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Cleaning crew

Members of the Army National Guard and Air Force National guard were in Purcell Tuesday for a deep cleaning of Westbrook Gardens Senior Living Community. Administrator Sally Perry said the cleaning team was made up of guardsmen and women from across Oklahoma and is a program of the State of Oklahoma.

National Guard cleans at Westbrook

Part of a state-wide program, administrator reports

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Westbrook Gardens Senior Living Community participated in a state-wide program for cleaning facilities across Oklahoma on Tuesday.

“We were contacted by the state and asked if we’d like to participate and we agreed,” Westbrook Gardens Administrator Sally Perry told **The Purcell Register**.

A unit of Oklahoma National Guardsmen and women has been assembled and that unit travels around to nursing home facilities that are participating in the program, where they deep clean the building, Perry explained.

The unit that came to Purcell Tuesday was comprised of one Oklahoma Army National Guardsmen and the rest were Oklahoma Air Guards-

men and women, she said.

Perry said they are testing staff daily for COVID-19 and are having ongoing testing for residents.

“Right now we have 100 percent of our staff that are negative for COVID,” Perry said. “We did have three residents test positive but none of them showed any symptoms.”

Perry said it is not true that one of her residents died from

the virus.

“Right now we do not have any cases,” she said. “But we are on full quarantine.”

Perry said they are conducting daily screenings for temperature for any and everyone that comes into the facility including home health, hospice and they tested each of the National Guardsmen that came in for cleaning.

Leaner times

City pares down budget for FY2020-21

Jeanne Grimes
The Purcell Register

Purcell City Council passed a \$80,797.60 equipment purchase to the 2020-21 fiscal year starting July 1.

The last-minute amendment at Monday’s meeting left the city with a \$24,421,779 budget for the coming year.

That figure is a 6.5 percent drop from the FY2019-20 budget that pegged revenue at \$26,125,081.

With the amendment, total estimated expenditures in the coming fiscal year are \$24,783,161.

Vice mayor Danny Jacobs balked at approving the purchase in the current

fiscal year, calling it “careless and reckless” to spend more than \$80,000 when the city is presently operating \$600,000 in the red.

“This is not an appropriate time at all. I’m a definite ‘no,’” Jacobs said.

By delaying the purchase until July 1, the city doesn’t have to dip into its emergency fund to pay for the John Deere compact track loader and a John Deere rotary cutter. A purchase order for the equipment will be issued on July 1.

The delayed purchase was approved unanimously as an

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Bargains galore

Citywide garage sale Friday, Saturday

Jeanne Grimes
The Purcell Register

Bargain hunters might want to don masks and gloves and carry some hand sanitizer this week for Purcell’s annual citywide

garage sale.

The event, sponsored by the Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce, will

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Deadline nears for requests

Absentee ballots for June 30 Primary

A little more than a week remains for registered voters in McClain County to apply for absentee ballots to be mailed to them for the June 30 Primary Election.

That’s the word from Mc-

Clain County Election Board Secretary Karen Haley.

Applications for absentee ballots must be received by

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Emergency food boxes at COVID-19 testing sites

The Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma has partnered with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to provide emergency food boxes to individuals who test for COVID-19 at health departments in 28 Oklahoma counties including McClain and

Cleveland counties.

Through the USDA’s Disaster Household Distributions, the Regional Food Bank provides the boxes full of shelf-stable, non-perishable

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Laying the groundwork

Crews continue to prepare the surface whipping it into shape for the foundation for the new Purcell Municipal Hospital on north Ninth.

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Deadlines

- **News:** 12 noon, Tuesday
- **Display Ads:** 12 noon, Tuesday
- **Classifieds:** 11 a.m., Tuesday
- **Legal Notices:** 2 p.m., Tuesday

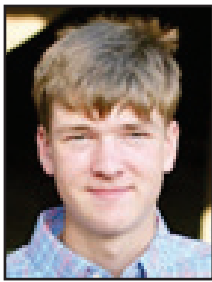
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Cruisin' in style

Purcell Seniors including Sandra Del Toro, Addie Stanton and Chelsea Spain made their way through town May 22 during the Senior Parade.

Reaching out to young readers

The Pioneer Library System offers young readers a variety of ways to interact with the library from home this summer, including its seasonal Mailbox Library service.

The service may be used by anyone age 18 and under, with the primary intention for children and/or teens who are unable to physically make it to the library to pick up materials during the summer. The service will be available through August 17.

How it works:

To start the process, sign up by calling 405-801-4593, emailing homeserv@pioneerlibrarysystem.org, or through a form online on the PLS web site, www.pioneerlibrarysystem.org.

Participants can request up to three books at a time to be sent

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7 day forecast from @PurcellRegister @OUNewsCrowd						
Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
95° 71°	95° 70°	94° 71°	93° 70°	89° 69°	92° 69°	89° 65°
Very Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Sunshine	Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Sunny	Mostly Sunny

Turning up summer heat

Meteorological summer is here, and it will be very hot. The high temperatures will be in the 90's everyday for the next week with a heat index in the upper 90's. Winds are

going to be light and variables throughout the week providing some relief from the heat. There is a chance of small pop up showers throughout the end of the week, but it will be

predominately sunny. Get out and enjoy the sunny weather but be sure to bring water and stay hydrated.

- Conner Bruce

Purcell High School announces honor roll students

Purcell High School has announced honor rolls for the second semester of the 2019-2020 school term.

Superintendent's Honor Roll students have no grade lower than an A.

Students named to the Principal's Honor Roll must have no grade lower than a B.

Seniors

Superintendent's

Addison Love, Aeryn Furniss, Alexis Munoz, Anoli Billy, Brendan Farris, Brenya Rutledge, Bryce Tuck, Chelsea Spain, Chris Brewer, Chrissy McKinney, Claire Embree, Corbin Hall, Gavin Nation, Gracie Morgan, Grant Smith, Hallie Eisman, Jacob Craig, Jeremy Cudd, Jessica Kuykendall, Justin Ramirez, Kasey Cornelison, Kassidy Courtney, Katelynn Carwile, Kierra Brown, Kyla Deaton, Laynie Kroth, Logan McKiddy, Madison Shields, Makenna Schlotthauer, Noel Herrera, Ryan Craig, Ryan Rogez, Titus Pruitt and Trevor Nimmo.

Principal's

Abigail Beavers, Addison Stanton, Alicia Baker, Alyssa Bumpass, Alyssa Trumbo, Andre Garcia, Angels Resendiz, Brycen Crofoot, Cecilya Johnson, Francisco Martinez, Haiven Culp, Jacey Renfro, Jacob Matthews, Jed Elmore, Kearin Comer, Lindsey Franetic, Logan Helton, Lydia Smith, Nicholas Albright, Parker Miller, Reuben Leveridge, Sandra Del Toro, Savannah Curtiss,

Seth Madrid, Sheldon Martin and Sunny Sanders.

Juniors

Superintendent's

Allyson Teel, Blakeleigh Bennett, Brooklynn Fleming, Cade Smith, Carlee Dismuke, Courtney Nimsey, Daniel Calixto, Destinie White, Emily Madden, Emma Meyer, Hannah Camp, Jamie Crum, Kayla Skinner, Kenneth Saucedo, Kinley Croslin, Kora Keith, Kyle Ginn, Lizbeth Caralampio, Lucy Wilson, Misael Duque, Ryan Maynard, Samantha Ardery, Samuel Wofford, Tate Quintero, Tristen Brown and Tyler Williams.

