songs by Willie Nelson and Alan Jackson. But it was so heartbreakingly unfamiliar.

I felt torn that my cousins were having to watch Granddad be put to rest remotely, even though they were in the

same building. Somehow that thought made it even worse, being so close and feeling so far away.

However, when I glanced behind me as Willie wrapped up his rendition of "I'll Fly Away," I could not help but smile. Several family members had filtered into the back of the room. I guess stubbornness runs in the family.

It was a somber feeling as we walked beside the casket to the hearse waiting outside. Not only because it was a last goodbye, but because we were doing it without so many important people.

There were no friends to hug or distant relatives who made the trip, no old classmates to share stories about days gone by and no one from our little town expressing how much Alton Gore had meant to their experiences growing up in a tight-knit community.

It was hard. It was unfair. It was a funeral during a pandemic. As we lingered outside the church before the proces-

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# NEWS In Brief

## Trash Dumping

McClain County District 1 residents will be offering a roll off dumpster in the maintenance yard in Wayne at 301 N Shannon starting April 13 and continuing through May 7. The yard is closed on Fridays.

No tires, batteries, wire, oil, paint, pesticides or hazardous materials may be dumped.

Also, nothing containing Freon in it.

Check into the office before dumping.

For more information call 449-3355.

## Lake Run Cancelled

The annual Purcell Lake Run has been cancelled, according to run officials, due to the coronavirus.

## Property Tax Deadline Extended

The deadline to pay the second half of property taxes has been extended to Thursday, April 30, at 4:30

p.m., per Gov. Kevin Stitt and the Oklahoma State Auditor Cindy Byrd.

This is for the second half payment only.

If anyone has questions regarding their tax statements, call the McClain County Treasurer's Office at 527-3261.

## Legion Auxiliary Luncheon

The American Legion Unit 301 Ladies Auxiliary has suspended its monthly luncheons for the months of April and May.

We are praying with all of you this coronavirus goes away and we can resume normal activities in June.

Members appreciate the community for supporting fundraising programs for our veterans and their families.

## 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.

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## Funeral:

sion to the cemetery began, there was still a feeling of incompleteness.

But as we drove down Main Street and passed by Gore's Phillip's 66 Service Station, which has been in our family since 1939, there was a sense of normalcy.

Cars and trucks stopped along the road, drivers got out of their vehicles and took their hats off to show respect. Some from the community were able to be there for my family and to wave goodbye. It was a small sense of closure.

There is no doubt it has been a hard year for my family, losing our patriarch and matriarch in addition to my father, Marty Gore, who died in August in a motorcycle accident, and my great-grandmother, Betty Wilson, who died in December. But through it all, and even a pandemic, we have been there for each other and carried on together.

My family has not lost anyone to the coronavirus, but the pandemic definitely altered the way we said our goodbyes to Granddad.

In the days following the funeral we had the collective chore of sifting through our grandparents' home of more than half a century. And believe me, it was all there.

This may seem like an unfortunate chore, and it was a daunting task. But we were all there together, rediscovering memories once lost under piles of paper and stacks of boxes.

As we worked throughout the day, a few of my cousins and I would occasionally sneak into the backyard, where Grandma and Granddad had once set up our own family sandlot. We played baseball until dusk, like we were kids again, and the only tears came from laughter.

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riculum, and so much more. These resources are available to all youth, whether they are enrolled in 4-H or not. These resources can be found at 4h.okstate.edu.

Another great resource for activities at home that Oklahoma 4-H has developed is the Oklahoma 4-H Virtual Clovers Facebook page. This page features new activities each day that have been submitted by OSU Extension employees, 4-H volunteers, and 4-H members. This page features activities in all different subject matters, for all different skill levels.

For more information about 4-H or youth programming opportunities please contact the Cleveland County 4-H and Youth Development Educator Ruth Allard at ruth.allard@okstate.edu.

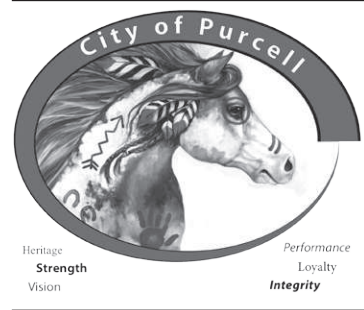
## Ruth Allard 4-H Youth Development Educator

This time in our lives is difficult and hard to navigate. 4-H provides high quality programming for youth across Cleveland County. These programs are delivered through school enrichment, after school programs, and short-term workshops.

Although our methods may look different during the foreseeable future, we are still here to provide quality experiences for youth.

The Oklahoma 4-H website has a link to activities that can be done at home. These activities have been created by universities and Extension programs across the nation.

The resources are research, fact-based programs that are fun for all ages. These include videos, self-study cur-



# NEWS from the City of Purcell

## Service to Others

There are a lot of people living in the City of Purcell who are elderly or have disabilities that do not allow them to maintain their property as they would like.

The City of Purcell is asking for any persons, churches, clubs or organizations interested in helping the elderly or disabled maintain their property to please contact Jimmy New in Code Enforcement at 527-4656.

New will maintain a list of those who can help and contact them when needed.

# Senator Paul Scott announces re-election bid

Republican State Senator Paul Scott has announced he will seek re-election this year. A Duncan small businessman, Scott has served in the State Senate since 2016. He represents District 43, which encompasses Garvin, Grady, McClain and Stephens counties.

A strong conservative, Scott is already receiving broad sup-



Senator Paul Scott

port from across the district and state.

Senate President Greg Treat said, "Senator Scott is a valuable member in our caucus. He always stands up for the people of his area. I'm excited to support him for re-election."

Former Lt. Governor Todd Lamb said, "As Lt. Governor I was extremely engaged in small business issues and rural Oklahoma. I found no legislator more committed to his district than Paul Scott."

Many local residents also expressed their support.

James S. McDowell, an area Baptist pastor and State Republican Party committee member said, "Paul is a Christian Constitutional conservative. He is

not afraid nor is he ashamed of his faith. In fact he acknowledges our Christian Heritage, and its influence on our nation's history. For these and many other reasons, I believe Paul should have the support of the people in his district."