Principal's

Aiden McLemore, Alexis Perez, Angelina Willems, Austen McLemore, Bostin Fink, Brianna Risenhoover, Chloe Tarango, Cristian Reyes, Dru Clay, Gage Askew, Gamaliel Solis, Hannah Buchanan, Jay-sen Shea, Kenzie Sewell, Kody Kroth, Kyle Hogan, Landon Gray, Laura Paez, Levi Bartels, Makenzie Selman and Skyler Campbell.

Sophomores

Superintendent's

Abigail Escobedo, Adolfo Vasquez, Alexia Gibson, Alyssa Rogers, Carly Hendrickson, Celeste Martinez, Cooper Hall, Creed Smith, Cristian Rojo, Dalton Holder, Grace Smith, Hailey Carpenter, Hailey Day, Jaiden Avila, Jair Rojo, Joey Lozier, Kagan Davis, Kylie Honeycutt, Laynie Schrader, Natalie

Auz, Nathan Willis, Rosalina Venegas and Warissara Xu.

Principal's

Alexis Brock, Brady Nabors, Chris Moody, Eduardo Reyes, Emma Andrews, Eva McGregor, Gavin Willard, Haileigh Smith, Hannah Barrett, Hayden Harp, Jackson Perkins, Jaly N Tate, Jimena Portillo, Jordan Ingram, Jorge Munoz, Juan Aguinaga, Julee-anna Willems, Lela Christian, Madison Cravens, Makenzie Hook, Mateo Ramirez, Quentin Goforth, Quetzali Huitron, Raleigh Savage, Rebeca Myury and Ronan Little.

Freshmen

Superintendent's

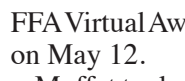
Adam Edelman, Allison Schlotthauer, Annistyn Raper, Haylie Dempsey, Katelyn Eck, Kaylee Stephens, Lainie Lowman, Lauren Holmes, Lincoln Eubank, Lindsay Resendiz, Madison Veach, Natalie White, Payson Purcell, Peyton Tharp, Rowan Ardery, Samantha Schafer, Tobie Henderson and Zachary Idlett.

Principal's

Alexis Johnson, Ashlee Pollard, Austin Burton, Avery Wren, Blake Selman, Byran Henderson, Cache Barrett, Colin Busacco, Collin Smith, Cooper Smith, Hayden Renfro, Kaylee Morrow, Kylee Field, Leslie Thompson, Luke Edelman, Madelyn Hawley, Obed Resendiz, Poli Munoz-Olguin, Ruth Solis, Ryleigh McCarrell, Ty Jaspersen, Yoselin Estrada and Zoey Leatherman.

Moffat earns Proficiency Award

Conrad Moffat of the Lexington FFA Chapter earned first-place honors in the 2020 Oklahoma FFA Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award area during the Oklahoma FFA Virtual Awards Ceremony on May 12.



Moffat

Moffat took power, technology and welding classes in FFA and was the lead student for rewiring trailers.

"I have learned to use different methods for troubleshooting and diagnostics of equipment and machinery," Moffat said.

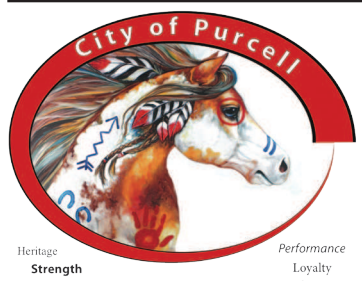
Moffat used his knowledge to fix equipment, such as cattle chutes, tractors and combines.

Moffat is the son of Jerry and Susan Moffat. His agricultural education instructor and FFA adviser is Ronnie Oehlschlager.

The agricultural mechanics repair and maintenance

proficiency award is designed to recognize students who are involved in a supervised agricultural experience related to the repair and maintenance of agricultural equipment and

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NEWS from the City of Purcell

§ 106-405 Junk Vehicles on Private Property Prohibited.

No person in charge or control of any property within the city, whether as owner, tenant, occupant, lessee, or otherwise, shall allow any partially dismantled, non-operating, wrecked, junked, or unlicensed vehicle to remain on such property longer than seven days and no person shall leave any such vehicle on any property within the city for a longer time than seven days.

This section shall not apply with regard to a vehicle in an enclosed building, a vehicle on the premises of a business enterprise operated in a lawful place and manner when necessary to the operation of such business enterprise, or a vehicle in an appropriate storage place or depository maintained in a lawful place and manner by the city.

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Murphy selected as Oklahoma SkillsUSA Advisor of the Year

Mid-America Technology Center Cyber Security teacher Ethan Murphy was selected as the 2020 Oklahoma SkillsUSA Advisor of the Year.

The Advisor of the Year Award was created to recognize dedicated career and technical education instructors who serve as SkillsUSA advisors.

This award honors those instructors who have poured their hearts and souls into providing the best opportunities for all students in SkillsUSA and who have gone above and beyond what was expected from them in the classroom.

Cyber Security student and state officer Alissa Morgan said

the following about her teacher and SkillsUSA advisor, "Never dismissing a chance to change a student's life whether through a teacher, business partner, or faculty member Mr. Murphy has impacted individu-



Murphy

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NEWS In Brief

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You can also have signs to hold as you drive by.

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Cemetery Articles

Cemetery staff will pick up

all flowers and other articles left on the ground and/or cemetery lots on June 4 in order to conduct routine mowing and cemetery maintenance.

Should you want to keep the flowers or articles, make sure you retrieve them prior to June 4.

Citywide

Garage Sale

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The city fee will be waived for this weekend only.

Call the Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce at 527-3093 to have your name put on the list.

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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Clean swab

National Guardsmen cleaning the inside of Westbrook Gardens Senior Living Community in Purcell Tuesday. (Related story, picture on page one.)

Sample ballots

Available at election board

Sample ballots now are available at the McClain County Election Board office for voters who want to get a preview of what will be at stake in the Primary Election June 30.

McClain County Election Board Secretary Karen Haley said sample ballots can be viewed at the election board office, located at 121 N. Second Avenue in Purcell during regular office hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Sample ballots also will be posted at every precinct polling place on election day so voters can review them before casting their votes.

You can also view them on the Oklahoma State Election Board website www.elections.ok.gov

Steve Herberger eyes District 20 seat

Steve Herberger has announced his candidacy for the State House in District 20.

Steve was raised in Enid, Okla., and graduated from Enid High School before

moving to Stillwater to attend OSU. He has lived in Blanchard for the last 20 years, and that is where he calls home, and where he looks forward to representing the people of his district—District 20.

In 1996, Steve started his own business: 2 Fellas & A Big Vehicle Moving Company (2 Fellas Moving Company) with a friend who he has known since he was 11 years old.

It started with a phone number and an ad in the yellow pages, and it has since expanded from Oklahoma City to Stillwater, and ultimately to a franchise, with the first location opening in Phoenix, Ariz.

Throughout the year, Steve donates both his moving services and his moving trucks to many nonprofits. Feed the Children, Catholic Charities, and Alzheimer's Foundation are just a few of the many organizations his company supports.

Steve has been married to his wife Heidi for over 20 years, and together they have reared two daughters—Sarah and Averi—who both graduated from Blanchard High School; and two-and-a-half years ago they welcomed their first grandson into the world!

Hudson, who calls Steve

“Opa”, has him wrapped around his finger! Both Heidi and Sarah work with Steve at 2 Fellas Moving Company, and Averi helps out in her free time, while preparing to follow in her dad's footsteps and attend OSU this fall.

Over the last two years Steve and Heidi have dedicated their time to a local organization called CASA, which stands for Court Appointed Special Advocates. They watch over and speak up for abused and neglected children and teenagers during some of the most difficult times of their lives.

Steve is currently advocating for two boys, and Heidi, who serves on the board of directors, was recently named “Board Member of the Year.”

As the Oklahoma House of Representative for District 20, Steve, a pro-life, conservative republican who loves his country, traditional family values, and strongly supports and believes in the Second Amendment, has specific goals in mind to improve employment opportunities for everyone, and help underprivileged kids receive a higher education and career assistance if they choose not to attend college.

When Steve is not working full time or advocating for CASA, he enjoys golfing with his youngest daughter and living the “Opa” life!

Steve's quote to live by is from the former Prime Minister of New Zealand, who famously said “You get out of life what you put into it. I think you need a bit of luck but you also make a bit of luck. I think that if you're a pretty decent person you'll get back what you put in.”



Herberger

Special meetings

Council called to award contracts

Two special meetings are planned this month for Purcell City Council.

City manager Dale Bunn told the council at Monday's meeting that the bid opening for sanitary sewer improvements at the site of the new hospital will be today (Thursday) at 11 a.m.

The first special meeting will be at noon Friday to award that contract.

The second special meeting at noon June 19 will be to award a contract for sewer line rehabilitation in the 9th Avenue alley between Pierce and Harrison Streets.

Chickasaw Nation receives HHS funds to combat COVID-19

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) awarded \$1,195,132 to four organizations in Oklahoma to prepare, prevent, and respond to COVID-19 in rural tribal communities.

The Chickasaw Nation received \$295,316; Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, \$300,000; Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma, \$299,816; and The Cherokee Nation, \$300,000.

Nationally, \$15 million was awarded to 52 Tribes, Tribal organizations, urban Indian health organizations, and other health services providers to Tribes across 20 states.

“President Trump stands with Tribal nations across the country as they grapple with COVID-19 in rural communities,” said HHS Secretary Alex Azar. “Today's funding gives Tribes critical support to build up their capacity for fighting COVID-19, boost testing capabilities, increase purchases of PPE, and hire and pay the personnel they need.”

These awards are funded through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act that President Trump signed into law March 27, 2020. HRSA made awards to Federally Recognized Tribes and other tribal organizations based on their needs and capacity to implement COVID-19 related activities in their rural communities.

Tribes could request up to \$300K in funding for these activities through the Rural Tribal COVID-19 Response (RTCR) program.

“The COVID-19 pandemic has hit many Tribal communities, particularly in rural areas, very hard,” said HRSA Administrator Tom Engels. “By directing new resources to these areas we are hoping to make a difference that will result in fewer new infections of this pernicious virus.”

The RTCR program funding allows Tribes maximum flexibility in how they respond to COVID-19 within their communities.

Activities include supporting their workforce by ensuring access to personal protective equipment (PPE) and offering overtime and hazard pay, building infrastructure to include maximizing telehealth services; increasing their capacity to test and isolate suspected COVID-19 patients, purchasing mobile clinics or vehicles for transporting COVID-19 patients to increase access to health care services and providing culturally-informed educational resources and information to promote behaviors that slow the spread of the virus.

For the complete list of Rural Tribal COVID-19 Response program award recipients, visit: www.hrsa.gov/rural-health/coronavirus/rural-tribal-covid-19-response-fy20-awards.

Van's turning 90

Van's Pig Stands, Oklahoma's oldest single family-owned Bar-B-Q restaurant, is celebrating 90 years in the business this June.

“Van's Fans are a part of our family and our history, and we love to hear their stories,” said co-owner Jev Vandegrift. “Without our loyal customers, there would be no Van's Pig Stands.”

Van's Pig Stands has been doing Bar-B-Q right since 1930, and has been an Oklahoma tradition for decades.

Famous for their hickory-smoked ribs, brisket, and Pig Sandwiches, customers across the state and even across the country consider Van's among the nation's top barbecue restaurants. There are currently five Van's Pig Stands locations including two in Shawnee and one in Norman, Moore and Purcell.

“It has been an honor to serve generations of families,” co-owner Nina Shuman said. “Just like our grandparents, we plan to continue serving delicious family-friendly BBQ for generations to come.”

“Good food, friendly faces, and faithful service to our customers have been part of our mission,” co-owner Mark Shuman said. “From drive-up to drive-through from call-ahead to online ordering for 90 years, we have continued to innovate how we serve our customers.”

Van's Pig Stands has been a Vandegrift family tradition

since the 1920s. Leroy Vandegrift got his start in the restaurant business while working in the oilfields in early 1900's by selling breakfast and lunch to his co-workers in the oil field.

In 1928, Leroy opened his first Van's Pig Stand in Wewoka. That same year his brother, Briggs, opened a Van's Pig Stand in Wichita Falls, TX. They opened another pair in 1929, in Seminole and Wichita, KS.

On June 5, 1930, Leroy opened his third Pig Stand location at 714 Highland in Shawnee, which moved across the street to its present location five years later. Wanting to keep Van's a family-owned and operated business, Leroy passed the restaurant onto his son, Jerry Vandegrift. The family tradition continues into 2020.

The day-to-day operations are now managed by the third generation, which includes Jerry's son, Jev Vandegrift, and Jerry's daughter and son-in-law, Mark and Nina Shuman. This long-standing family tradition makes Van's Pig Stands the oldest single family-owned and operated Bar-B-Q restaurant in the State of Oklahoma.

“It was from humble beginnings my father started Van's,” said Jerry Vandegrift, the Head Hog. “For coming up on a century, folks have looked to Van's to fill their bellies in good times and bad times, and we don't plan on stopping.”

Retirement Parade
Honoring *Tammy Dillard*
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Thursday, June 4th
5:00-7:00

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Happy 80th Birthday **Henry Ketchum**
From your family and friends.

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Society



Mr. and Mrs. Witzke - 1950



Mr. and Mrs. Witzke - 2020

Witzkes to celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

Long time Purcell residents, Leo L. and Patricia A. Witzke will celebrate 50 years of marriage on June 12.

The two long-time southwest Kansas residents met in the early spring of 1970 and after an abbreviated courtship were married at the Liberal Menonite Church by then pastor Bill Stucky.

The two quickly settled into life, raising five children in Liberal and rural Turpin before relocating to Purcell after Leo's retirement.

Mr. and Mrs. Witzke both worked in Liberal for many years. Mr. Witzke was employed by the U.S. Postal Service where he retired after 35 years of service.

Mrs. Witzke worked at both USD 480 and The Landmark Center, for its director, Oli-

ver Brown. She subsequently earned certification as a Registered Nurse from Seward County Community College and went into practice upon relocation.