Purcell community leader Pam Ellis-Hobbs said, "I'm struck by the support Senator Scott provides to our small businesses, healthcare workers and all our front line workers, during this pandemic every single day, while fighting for and continually supporting growth in our small communities. Senator Scott is a true voice for us and for the state of Oklahoma."

Mike Tolle, owner of Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell, said, "Paul has been an exceptional senator for our community. When there's a need, I know Paul is only a phone call away for any of us, and he'll give it all he's got to help. That's the kind of leader we need to keep working for us at the Capitol."

"Serving my home area in the State Senate has been a great honor," Scott said. "I want to continue working for our communities, our schools and our values in the Senate."

Senator Scott's Family and Background

Senator Scott grew up in southwest Oklahoma and his personal and professional story reflects the values of tradition, family and hard work that are so important to our area.

A Farming and Ranching Family and Business Owner

Scott grew up on a ranch in Cyril and lives in Duncan.

In 2001, Scott started a small mobile x-ray business out of his home. At the time, he had one truck and one employee –

himself. But with perseverance and hard work, Scott built a successful small business employing 16 full-time and four part-time employees.

Today, Scott's company, Sooner Mobile X-Ray, works across the entire state of Oklahoma. The company provides mobile x-ray, EKG, and ultrasound services at nursing homes, assisted living centers, home health and hospice agencies, private physicians' offices, and jails.

A Leader in His Local Church and the Oklahoma Baptist Foundation

In 2015, Scott was nominated by the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma to serve on the Board of Directors for the Baptist Foundation of Oklahoma.

Scott attends First Baptist Church in Duncan, where he currently serves as a Deacon.

With a heart for young people, Scott and his wife, Susan, taught Sunday school and worked with the youth and newly married couples for a combined 20 years. They currently serve on the praise and worship team.

Proud Husband and Father

Scott has been married for over 31 years to his wife Susan (Hodges). She was born in Purcell, grew up in Chickasha and graduated from Chickasha High School and the University of Oklahoma.

Susan, who comes from a long line of educators, has taught middle school for Duncan Public Schools as well as having taught students with severe emotional needs in Norman.

Paul and Susan have three children, Braden and twins Brooklyn and Britton.

(Paid for by Paul Scott)

## Accident on Canadian River results in injuries to Norman woman

Byars Fire Chief Dwight McCullar reported his department responded to an accident at the Soggy Bottom Trails and Pub last Saturday night.

McCullar reported Gabrielle Bledsoe, 20, of Norman fell out of a pickup and sustained numerous injuries.

She was Mediflighted to OU Medical after the 7:30 p.m. mishap Saturday evening.

"They were on the river," McCullar told **The Purcell Register**. "They were about a half mile east of the river bridge between Byars and Wanette."

McCullar said Bledsoe sus-

tained broken bones in her back, cheek bone, eye socket, nose and hand.

As of Monday Bledsoe was

in OU Medical Center undergoing therapy.

She told the newspaper she faces a long recovery.

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# Society



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## It's a Small World

Gracie Montgomery

A special happy birthday wish to Andrew Wertz of Norman.

Andrew celebrates his birthday Sunday, April 26.

Happy birthdays also go to Kristin Davis, Rylee Henshaw, Melton Ezell, Tammy Gardner, Michaele Cole, Amelia Gardner, Jo Idleman, Matt Richardson, Cindy Carlton, Karter Wilhoit, Dusty Mathews, Katelyn Dawson, Mike Tolle, Susie Peters, Adam Duffy, Jennifer Kozik, Bridget Roper, Fr. Jim Chamberlain, Hannah Hoefler, Logan McKiddy, Louis Zuech, Bailey Chaples, Denise Clark, Tyler Simmons, Paul Steiner and Aracely Garcia.

The Oklahoma Blood Institute will host a blood drive from noon until 6 p.m. Thursday, April 23, at Purcell Municipal Hospital.

Healthy donors are urged to give blood, and appointments are strongly encouraged to allow for recommended social distancing.

Blood donation typically takes only about an hour, and one donation saves up to three lives.

Appointments can be made by calling 1-877-340-8777 or visiting obi.org.

Out of an abundance of caution and in the interest of protecting staff and customers from the spread of the

novel coronavirus strain "COVID-19," the Pioneer Library System, which includes the Purcell Public Library, has closed all libraries and cancelled all programs, events, meeting room bookings and outreach activities.

All libraries are also closed to the public.

This recipe is sooo good and easy too!

**Mexican Tater Tot Casserole**  
1 lb lean ground beef  
1 onion, chopped  
1 red pepper, chopped  
1 orange pepper, chopped  
1 yellow pepper chopped  
1 package Taco Seasoning  
1 jar queso (394 ml)  
3/4 of a package of frozen Tater Tots  
1 cup cheddar cheese, shredded

Heat a large skillet over medium heat. Add onions, peppers and ground beef.

Cook until beef is no longer pink and onions and peppers are softened, about 7 to 8 minutes.

Stir in taco seasoning. Preheat oven to 400°. Grease a large casserole dish with cooking spray. Spread the beef mixture on the bottom evenly. Pour queso on top and spread to cover beef mixture. Cover with Tater Tots.

Bake for 40 minutes. Remove from oven and sprinkle with cheddar cheese.

Bake an additional 5 minutes, or until cheese is melted. Serve hot.

## Lexington Pre-K enrollment to begin

Save your child's spot in Lexington Pre-K for school year 2020-2021!

Due to COVID-19, school officials will be holding phone

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Call Lexington Elementary School at 527-7236 to get your child's name on the list.

## Purcell and Wayne Senior Citizens

By John Webb

Hello, friends. Fredda is still out of the office, so I will be the messenger again this week regarding senior citizens news.

There have been no changes in the way we are serving meals at our center. Sign-in meals are still being made to go. Also, no change to recipients of home delivered meals. You all are doing a fantastic job utilizing our reservation system.