The couple has lived in Purcell for more than 20 years and have five children, 15 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, no gathering will be held to celebrate the occasion. In lieu of a celebration, the children are organizing a card shower and request that all well-wishers send cards and letters of congratulations to the Witzkes at their home address in Purcell.

Cards and letters can be mailed to Leo and Patricia Witzke, PO Box 914, Purcell, OK 73080.



It's a Small World

Gracie Montgomery

A special happy birthday to long-time employee Henry Ketchum.

Henry celebrated his birthday June 4.

Happy birthday to our Register employee Doris Caldwell. Doris celebrates her birthday Tuesday, June 9.

Happy birthdays also go out to Frances Mayer, James Kyzer, Renee Barber, Spencer Stone, Carinne Smith, Michael Dillinger, Cadlyn Wollenberg, Pat Stejskal, Howard Dawson, Rick Stevenson, David Hope, Kristi Lawson, Gina Johnson, Jon Clary, Jennifer Holmes, Patty Johnson, Debbie Wollenberg, Adrienne Foshee, Jordan Sheehy, Sawyer Midkiff, Marshall Honeyman, Pam Hobbs, Stephanie Woods, Miriam Chavez, Erica Estrada, Carol Frazier, Glenda Roberts, Susan Roberts, Maria Gracia Velasco and Matt Berrey.

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Here is a really good recipe from Joanna Gaines new book *Magnolia Table Volume Two*.

Friendsgiving Casserole
 1 baguette torn into 1-inch pieces (about 6 cups)
 7 tablespoons unsalted butter
 1/2 cup minced yellow onion
 1/2 cup minced celery
 1 garlic clove, minced
 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
 1 teaspoon garlic salt
 1 teaspoon kosher salt
 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
 1 1/2 cups heavy (whipping) cream
 5 cups shredded cooked chicken breast (home-roasted or rotisserie chicken)
 1 cup sour cream
 2 cups chicken broth
 Freshly cracked black pepper, for serving

Lay the torn bread on a sheet pan and place it in a warm oven until dried out, 1 hour on low heat.

Preheat the oven to 325°. In a medium saucepan, melt 3 tablespoons of the butter over medium heat. Add the onion and celery and sauté until tender and translucent, 6 to 8 minutes.

Add the garlic and flour and cook, whisking constantly, until fragrant but not burned, about 1 minute. Add the garlic salt, salt, and pepper and slowly pour in the cream. Cook, whisking often, until just at a simmer, about 5 minutes.

Spread the chicken in a 9 x 13-inch baking dish and spread the sour cream on top. Pour the cream sauce evenly on top and sprinkle on the bread cubes. Melt the remaining 4 tablespoons butter, mix it with the chicken broth, and pour it over the casserole, coating the bread well.

Bake, uncovered, until bubbling, about 30 minutes. Broil the last 3 or 4 minutes for a good toasty top. Top with freshly cracked pepper and a sprinkle of minced green onions and parsley, if desired.

Scoop out the casserole to serve with mashed potatoes, green beans, and cranberry sauce on the side.

Store in an airtight container in the refrigerator for 3 to 5 days.



• Photos provided

Scholarship winners

Mothers Entwined is honored to recognize these 2020 graduating seniors from Purcell High School and Washington High School who were awarded \$2,000 this year in scholarships. The club's annual fundraisers help members donate to people in need, schools, and scholarships. Award winners are (top) Lori Cox and Addie Stanton from Purcell High School; (middle) Lori Cox with award winner Corbin Hall, Purcell High School and Penny Berrey; and (bottom) Ashleigh Gay, Washington High School, Amy David, and Juleana Hyde, Washington High School.

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Senior Citizens:

relish, spinach, cornbread, banana cake with frosting.

Friday — Tater tot casserole, tossed salad with dressing, carrots, wheat bread or dinner roll, ranger cookie.

Milk is available with every meal.

Garage sales around town are starting up again and the senior garage sale is as well. Come by Thursday and Friday to browse, but we respectfully ask that you wear a mask. We still have a gas dryer available and it is free.

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other structures.

This award is sponsored on the state level by Warren CAT. The award is nationally sponsored by Kubota Tractor Corporation and Mystik Lubricants. The \$1,000 state-winner scholarship is sponsored by the Oklahoma Natural Gas Company and Mustang Fuel Corporation.

FFA is an integral part of the Agricultural Education division in the Oklahoma Department of Career and

We continue to be blessed with some incredible young women helping us with the distribution of your lunches. I really appreciate them for their contributions to our center and our seniors.

I look forward to the time when we can all be together again for card games, dominoes and bingo. As soon as I get information about re-opening, I will be happy to pass it on to you.

We'll see you for lunch at your Purcell and Wayne Senior Citizens Centers.

Technology Education system. With 26,786 members and 365 chapters, the Oklahoma FFA Association is the fourth-largest state FFA association.

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To learn more about the Oklahoma FFA, visit okffa.org.

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Readers:

in the mail. Books are loaned for 30 days and may be renewed for up to 30 more days if none of the items are on hold for another reader.

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Brock Harmon returns three first quarter interceptions for touchdowns



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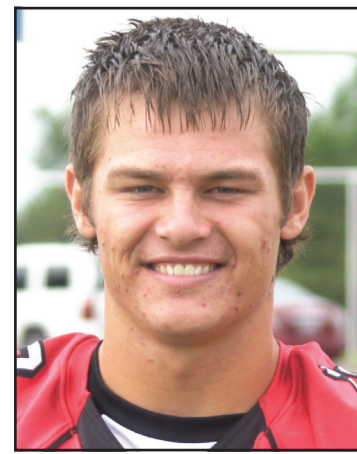
For the second straight week, Washington's football game took a weird turn.

With six minutes to go in their 2013 homecoming tilt with Hinton, a Comet player was injured. After a lengthy delay to have the player properly transported to a hospital, officials called game with Washington winning 57-14.

It was just last week the Warriors had to travel to Hobart on both Friday and Saturday to complete a game with the Bearcats.

The tide was turned in the opening quarter when Brock Harmon set a national high school record with three interception returns all for touchdowns.

"It was great for Brock to make the interceptions but he doesn't score without a lot



Harmon

of key blocking," head coach Brad Beller said.

On his first interception for a score, Brandon Frizell blocked two Hinton players to spring Harmon.

"Brandon had a chance to pick off one guy early but didn't decide to pancake him," Beller said. "He allowed another player to get closer and

then blocked both of them.

"It was amazing how we transitioned from defense to offense on those interceptions," the coach continued.

"On one of his touchdowns all four of our defensive linemen picked off a player while Brock was on his way to the end zone," Beller said.

He was referring to the key blocks thrown by Taylor Adkins, Logan Fertic, Andrew Wilkerson and Josh Baldwin. "It was a total team effort that allowed him to score on all three picks," Beller said.

Harmon's thievery went for 31 yards and a score, 46 yards and a score and 32 yards and a score all in the first quarter.

That's what set the national record. The record for interceptions for touchdowns in a

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Making history

Washington Warrior Brock Harmon set a national record in 2013 when he returned three interceptions for touchdowns in the first quarter against Hinton. Washington won the game 57-14.

Senior Spotlight: Amanda Graddy

Todd Neville
The Purcell Register

Amanda Graddy stands just 5-foot-5 and could be considered a pixie. But, make no doubt about it. She was a monster on the basketball court and on the softball field.