Reserving your meal has never been more important than right now. We will only cook meals for the number of reservations we have for the day. You can let us know when you pick up your lunch if you would like one for the next day or reserve meals for the rest of the week. You can still call the kitchen at 527-9462 by 8:30 a.m. Please ask for Sherrie, Evelyn or John.

Menu for April 27-May 1:  
Monday — Frito chili pie with cheese, tossed salad with dressing, Mexican corn, corn chips, strawberry dessert.

Tuesday — Barbecue pulled pork sandwiches, macaroni salad, green beans, gelatin with whipped topping.

Wednesday — Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, broccoli, sliced what bread, mandarin orange salad.

Thursday — Brown beans with ham and onions, tomato spoon relish, cornbread, spinach, frosted banana cake.

Friday — Tater tot casserole, tossed salad with dressing, hot roll or sliced bread, Ranger cookies.

I bet all of you are busy working to make your lawns, houses, pantries, garages and closets look their best, especially since there is basically nowhere to go until things get back to whatever the new normal will be.

If you have items to discard, please donate them to the seniors by placing your items in one of the green bins on the west end of the Purcell center.

And remember, one day soon restrictions will be relaxed and card games, dominoes and bingo will resume.

Thank you again for your continued support and participation so our centers can still be open and serving the senior citizens of Purcell and Wayne.

## At home cooking video competition highlights beef

Oklahomans are cooking at home now more than ever. With this in mind, the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association and the Oklahoma Beef Council have partnered to host a video competition featuring cooking at home with recipes including beef.

The guidelines are simple. 1) Recipe must include beef.

2) 2-minute maximum video length. 3) Entries must live in Oklahoma. 4) 1 entry per person.

The competition has three age categories: Kids 12 and under, Kids 13 to 18 and Adults. The videos will be judged on recipe clarity, plate presentation, chef charisma and proper food safety.

A panel of judges will select the top 3 videos in each category. The winner of each category will be selected by popular vote on Facebook which will take place May 7-13.

Winners will be announced on May 15. The winners of each category will also receive a \$100 cash prize, an apron and steak seasoning.

Learn more about submitting your video at okcattlemen.org/at-home-cooking-video-competition. Submission deadline is May 5.

The OCA is the trusted voice of the Oklahoma Cattle Industry. OCA is the only voice that speaks solely for the cattlemen of Oklahoma and represents beef producers in all 77 counties across the state.

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# Sports

## LOOKING BACK . . .

Dragons put exclamation point on season

# State Champions!

**John D. Montgomery**  
The Purcell Register

This time they were determined to finish, and they did.

After winding up second in the slow-pitch two years ago, Purcell won its first outing in the fast-pitch finals Tuesday night.

Coach Mike Robinson's 2004 fast-pitch club put an end to frustration and hung a championship banner at Boney Matthews Fieldhouse in the process, edging two-time defending champion Meeker 2-1 at ASA Hall of Fame Stadium.

Purcell wasn't on its "A" offensive game and didn't get an RBI hit, yet came out on top, which is what matters most.

The Dragons did, however, bring their "A" game on defense.

Meeker jumped to a 1-0 lead in the top of the second on a wild pitch by Andrea Frizell. It was the only run scored on Purcell in the tournament.

The Dragons squandered several offensive opportunities before finally pushing across a pair of beautiful runs in their half of the fifth.

Initially, head coach Mike Robinson, said it was an ugly win.

But upon further review, Robinson said it was what he's preached from day one that ended up being the difference between a runner-up and a champion.

"We preach defense and that's what won it for us," Robinson said. "I have preached defense from day one. Offense comes and goes, but defense wins championships."



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### State champions

Coach Mike Robinson and his 2004 fast-pitch State Champion softball team at ASA Hall of Fame Stadium in Oklahoma City.

"You've gotta' play defense and we did."

Purcell committed zero errors in the three games of the state tournament.

The errorless Dragons got a police escort by Purcell Police to their stadium after the championship.

Frizell won her 18th game of the year, going the distance despite a few control problems.

Trailing 1-0 heading into the fifth, Purcell was looking for some offense. And, they got it.

Mandy Holman opened the

frame with a single followed by a single by Erica Gantz and a sharp single by Sarah Jones to juice the sacks.

Kayla Guthmueller walked, scoring Holman to tie the game.

With a huge Purcell crowd, bolstered by a noisy student body, Taylor Marcum stepped to the plate with the bases still loaded and one out.

She grounded to third setting up an overthrow by the Meeker third baseman to their catcher, and Gantz scored the winning run.

Frizell was up next, still with one out and the sacks full. A strikeout and a ground out later ended any chance of Purcell blowing the game wide open, but one run was as good as 100.

Frizell allowed only four hits while fanning nine Meeker sticks. She retired the last nine batters she faced, and Purcell finished with a school record 37 wins against six defeats.

"I'm really proud of our seniors," Robinson said. "They have worked so hard the past four years, they deserve this."

"We kept the pressure on Meeker's defense until it broke down, and we made the plays when we had to."

Purcell advanced to the state finals with a pair of shut out wins.

They posted a 2-0 victory over Bethel and bumped No. 1 ranked Henryetta out of the tournament with a 1-0 victory in the semifinals.

Frizell allowed only three hits while striking out 14 in the opener earning her 17th win of the season.

Mandy Holman opened the third inning with a single, moved to second on a passed ball and scored on an infield error.

Frizell hit a towering solo home run to open the fourth frame over the left center field fence.

Kayla Guthmueller and Mandy Beller both added hits in the game.

Taylor Marcum scored the winning run against Henryetta in the eighth inning.

She doubled off the left field fence and scored on a Frizell single to right.

Marcum tossed a one-hitter at the Knights, striking out seven.

It was her 19th victory of the year.

"We played excellent defense against both Bethel and Henryetta," Robinson said.

The Dragons didn't make a single error in either of those two contests.

Sarah Jones had nine putouts in the eight innings.