Graddy is a graduating senior from Lexington High School who carried a marvelous 3.57 grade point average throughout her prep career.

Moreover, she earned several accolades not only in the classroom but on the court and in the field.

The list is lengthy, to say the least. In basketball, she was the Canadian Valley Conference Most Valuable Player her senior year.

She was the Grady County Tournament MVP her senior year, too.

Graddy was chosen for the all-tournament team at the Heatly Tournament in Lindsay during both her junior and senior seasons. She made the Big 8 all-tournament team twice and she was an all-academic all-star athlete for 2018-19.

Graddy was named one of the top 100 basketball players in the state of Oklahoma by VYPE magazine. She joined the 1,000-point club at Lexington along with teammate Lauren Beason her senior season.

In addition, Graddy was named an honorable mention selection to The Oklahoman's Little All-City team and

she made the Oklahoma Coaches Association (OCA) all-star team.

And, that's just for basketball.

Graddy accomplished more honors during her softball career. She was her fast-pitch district's second baseman of the year during her senior season. She was also the 2018 slow-pitch co-defensive MVP her junior season.

Graddy was instrumental as a point guard for Derek Clark's Lady Bulldogs. During her senior year, she averaged 16.3 points per game along with 4.5 assists per contest. She also averaged 2.2 steals per game.

Over her basketball career with Lex, Graddy scored 17.3 points per contest.

"Amanda is an amazing player and person," Clark said of Graddy, who will be going to Southwestern College in Winfield, Kan., on a scholarship. "She was our point guard and team leader. She set the tone for us on the court during practice and in games. She is really fun to watch play."

Under Lexington head softball coach Kayla Stewart, Graddy was also a stout performer for her softball squad.

She hit for a career .307 batting average and, as a pitcher for the slow-pitch seasons, she excelled with 57 wins against 31 losses.

"I feel very accomplished," Graddy said. "I was really excited for my senior year. But, I wasn't expecting it to be cut short. We had planned on going to state in the spring in slow-pitch. Our seniors weren't ready for it to be over. It happened unexpectedly but it's just something we had to deal with."

When the Covid-19 epidemic struck the United States in February, everything in local sports came to a screeching halt soon after in the middle of March. Graddy and every senior at Lexington was disappointed with the way the 2020 school year unceremoniously had to end.

"It's an amazing feeling to know that I accomplished so much," Graddy said. "But, personally, it was very hard for me in the beginning of the shutdown. It was my senior year and I just wasn't ready to leave my friends yet—knowing that we would all be going our separate



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Route timing

Quarterback Kody Kroth practiced out this week with receivers working on timing of pass routes.

Purcell gridders on the job

Workouts began Monday on staggered schedule

Purcell football players began summer workouts Monday.

That's the word from head coach Tracy Scott with juniors and seniors working out from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Sophomores and freshmen are going from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. with junior high players working out from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

"They will have to have a face covering," Scott said. "A bandana will work. If they want something to drink they will

have to bring their own."

Players will be responsible for bringing their own towels.

"It's staggered to keep numbers low," the coach continued. "We will follow the new OS-SAA guidelines."

Wayne also started on Monday with the varsity going at 8 a.m. and the Middle School at 10 a.m., according to head coach Brandon Sharp.

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Flashing down the court

Graduating Lexington senior Amanda Graddy concluded a stellar career for the Bulldogs.

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Bear hunt is graduation present

The Wheat family took log cabins deep in the heavily wooded forest while Greg Kyston to the mountains of Idaho on a bear hunt as a gift for his high school graduation. The family stayed in rustic Please see **Hunt**, page 15A



Another stripe

8-year-old Blaine Lamkin-Bebout recently received her second stripe promotion in her Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu class at JFA Academy.

• Photo provided

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Summer:

Washington Head Coach Brad Beller said his team will probably start this coming Monday. Lexington High School Athletes will start June 15 and junior high athletes July 13, according to Bulldog Head Coach Dale Berglan.



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Looking it in

Purcell's **Cale** Walker looks in a pass off the arm of quarterback Kody Kroth as drills began this week at Conger Field.

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Thievery:

game is four, Beller said. Former University of Oklahoma linebacker Tom Wort is among those with two interceptions returned for touchdowns when he played high school in New Braunfels, Texas. In 1991 David Chapman had three interceptions for touchdowns for Washington but all of them were not in the same quarter.

"It was our best four quarters of football all year," Beller said of the victory that boosted the Warriors to 5-1 and 3-0 in district play.

"It was the most complete game we've played from execution, energy, technique; just everything," Beller said. "Everything was clicking Friday night."

The three defensive scores kept the Warrior offense off the field for a good portion of the night yet they still rushed for 225 yards, led by backup quarterback Glenn Stowe.

Stowe rushed six times for 93 yards. Harmon also had a pair of touchdown passes. He was 3-3 passing for 115 yards.

His scoring strikes included a 61-yard pass and run to Brady Kulbeth in the first quarter and a 46-yard TD pass to Bo Nixon, also in the opening frame.

Brodie Harmon scampered in from five yards out in the second quarter.

Kulbeth got in on the rushing touchdown barrage, setting sail for a 78-yard cross country jaunt.

Kulbeth scored in the third

period followed by a fourth quarter romp by Stowe from 35 yards out.

Kulbeth only ran the ball twice but finished with 86 yards.

Luke Ladlee and Jared Andrews both finished with over 45 yards rushing.

"We had a good night overall running the football," Beller said. "The offense didn't get a lot of snaps because our defense scored so many points."

Tonight (Thursday) the Warriors travel to Comanche for a 7:30 tilt with the Indians.

Comanche operates out of two different offensive formations but can use the same personnel so each time they break the huddle the defense doesn't know if it's going to face the Wing T or the spread.

"And we're going to have to deal with their size and strength up front," Beller said.

The Indians' skilled position players are not overly fast, Beller noted, but they are big and strong.

As multiple as the Indians are on offense, likewise is their base 4-3 defense very multiple.

"They move around a lot trying to scheme fronts and disguise coverages," Beller said.

They try to turn everything back to the inside so their big defensive linemen and their big linebackers can operate.

"They don't allow you to get outside.

"The key for us is to be patient offensively," Beller said. "We'll have to get adjusted to their size and strength and take the big plays when they come but not try to force them."

"And, we will need to use our speed when we get into open field," the coach said.

Warrior notes:

The Warriors are up to No. 9 in the state, moving up a notch from No. 10 last week.

Coach **Brad Beller** nominated **Glenn Stowe** as the Offensive Player of the Week. Stowe rushed the ball six times for 93 yards including a 35-yard touchdown.

Brock Harmon was nominated as the Defensive Player of the Week, setting a national record for interceptions for touchdowns in a quarter.

Harmon picked off three Hinton passes, returning all three for touchdowns and registered four tackles.

The Defensive Lineman of the Week nominee is **Taylor Adkins**, who made seven tackles against Hinton and had a quarterback sack.

Getting the nod for Offensive Lineman of the Week is **Tyler Miller**, who graded out at 71 percent.

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Senior:

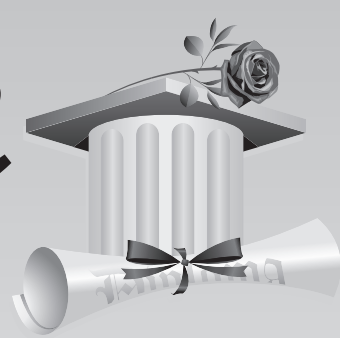
ways. We didn't get to receive all of the year-end senior things like a formal graduation and such. It's been tough but my family and friends are getting through it."