The Knights tried to push across a run on a squeeze bunt in the fourth, but catcher Erica Gantz stuffed the runner at the plate on a throw from Marcum.

Sophomore center fielder Bianca Cooks snuffed out the only other Henryetta scoring opportunity, making a running catch for the third out in the seventh.

Gantz and Kayla Guthmueller both had two hits in the game while Jones, Marcum and Frizell all had doubles. Whytne Hadley also had a hit

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## Washington School sets up hotlines for Math and English assistance

**Angie Steele**  
Washington Correspondent

Washington School staff will serve food to all Washington Public School students who need the service.

A Grab and Go bag will be provided on the west side of the cafeteria from 9:30-11 a.m. Monday through Thursday. The meal will include breakfast and lunch items. Please remain in your vehicle, and food will be delivered to you.

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**Free Wi-Fi for Washington Students**

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For the password, call the school, Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m.-12 noon at 288-0158.

**School Board Election Date Change**

The Washington School Board Election has been changed to June 30 due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

**Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation**

I don't know about all of you, but I have had all of the stay at home I can handle. Just a month or so ago, I wanted to take a day off and sleep in, and now I can hardly wait for our restrictions to be lifted so we can go back to our lifestyles.

Even though we are closed at our Veterans Foundation, we continue to receive many phone calls and mail from veterans and the VA rating decisions. We are continuing to see most veteran claims for benefits approved by VA for people we had helped earlier this year.

Several veterans have called me saying the VA has started

evaluating their disabilities using computers for virtual hearings. I think it is a good idea for all of us to do everything we can from home.

We would like to honor Darla Jackson, our board member. Darla is a member of the Law Library staff at the University of Oklahoma College of Law. Prior to working at OU, she served as the Oklahoma Bar Association (OBA) Practice Management Advisor, providing assistance to attorneys in using technology and other tools to efficiently manage their offices.

While at the OBA, she was involved with Oklahoma access to justice initiatives. Access to Justice is a cause to which she is committed. She serves as the Vice-Chair of the OBA Access to Justice Committee.

She supports the OBA Heroes Program, which provides legal advice and assistance to those who have honorably served this country and are unable to afford to hire an attorney. She is also a member of the OBA Military & Veterans Law Section, Indian Law Section, and Law Office Management and Technology Section.

Last week 28 veterans received a disability rating of 100 percent for their service-connected disabilities. This

group will receive a combined annual \$1,180,440. They will also be eligible for state benefits of sales tax exemptions, property tax exemptions, and other benefits that our state provides for disabled veterans.

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# 2020

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**Favorite HS Memory: Sophomore Year**

# Mya Forman awarded the J.W. Baker Memorial Scholarship



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The J.W. Baker Memorial Scholarship recipient is Automotive Service Technician student Mya Forman.

Forman attends Wanette High School where she is the Valedictorian of her senior class, the Homecoming Queen, and FFA President.

J.W. Baker of Wayne was an adjunct teacher and a great supporter of Mid-America Technology Center for many years.

Because of his service and dedication to MATC, money was donated in Mr. Baker's honor to be given in the form of the J.W. Baker Memorial Scholarship.

Forman, this year's recipient, maintained straight A's in her Automotive Service program, placed fourth overall at the SkillsUSA District Contest, is currently employed at Wanette Tractor.

She will be attending Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology in Okmulgee this fall.

MATC Automotive Service teacher, Keith Barnett, says, "Mya is a great leader, intelligent, and always conducts herself as a professional."

## Scholarship winner

Mya Forman, the J.W. Baker Scholarship recipient from Wanette, is hard at work in the shop at MATC in the Automotive Service Technician program.



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## Let 'er rip

Andrea Frizell winds up for a pitch during the 2004 State Softball Tournament. Frizell had an 18-4 record with a 0.48 ERA and 217 strikeouts. She pitched the Dragons to two wins in the State Tournament, including their 2-1 win over Meeker in the championship game.

## Champs:

in the contest. "We got great pitching from Andrea and Taylor. Our outfielders played well, also," Robinson said.

He singled out the play of Holman, Cooks and Hadley all making good running catches. "And, the weather helped us," Robinson said of the rain outs on Thursday.

"That gave us an extra day

to heel some nagging injuries," he said.

**Dragon notes:** Purcell had 38 base runners in the tournament while their three opponents had 10. Runs were scarce, however, with Purcell totaling five in the three games while giving up one.

Robinson has taken three different teams to the state

tournament, reaching the finals three times.

This is his only championship.

"It's a special thing. They (championships) are hard to come by.

"We played a great game, played great defense and now it's time to start working on slow-pitch," he said Wednesday morning.

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## Washington:

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Angie Steele



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## DKG Board of Director

Darla Jackson, a member of the Board of Directors, of the Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation.



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## On the front line

Sacks of meals are being handed out daily at Purcell Elementary School and at other area schools. Sara Savage, left, and Cathy Furniss were on duty last Thursday when they doled out over 350 sacks of food and drinks.



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The 2020 Census helps our community get money for programs and services. It also helps decide voting districts and how many legislators represent us at our state capital and in Washington. The Census relies on an accurate count of the population to better serve communities like ours.



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# OSU EXTENSION News

## 4-H Youth Development Program under new leadership

**Trisha Gedon**  
Extension Educator

When Steve Beck took the helm as state 4-H program leader for the Oklahoma 4-H Youth Development Program, he knew there would be challenges in his new position. He



Beck

was not, however, expecting to start his role without employees in the office. Beck returned to Oklahoma in late

March, amid the COVID-19 pandemic, following nearly five years as the 4-H Youth Development department head at New Mexico State University. Before he went out of state, he spent 10 years as a county educator in Harper and Kingfisher counties, and another seven

years as a state specialist in Oklahoma 4-H administration. "I thought I would be seeing some familiar faces when I got back, but the pandemic had other ideas," he said. "I'd planned on hitting the ground running by making in-person county visits because I wanted to talk in person with educators to learn more about their 4-H programs and find out how I and the rest of the state staff could improve our support to them."