Graddy



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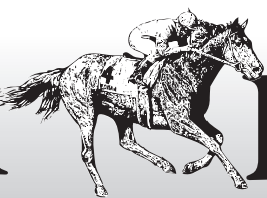
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Washington returns to play with guidelines for safety

Angie Steele
Washington Correspondent

In light of the current situation regarding COVID-19, Washington Public Schools has released the following guidelines for the summer of 2020.

Clarification on the guidelines can be directed to the head coach of your sport or administration. This policy is a basic guideline for returning students to campus for Extracurricular Activities. At any time, there may be a "sudden stop or adjustment" based on health guidelines from federal, state and local agencies.

The risk of having contact with individuals who have been exposed to or have been diagnosed with one or more infectious diseases, including but not limited to COVID-19 or other medical conditions, viruses, or maladies, does exist.

It is impossible to eliminate the risk that a person could be exposed to or become infected through contact with or close proximity with an individual with a contagious disease. With this assumed risk, parents should know we are taking every precaution necessary to provide the safest environment for our students and staff.

Coaches are being instructed that athletes who do not attend because they or their parents are not comfortable with the health risks will not receive any consequences or be held responsible in the future for non-participation.

Established Safety Measures:

1. Each person entering a school facility or gathering will have their temperature checked upon arrival by a touchless thermometer. Any individual with a temperature registering 100.4 degrees or above will not be permitted to stay. If a high fever is detected, you must have a doctor's note or a negative test to return.

2. If any person is showing signs related to COVID-19, they will be required to return home and encouraged to speak with their primary care doctor.

3. A record of all students and coaches in attendance for that time and day will be kept via sign in, attendance sheet, etc.

4. Hand sanitizer will be available at all times.

5. A majority of student participation should be done outside if at all possible. Obviously, this is not possible with all sports, but it should be done where it can be. Appropriate distancing when meeting, working out, etc. is required.

6. Facilities and equipment will be sanitized before and after use. Participants will be required to use hand sanitizer or wash their hands properly.

7. Athletes/Participants will need to bring their own water bottle and are asked to not share with anyone under any circumstance. Locker rooms will not be used.

8. No sharing of towels, gloves, headphones, or any other personal equipment is allowed.

9. Coaches/Sponsors will be instructed that open gyms, batting cage work, etc. will only be available if the coach is in attendance to monitor and ensure sanitary conditions. Set times will be announced.

10. Normal OSSAA policies are in effect for summer extracurricular activities.

11. Until further notice, No parents or fans in attendance at WPS facilities. June 1-7, Planning and acclimation period (Pending State of Oklahoma Entering Phase 3 of the Open Up & Recover Safely Plan)

- HS & MS students can participate in "small group" settings for activities on campus and in school facilities with coaches/sponsors present. Current CDC guidelines for small group gatherings are 1-10. (coaches will communicate times, etc.)
- Cheer tryouts may take place during this time period, in a small organized setting, that is closed to the public. (practice guidelines will fall along the lines of other sports - information on website, etc.)
- A "Team Camp" with only WPS enrolled student/athletes can be conducted during this time. Each camp should consist of fundamentals of the sport with no scrimmaging or contact between players. This time should allow players to prepare for full Team Camps with other teams at a later date. No travel to an off-campus site for Team Camp is permitted during this time.

June 8- June 28

- Performance Course begins on June 8 (M, Tu, W, Th) Last day is July 30. HS Boys 7-9:15 a.m. HS & JH Girls 9:15-10:45 a.m. JH Boys 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost is \$100.

Performance Course session information: (information forms will also be passed out by coaches)

<https://oklahoma.performancecourse.com/school-district/washington-schools>

Performance Course safety information: (under register now tab) <https://oklahoma.performancecourse.com/>

- Outside Team Camps, Summer Leagues, etc. These will possibly be allowed during this period, pending the State of Oklahoma moving to Phase 3 of the state's reopening plan, but we will have to wait to hear official word from the state. Coaches are free to schedule team camps, summer leagues, etc. within this policy, as long as players and parents are notified that phase 3 may be delayed by the state, which would cause camps and summer leagues to be canceled.

June 29 - July 5 DEAD PERIOD

- The OSSAA dead period is in

effect June 29-July 5. No athletic activities will be allowed during this period, and no contact between players and coaches and campus facilities are closed to everyone.

If the OSSAA decides at their next board meeting to negate the dead period for this year, this time period will fall into the category below.

July 6 - July 31

- Participation may continue to include weights/conditioning and or practices/open gyms/etc. (normal OSSAA guidelines per sport)
- July 15 is the start date for fall sports in terms of practice (with the exception of football)
- Normal fall semester first practice start dates:

- * July 15 - Fast Pitch, Cross Country
- * August 6- Physicals more information sent out later
- * August 10 - Football
- * October 1 - Basketball

Washington Graduation
Washington Public Schools has received information from the State of Oklahoma Governor Kevin Stitt and the Oklahoma State Department of Education, providing initial guidance for the resumption of school activities.

We appreciate our students, parents, and community for demonstrating patience as we diligently consider the guidance provided and make the best decision. Please remember the safety of our students and staff is of the utmost importance as we work to provide a graduation ceremony for our graduating class of 2020.

The WPS Board of Education approved the revised 2020 Graduation plan during a special board meeting on May 12. Our revised plan attempts to take into consideration current conditions while planing for the unknown.

An in-person, public 2020 Graduation ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, June 20, at 9:30 a.m. Graduation will be held outdoors on Reed Field. Attendees will be asked to abide by health guidelines that meet the current conditions on the date of the ceremony. Washington Schools will follow the Governor's Open Up & Recover Safely three-phase plan.

Graduation procedures and health precautions will be adjusted to meet the conditions on the date of graduation. Washington Schools will communicate expectations in advance of the commencement. Students, staff, parents and the community should be prepared to adjust graduation procedures and health precautions to meet the existing public health conditions on the date of graduation.

If health conditions prevent public graduation on June 20, an alternate date of July 25 has been scheduled.

Should all in-person graduation options be canceled, Washington Public Schools shall host a virtual 2020 Graduation ceremony on Saturday, July 25, at 9:30 a.m. This ceremony will be streamed online. The district will post a link to the virtual ceremony on our website and send out communication through media outlets. The purpose of the virtual ceremony is to ensure that our graduates have some form of graduation regardless of future COVID-19 conditions.

Washington Prom
Washington's High School Prom will be held at Southwind Hills on Monday, June 15, from 8 to 11 p.m. After-prom will be held at the Washington High School facility from midnight to 3 a.m. There will not be a public promenade due to COVID-19 concerns.

Washington Summer Meal Program
Washington School will offer a grab and go weekly meals on Tuesdays weekly from 9:30-11:30 a.m. now through June 29. Each student will receive five breakfasts and five lunches.

Washington Pre-K and Kindergarten Enrollment
All day Pre-K and kindergarten enrollment has begun at Washington Public Schools. Pre-K spots are limited. You can enroll your student online at https://www.wps-isd.com/233653_2 or you can pick up an enrollment form at the Fourth and Fifth Grade Center, Monday-Thursday from 8-11:45 a.m.

If you have any questions, please contact 288-6190.

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

As we are waiting to reopen our Veterans Foundation many of you have contacted me or other volunteers wanting to know when we will be able to begin assisting veterans and their families.

We are aware of the financial difficulties many people are facing after they have lost their jobs through no fault of their own. We are hoping we will be able to start our programs soon. As our volunteers and the veterans we serve are mostly over 60 years of age and older, we have an obligation to plan our reopening with everyone's safety in mind.

We do know we will not be able have business as usual. The number of people in our building at any one time is going to be reduced. There will also be safety measures in place to protect both volunteers and veterans. Personally, I do not know how long this new way

of business doing will last, or if it will ever return to what it was before. One of the changes that will be implemented is we will have a system for veterans and surviving spouses to schedule an appointment.

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WHS 2020 Senior Spotlight

Abi Hayes

All State Cheerleader
3x Cheerleading State Champ
Game Day Cheer
State Runner-Up
STUCO
FCA
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Fish Club
Attending OU in the Fall
Favorite High School Memory:
Friday night football games and jamming in the car after with my best friends on our way to bdubs!!

WHS 2020 Senior Spotlight

Alberto Aguirre

2019 Defensive Lineman of the Year Football

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Wednesday Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.



Sunray Baptist Church

Pam Kyzersang “God’s Love Never Changes” and Debbie Clark sang “For Those Tears I Died” for the specials at our morning service.

Brother Dennis used Hebrews 12:3-11 for his sermon and told of “The Discipline of God.”

Discipline is an essential tool in the believer’s life and the race we run. God equips and powers us and is an active part in our race. We are to contemplate or observe intently what Christ went through and what He did for us.

When God chastens us, He does it for instruction. This is proof that we belong to Him. He never disciplines wrong. It is for our good. Discipline produces joy but is grievous when we go through it.

The evening message told the characteristics of a friend. Proverbs 18:24 and 17:17 were some of the verses used. A true friend is consistent and honest. God has given us a friend in Jesus. He is a true friend. If you know Christ you are never alone. What a friend we have in Jesus!

We finished our service with the observance of the Lord’s Supper.

Sunray has decided to resume all services. Sunday school for all ages will meet again at 9:45 a.m. Sunday morning worship is at 10:50 a.m. Evening worship begins at 5 p.m. Wednesday Bible study is at 6:30 p.m. We will resume our study of Zechariah.

Noted southern gospel singer and songwriter Mark Bishop

from Irvine, Ky., will return to Purcell for the seventh time on Saturday, June 27, at 6 p.m. to headline Sunray’s annual SummerSing. He will be appearing along with The Williamsons from Wetumka.

Mark has been in gospel music since 1984. Many remember the beginning of his career when he sang with his brother Kenny and dad Kenneth as the family group The Bishops. They enjoyed enormous success across all outlets with 27 national top 40 songs, including 12 top 5 songs and 2 number ones.

Since embarking on a solo career in 2002, Mark has not missed a beat. He has been

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Lexington Westside Church of Christ

The History of the Church (Part 2)

Good day to all. Welcome to the “front porch.”

The case we have before us here may best be stated in the form of a question: What happened from 33 A.D. – when Christ establishes His church on the Day of Pentecost – to 2020 when we have hundreds of denominations across the world.

We know by our reading of the scriptures that the church of the first century was united. It was one. Denominations did not sit on every corner. The Thompsons didn’t leave the house Sunday morning and go to one denomination of the Christian faith, the Millers to another, and the Wrights still

another. What caused things to change so that such a picture is commonplace today?

The answer lies in about 14 centuries of history. But here’s the beginning of that answer. --An early transgression

The underlying cause for the splintering up of the church into many denominations is that error and transgressions entered into the church. Even in Bible days, the apostles continually fight many false doctrines. I mean, between Judaism and paganism, they have to fight tooth and toenail to keep the church pure. But after the death of John, men quickly begin to deviate from the pure “apostles” doctrine of Acts 2:42; and unscriptural changes in the church increase.

Church historian Robert Brumback writes, “Human philosophy and paganism crept into the church, and it became difficult for the church to preserve the simplicity of the gospel, the purity of the worship and the form of government that existed in the church in the beginning” (History of the Church through the Ages, p. 16).

One of the first deviations begins fairly innocently, perhaps. When small churches would have trouble, often a group of elders from surrounding congregations would step in to help. Eventually, as a result, instead of having elders

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Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

By Fr. Jim Chamberlain

The Work of the Holy Spirit in the Life of the Disciple

When we talk about the prayer of Christians, we use the term “spirituality.” Why?

Because when a Christian prays, he is uniting his own spirit with the Spirit of God. He is, for a time, uniting his desires with the desires of God – desire for what is true, what is good, what is beautiful. God’s desires become my desires. God’s intentions become my intentions.

Gradually, I become remade into the image of Jesus. This remaking is the work of the Holy Spirit. This is the Holy Spirit at work in my life.

How do I know the way in which the Holy Spirit works? One good place to look is in Paul’s letter to the Romans, chapter 8. “The law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus has freed you from the law of sin and death. . . . For those who live according to the flesh are concerned with the things of

the flesh, but those who live according to the spirit with the things of the spirit.” (Rom. 8:2-5).

Paul says that we have a choice – to live by the flesh or live by the Spirit, the Holy Spirit. To live by the flesh is to live in slavery, because we are bound and limited by the desires of the flesh – for pure physical satisfaction, for immediate gratification.

But if we live by the Spirit, we are truly free. We are free because we set our minds on things above, things that are enduring, things that give life and peace.

In this same chapter, he also writes: “In the same way, the

Spirit too comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit itself intercedes with inexpressible groanings.” (Rom. 8:26)

Sometimes our emotions get in the way of our prayer – we might be angry, or disappointed, or hurt. The Spirit prays for us beyond our emotions, beyond our words.

Let me be more specific with one example. Thomas Merton had just lost his father. The most important person in his life had just died. Thomas himself had just recovered from a serious illness. He was living a sin-

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Green Avenue Church of Christ

The Wednesday evening auditorium Bible class, still in the first chapter of Ephesians, looked at God’s power and what He has done for us as referenced in the last two verses of the chapter.

Sunday morning the adult Bible class studied the importance of avoiding the use of our bodies to commit sin.

During the morning assembly Keith Shackelford followed up the previous weeks sermon on memorials, many of which are designed to motivate us to remember God, with a lesson on how God contemplates us.