Thanks to technology, Beck has been able to conduct his visits while still maintaining social distancing. He has already contacted his peers through online virtual meetings, which will continue over the next several weeks.

As state program leader, Beck said his role is to support the traditional values of 4-H while seeking opportunities for innovation.

"The Oklahoma 4-H program is built on a strong foundation of what we call traditional programming. These programs are the backbone of 4-H and I will continue to support them," he said. "However, we live in a

rapidly changing world, and in order to continue to meet the needs of our club members and remain relevant to community needs, we must adapt through innovation and new projects. We must be seen as leaders in youth development.

"Regardless of whether our youth are raising a steer for a livestock show or working on a robotics program, the goals are the same," he said. "We want all youth to experience the outstanding benefits that come from being involved in 4-H. Oklahoma 4-H has exceptional educators and volunteers who provide club members the opportunity to belong to an organization that teaches them life skills through experiential, hands-on learning."

Beck said his previous years in Oklahoma 4-H, coupled with his leadership role in New Mexico, have given him the needed perspective of delivering quality programming and working with clientele on a daily basis.

"Our educators are extremely busy doing great work with our youth and volunteers, and I need to work closely with them to find new programs and innovations that will be beneficial," he said. "In this time of social distancing, it's crucial to find resources to help our 4-H educators continue to deliver quality programs."

Beck said one of the challenges facing 4-H today is finding innovative ways to reach new audiences and market programs. He said recruiting and training new volunteers to lead programs is also a priority.

"Our parent volunteer base is very different than it was 20-plus years ago, and we need to develop new strategies that will engage and allow volunteers to work with us around their busy schedules," he said.


Thomas G. Coon, vice president for agricultural programs at OSU, said Beck is definitely an asset for Oklahoma 4-H.

"Dr. Beck proved to be an innovative and compassionate leader during his time as state 4-H leader for New Mexico State University. That's no surprise to us from our experience with Dr. Beck's programmatic leadership previously with Oklahoma 4-H," Coon said. "We already see the impact of his insights and empathy as Oklahoma 4-H adapts to fostering positive youth development through online resources during the COVID-19 pandemic."

Beck said returning to Oklahoma is like coming home, and he is looking forward to settling into his new leadership role.

"I'm proud to be part of this team. I'm looking forward taking my experiences as program leader in New Mexico and being able to provide a clear message conveying the decisions I'll make in Oklahoma," he said. "One thing New Mexico taught me is that green chile sauce goes on almost everything."

Beck earned his bachelor's degree in agricultural education from OSU, his master's degree in secondary education from Northwestern Oklahoma State University and his doctorate degree in health, leisure, and human performance from OSU.




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Wed. Events:  
Adult Studies: 6 or 7pm  
Chalice Kids and Kiddos:  
5:45-7 (experiential)  
(Light meal at 6-ish - all)

**Emmanuel BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Purcell, OK  
2705 N. 9th • 527-2535  
Sunday services      Wednesday services  
9 am Sunday School      6:30 pm Bible Study  
10 am Worship      6:30 pm Aunias &  
6 pm Evening worship      Youth  
www.ebcpurcell.org

**Union Hill Baptist Church**  
Hwy 39, 5mi. west of Purcell  
405.527.3957 - unionhillpurcell@aol.com  
Sundays  
Age Group Bible Study      9:45 am  
Morning Worship      11:00 am  
Community Outreach      4:30 pm  
Age Group Bible Study      5:30 pm  
Evening Worship      6:30 pm  
Wednesdays  
Fellowship Meal      5:30 pm  
Age Group Bible Study      6:30 pm

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Revival Service - 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Evening - 7:00 p.m.  
Pastor: Rev. Mark A. Stacy  
Office Ph. 405.527.3045

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Wednesday..... 7:00 p.m.

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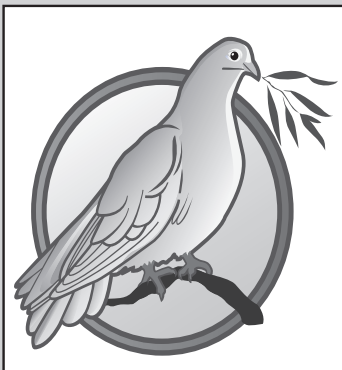
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Worship - 10:45 a.m.  
Evening - 6:00 p.m.  
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Evening 6 p.m.  
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Evening Worship: 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.



## Lexington Westside Church of Christ

### The Cab Driver's Unforgettable Ride

Welcome, all, to the “front porch.” Amazing things are happening today. We actually are seeing each other – almost as if for the first time – and we have boiled life down to the bare minimum. That’s a good thing. There’s a new spirit in us – a spirit that reminds me of a certain New York cab driver. Read on.

The New York City cab driver pulled up for his last stop of the night in front of a nice house in an older New York neighborhood and honked his horn. No one came out, so he thought of pulling away and ending his night’s work; but, instead, he sighed, got out, and hurried to the door. He knocked loudly, and an older woman opened the door, her canvas bag lying on the floor beside her.

Looking inside the house, he

could see the house appeared not to have been lived in for a long time. The furniture was covered with sheets, the clocks had all been taken off the walls, and the pictures had been boxed up and stacked in a corner.

He courteously took the lady by the arm and led her to the cab, then got her bag and put it in the trunk. When he got into the car, he looked back and asked the lady where she wanted to go.

She handed him the address on a slip of paper, and said matter-of-factly, “I am going to the hospice building. The doctor says I don’t have long to live.”

The man grimaced, feeling bad for his earlier impatience, and started down the road toward her destination. Before he had gone very far, she spoke up again, politely.

“Would you mind taking me downtown?” she asked.

“No, I wouldn’t mind,” he said, surprised at the lump suddenly in his throat, “but it is out of the way.

“That’s okay,” she said, “I’d really appreciate it if you would do that for me.”

He nodded and detoured toward the downtown area. As he got to an older part of the town, she asked him to slow down and began to show him different landmarks that had been important in her life.

“Look there,” she said, and she showed the cab driver the little house where she was born – then, a block or two later pointed out an upstairs apartment where she and her husband had lived when they

Please see **Westside**, page 13A

## Sunray Baptist Church

Because of the coronavirus, our pastor Dennis Clark continues to record and stream his sermons on our church’s Facebook page.

He spoke from Hebrews 11:13-16 this week and said these verses are pretty descriptive about those mentioned in this chapter. They made decisions based on the fact that they believed God. This belief never wavered and was the guiding principle that controlled their lives up to their last breath.

They trusted God’s promises. They were sure of their reality and embraced them. These promises were not to be obtained in this life. The blessings we have on Earth don’t compare to what God has waiting for us.

Do we believe God? Does this belief control our actions and determine how we live our lives? Do we look forward to what He has for us?

Our children’s church director Bonnie Ray has also re-

corded a message and presents an activity for kids to do.

You are encouraged to look on our Facebook page (Sunray Baptist Church in Purcell) to see and hear these messages. We miss meeting in our sanctuary and look forward to the time that we can join together again to sing praises to and worship God.

Anyone who does not have

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## Purcell Church of Christ Ninth and Pierce

By Timothy W. Carignan

### Be in Remembrance

Does anyone really enjoy hearing something they already know? Typically, you try to say, “Oh, yes, I already knew that,” and try to change the subject. However, there are times when we need to hear something again.

Teachers know that students don’t always learn things the first time it’s explained. Once in a while, you need to have your memory refreshed. This is what Jude was doing when he wrote the book that bears his name.

In context, the book is a warning about false teachers who were spreading error. Jude used three examples to show his readers that God will judge them.

First, he used the nation of Israel (Jude 5). At one time, they were slaves in Egypt. God heard the cries of His people and saved them from that slavery. However, after

they crossed the Red Sea, they turned from God and began worshipping a golden calf and fornicating like most of the idol worshippers.

Their disobedience showed that they no longer believed what God had said, and He destroyed them. Even being saved at one time didn’t keep them from being lost later.

His second illustration is the fallen angels (Jude 6). The Bible says surprisingly little about these angels, except that they exist and that Hell was created to punish them (Matthew 25:41). The point that Jude was making was that these messengers, who had been in heaven, were cast out and were being punished.

Jude then turns to the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. The people in these cities, and the other cities of the plains, had gone after “strange flesh” (Jude 7). This word translated “fornication” is the Greek “porneia,”

which refers to any sexual sin.

In the context, this clearly included homosexuality (Genesis 19:5). The sins that they had committed caused them to be suffering the “vengeance of eternal fire” in Jude’s day, and remain so to this day.

Sometimes, we need to be reminded of things we already knew, so that we don’t forget. Sometimes, we thought we knew something, but we needed to be corrected. If you’ve forgotten the Bible’s warnings, or if you haven’t been taught correctly, you have an opportunity to make things right.

Feel free to contact us; every Bible question will get a Bible answer. When the virus passes, we’d love to have you come and visit; in the meantime, we invite you to join us for our livestream on YouTube (tinyurl.com/purcellok) or on Facebook (facebook.com/9thandPierceCoC/) each Sunday morning at 10:45 a.m.

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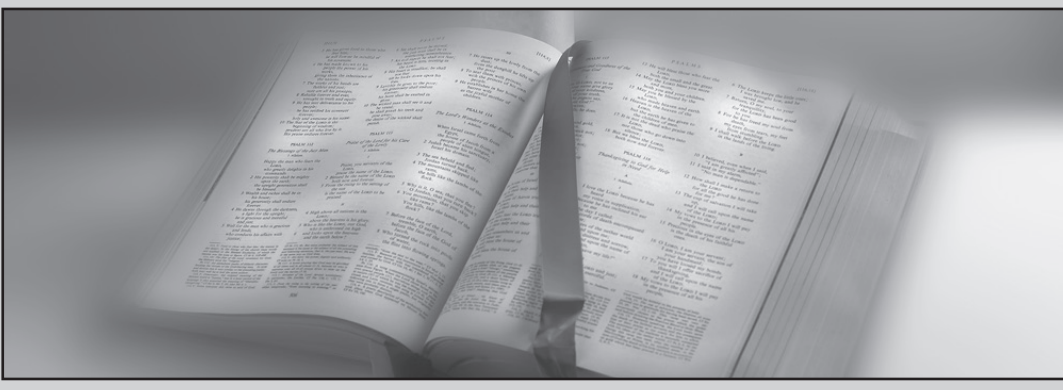
## Green Avenue Church of Christ

The church is continuing to conduct Bible classes on-line because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Wednesday evening class continued a study the first chapter of Ephesians. The discussion last week continued on the third through 13th verses where the apostle Paul wrote that God predestined the faithful in Christ to be adopted as sons through Jesus Christ for himself.

The Sunday morning Bible class, still studying authority, began looking at the concept that those things expedient (beneficial) to accomplish something which is authorized is also authorized. It was noted first that in order to be expedient it must also be lawful. Assemblies have been temporarily suspended.

If you are interested in attending the on-line Bible classes you can email cofc\_purcell@hotmail.com. Call the office at 527-4052 for correspondence courses or other information.







# Obituaries

## Rodney Lee Collett

Rod Collett was born to Loyal Eugene Collett and Flora Mae (Collett) Williams on September 10, 1958, in Norman, Okla. He departed from this life on April 2, 2020, at his home in Noble, Okla.



Rod will be remembered as an outgoing, larger than life character, who was as quick with a joke as he was to lend a helping hand to a friend or stranger. Rod loved his family and his memory will be treasured as a husband/best friend, son, father, brother, cousin, uncle, and friend.

Rod enjoyed the outdoors, especially horses and trail riding. As a longtime self-employed truck owner/operator, he will be fondly remembered by many friends in the trucking industry who knew him as "Levi."

He was a lifelong resident of Cleveland County and attended Noble High School, graduating in 1976. He was married to his wife Elisabeth (Shivers) Collett for 23 years.

Rod was preceded in death by his father, Loyal, and his brother, Ricky Lynn Collett, as well as his grandson, Zachary.

Those who survive Rod include his mother Flora Mae Williams; his loving wife, Elisabeth; daughter, Mandy Collett of Lawton; grandchildren, Makayla and George Jr.; three stepdaughters, Jennifer, Heather and Angela, along with 13 step-grandchildren. Also surviving Rod are his sisters, Lisa Meyer of Austin, Texas, and Lori Laufer of Maysville, Okla., and sister-in-law, Rhonda Collett, and numerous nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Rod's life will be held at a later date.



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## Steady stream

A line of vehicles is steady all during the 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. meal give away at Purcell Elementary School each day when meals are provided to students during the closing of school due to the pandemic.

# OSU EXTENSION News

## COVID-19 shows the importance of emergency financial plans

**Brenda Hill**  
Extension Educator

The coronavirus pandemic has driven home the importance of financial management and emergency savings accounts. For some, it has been a difficult lesson to learn.

It is recommended consumers should have a least three to six months of living expenses in an emergency fund. However, a recent survey by the Federal Reserve found that 46 percent of Americans don't have the funds to pay for an unexpected \$400 bill.

Since most of those who paid income tax in 2018 or 2019 will be receiving stimulus money in the next few weeks, this is a great time to get a jump on starting or adding to an emergency fund.

The purpose of the emergency stimulus payment is to help residents pay bills, and stay financially healthy in the economic downturn.

Individual taxpayers who earned up to \$75,000 annually should receive \$1,200, while married couples with a combined income up to \$150,000 will receive \$2,400. Individuals with annual incomes of \$75,001 to \$100,000, and married cou-

ples with an income between \$150,001 and \$198,000, will receive lower amounts.

Single parents who filed as head of household and earned up to \$112,500 will get the full \$1,200. Also, those who qualify for the stimulus payment and have children will get an additional \$500 per child under the age of 17.

These stimulus funds will be very helpful for the many people who currently are out of work. However, this money is meant to help people pay for their basic needs.

Make sure to pay essentials first, including food, shelter and transportation. Keeping insurance on health, homes, cars and personal belongs should come in second at this time.

Do not hesitate to take advantage of extra help that is available, including food assistance, loan forbearance or other help. Try to eliminate as many non-essential cost as possible.

For those fortunate enough to not need stimulus payments for everyday bills, or for those who are expecting a tax refund soon, this is a good opportunity to plan ahead, establishing or adding to an emergency account.

Open a money market or passbook savings account at the bank where you have your checking account. If you set up a mobile banking app this emergency account can be linked to your checking account and money can be transferred between account from your computer or your smart phone.

Consider this savings account as a new bill and transfer a set amount after each paycheck is deposited. Do this on a regular basis and you'll quickly see the amount grow. Consumers can make the transfer themselves through the phone app or have the bank do it automatically after each deposit.

The emergency stimulus package can also keep families from paying bills with a credit card, which typically would involve higher interest charges.

Once your savings account is established and you use money from it, replace the funds as soon as possible. Continue to build the account by depositing any extra income.

For those who may get a raise at work, raise the amount of your regular savings deposit and watch the balance grow even quicker.

This hard economic time we are currently going through can be the start of new healthy financial habits.

From page 14A

## COVID:

Entertainers did not come to our area so there weren't any shows to attend.

We did go to school events, lots of school ball games and our families gathered periodically. We grew up around family and when the family got together there would be 100 or more people. We went to church a lot.

People got together to play music, play ball or just talk on the front porch. People shook hands occasionally but we saw the same people all the time so there was never a feeling that we had to shake hands much. There really wasn't a lot to do but we always found a way to enjoy life.

We raised a lot of our food. My mom and dad canned and froze enough food to feed a family of seven. We had livestock. We occasionally butchered a hog and occasionally a cow.

For a little while we had chickens. We had a huge strawberry patch once.

My grandfather ran a grocery

store across the creek from where we lived. If we needed something from a store, we bought it from him and there was rarely more than ever one or two other people in the store so we were always socially distant.

Walmart's did not exist and there were no Amazon or Target deliveries. My grandpa did occasionally deliver groceries in his old truck. It wasn't that bad, everybody seemed to find a way. We didn't have the Internet or even a telephone until I was nine.

Sometimes we would sit in grandma and grandpa's big cane bottom chairs in the grocery store and talk while drinking a RC cola and eating a moon pie. Now, that was living it up. We always found a way to enjoy life.

It wasn't that hard to find a way to be sociable.

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### Baby strollers

Two women and a baby went to Purcell Lake for an afternoon stroll on Tuesday.

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### Testing:

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Where: Goldsby Community Center, 164 E. Center Road, Goldsby, OK 73093

Who: Anyone 18+ (or 16+ with in-person, parental consent), experiencing a fever, cough, or shortness of

breath or individuals who have had contact with someone known to test positive for COVID-19.

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### Delay:

the four as they fled through the RV lot.

The original charge filed against Regina Clark was shooting with intent to kill. In October 2015, prosecutors amended that to four counts of assault with a dangerous weapon and one count of second degree burglary.

Also in 2015, prosecutors added 13 counts of embezzlement totaling more than \$334,495. All but two of the embezzlements occurred during a 3-month period in 2014.

Each of the assault charges is punishable by up to 10 years in prison and/or a \$10,000 fine. Maximum penalty on the burglary charge is 7 years and/or a \$10,000 fine.

The embezzlement counts are punishable by up to 2, 5 or 8 years and/or fines up to \$5,000 or \$10,000.

In addition to the criminal complaints, several Sooner RV customers filed civil suits against Clark, who remains free on bond.

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### 104:

reason.

"This pandemic needs to go away!" Clark said.

The Wilsons were sharecroppers and in December 1918, the family moved by wagon from Wynnewood to Oklahoma City.

The trip took two weeks and gave Millie her earliest memories.

When she was 3, she worked alongside her mother picking cotton, putting the bolls in her own scaled down cotton sack that her mother had made for her.

Millie attended school in Oklahoma City and graduated from Central High School.

In 1938 she met and married Rex Wall. He owned a trucking business.

Wall died in 1956, leaving Millie a single mother with three children to support. Clark was 9 at the time.

"She worked hard and did a great job," Clark said. "She always found a way for us to have all we needed."

She met Leroy Brockhaus and they married in 1962 and divorced in 1997.

Millie worked in customer service at the Sears store at Southwest 44th and Western in Oklahoma City, retiring after 21 years.

Clark shared some other facts about her mother.

"Millie has always loved people and would help anyone in need," she said. "She is still a 'when life gives you lemons, make lemonade' type person."

"She is the best grandmother that ever lived and is greatly loved by her grandchildren and anyone who knows her. Millie is famous for her quick wit and hilarious 'Millie-isms.' She's just a hoot."



• Photo provided

### Partying in a pandemic

Millie Brockhaus, seated, waves to family members who came to help her celebrate her 104th birthday on Saturday. The celebration was conducted through glass since Sunset Estates nursing home is on strict lockdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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### Front Lines:

treat critically ill COVID-19 patients, Rhodes gives her employer high marks.

"OU Medical has done a really good job managing all that and keeping workers safe," she said.

Hospital policy forbids visitors in the emergency department except for extreme circumstances like a critically injured child or a patient who is "actively dying."

"And then only one family member can go in and they can't leave the room once they go in," she said.

It is fortunate that OU Medical has had the beds for COVID-19 patients even though isolation beds are a limited resource.

In flu season, the medical center is typically overwhelmed by the influx of flu patients.

"But that hasn't been the case this time," Rhodes said.

One thing Rhodes and her co-workers aren't seeing in the emergency department are the patients with illnesses or injuries that aren't emergencies.

"That used to happen," she said, "but truly since coronavirus, people are staying away."

That is well and good, she added, because "we need those spaces for people who truly need to be seen."

In addition to being a nurse, Rhodes is a wife and mother of two young children, ages 7 and 5.

She is as dedicated to keeping them safe as she is to caring for her patients.

And so on arriving home

after every shift, Rhodes strips off her work clothes in the garage.

Those immediately go in the wash and Rhodes heads for the shower.

Only after she showers and puts on clean clothes is there any physical contact with her family.

The children "do have a grasp of what is going on, why they can't hug mom as soon as she comes in the door," Rhodes said. "And they miss their friends."

Rhodes' husband is a heavy equipment operator for the City of Norman where crews now work one week on and one week off.

As much as she can, Rhodes leaves work at work at the end of each shift.

"It doesn't do me any good to be mad or frustrated at home," she said.

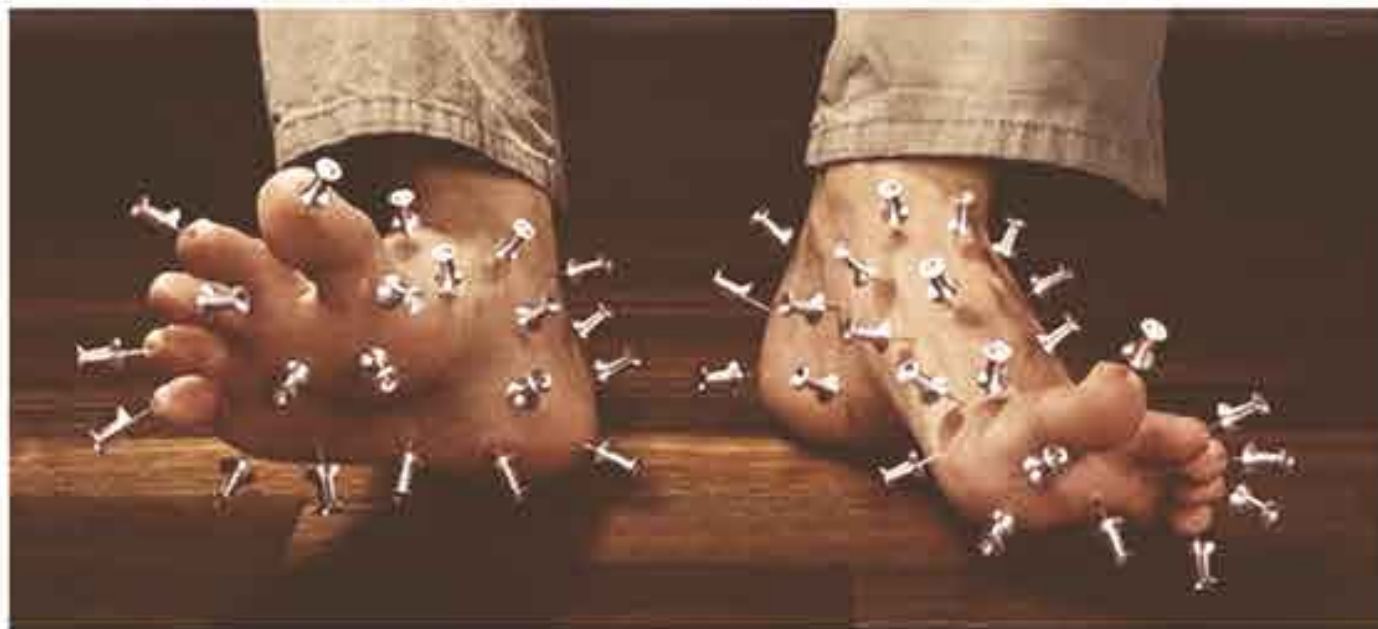
That said, she is moved by seeing what medical professionals are dealing with in other parts of the country.

"It does make me very sad, to see patients, nurses, doctors and technicians in that situation," she said. "They are so overwhelmed. It is dangerous. All want to go home to their families."

"It is very scary." Rhodes urges people to use common sense and follow the recommendations. Cover coughs and sneezes. Wash hands often.

And most importantly, she adds, "if you're sick stay home unless you need emergency medical care."

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