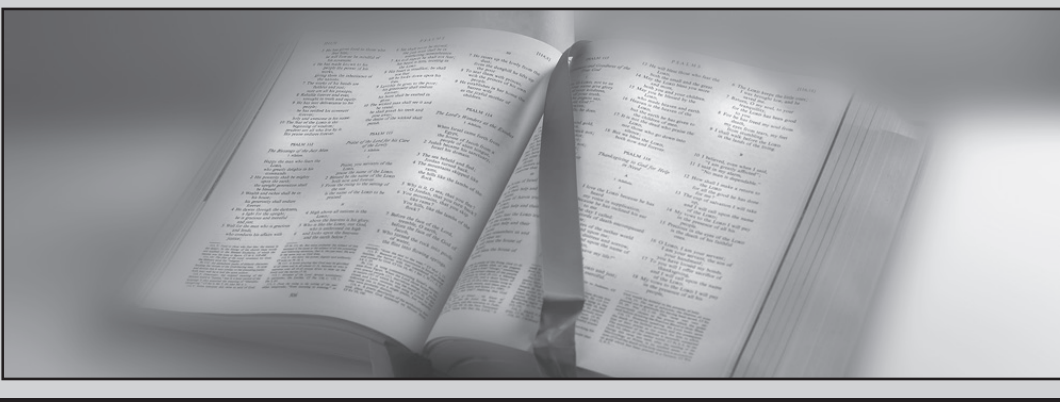
The sermon began and ended with the reading of the fifth verse of the fortieth psalm. God’s attention includes both providing for us and being aware of how we live.

The Sunday evening sermon considered the question, “What is the purpose of life?” The sermon began with the reading of Ecclesiastes 12: 13 and went on to demonstrate why we should follow Christ.

The church meets at 407 Jackson and Green Avenue. Worship assemblies are at 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 .pm. every Sunday and Bible classes at 9:45 a.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Wednesday.

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Obituaries

Lee Brown

Graveside Funeral Services for Lee Brown, 95, of Purcell were held Wednesday, June 3, 2020 at Hillside Cemetery in Purcell. Services were under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.



Mr. Brown passed away Saturday, May 30, 2020.

Lee Nelvin Brown was born January 26, 1925 in Purcell, the youngest of four sons born to Jake Melvin Brown and Mahalia Ellen (Short) Brown. He was raised in Purcell and attended Purcell Schools.

Lee left school early, and joined the United States Navy. He lied about his age and joined his brothers in serving his country. Lee served proudly, during World War II and Korea. He traveled all over the world with stops in Germany, Italy, Greece, Greenland, France, Turkey, Japan and the Philippines. Lee retired after a very long and distinguished career.

Back home in the states, Lee worked a variety of odd jobs, not so much because he had to, but more so because he needed something to do. He liked to collect stuff, and tinkering on the stuff he collected. He liked watching the history channel and followed sci-fi information closely. Lee enjoyed spending his mornings and evenings watching wildlife, and he particularly followed the deer. He was a very generous person, always willing to help and always meeting the needs of others. He will be dearly missed!

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jake and Mahalia Brown; his brothers, Roy, Ira and Guy; nephew, Mike Brown and great-niece, Joanna Brown.

Lee is survived by his sister-in-law, Sharon Brown of Purcell and great-niece, Kathy Brown of Del City and a host of other family and friends.

Online condolences may be made at wilsonlittle.com.

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Billie Jean Lyles McAlister

Funeral services for Billie Jean Lyles McAlister, 92, were held Saturday, May 30, 2020 at the Wilson-Little Funeral Home Chapel. Interment was at the Noble IOOF Cemetery in Noble. Services will be under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.



Mrs. McAlister passed away Wednesday, May 27, 2020.

She was the fifth child born to her parents Walter and Lillie Grayson in Erick, Okla., June 12, 1927. There she grew up on a farm and attended school near Erick, Okla., at Hext Switch until the seventh grade, when her parents moved to McClain County near

Washington, Okla. She started to school at Washington and graduated in 1946.

She was married that year to Raymond W. Lyles Jr. for over 48 years, who had served his country in the U.S. Navy. They lived in Oklahoma City where both were employed until moving to Norman where she worked for Southwestern Bell, as a telephone operator and Raymond was employed at Tinker AFB. They later bought a farm in Goldsby and raised their two children.

She then started working at Norman Regional Hospital and on to Goddard Health Center. Both were very involved with their children's activities, she being Home Room Mother, FFA Mother and attending ball games and church activities, to taking them to music lessons and Boy Scouts. She was a member of the HCE Club for 25 years organizing a breakfast for the class of 1946, that is held in February each year. She has kept that active for over 40 years and was instrumental in getting a Senior Citizen Center in Washington, and still attended as her health allowed.

Billie loved to cook, sew and travel. Family dinners were a must for her, and she also hosted family reunions. She loved her cousins, nieces and nephews. She was a friendly outgoing person. Her grandchildren were truly a joy for her, and especially her great grandkids. They had a special place in her heart, and everyone knew her as "Nanny Bill."

Billie was a widow for 10 years, when she married Jake R. McAlister, February 26, 2005, a fine and honorable gentleman who attended school in Washington and graduated in 1944. He was retired from the U.S. Air Force. He passed away June 21, 2006 after just 16 short months together.

Billie was a member of Washington First Baptist Church. She loved her church family, and her wishes were, in lieu of flowers, to give to the Washington First Baptist Church Building Fund. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her! The family wishes to thank the staff of Westbrook Gardens and Sunset Estates, for the love and kindness towards Nanny Bill.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Raymond W. Lyles Jr.; her parents, Walter and Lillie Bynum Grayson; three brothers, Woodie Grayson, Travis Grayson and Ollis Grayson; two sisters, Maggie Thomas and Lucille Grayson; sister-in-law, Mamie Jo Grayson; brother-in-law, Ralph Thomas; niece, Penny McCoy; nephew, Philip Thomas, Bruce Thomas, Sam Grayson and Mike Grayson and great-nephew, Cole Anderson.

She is survived by two children, Twila Taylor and husband, Johnny, of Purcell, Okla., and Wilson Lyles and wife, Dee, of Goldsby, Okla.; grandchildren, Justin Taylor and wife, Brandy, of Washington, Okla., Tianna Elliott and husband, Roger, of Washington, Okla., Blake Lyles and wife, Vanessa, of Goldsby, Okla.; seven great-grandchildren, Case and Lane Taylor, Will Taylor, Taylon and Eastyn Elliott and Reagan and Rozlyn Lyles; three sisters-in-law, Ruth Grayson of Noble, Okla., Carolyn Grayson of Noble, Okla., and Ruth Lyles of Goldsby, Okla.

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George Stone

Funeral services for George Stone, 101, were held Monday, June 1, 2020 at First Baptist Church in Purcell. Interment was at the Byars Cemetery under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.



George William Stone was born April 17, 1919 and grew up on the family farm in Byars, Okla. He passed away on May 26, 2020 in Purcell, Okla. He was the sixth of eight children born to William A. and Martha (Jones) Stone. He graduated from Byars High School in 1937 and Oklahoma Baptist University in 1948.

He married his teenage sweetheart, Maskell L. Weed, in 1937 and they were married for 74 years before her death in 2011. Four sons were born to this marriage.

Soon after they married, George and Max, as she was known, moved to Oklahoma City to seek work. He worked various jobs before being called to preach in the Baptist Church. He was ordained to the ministry at Kentucky Avenue Baptist Church in Oklahoma City. He served as mission pastor to what later became Bethel Baptist Church. He also served as pastor as First Baptist Church in Mustang, First Baptist Church in Bethany, First Baptist Church in Keyes (in the Oklahoma panhandle) and at University Heights Baptist Church in Oklahoma City. He was forced to leave the full-time ministry due to throat complications.

He later went to work for Oklahoma Farmers Union (OFU), serving in different capacities until he was elected President of that organization in 1956. He served in that position until his election as President of National Farmers Union in 1980. During his time in these positions he traveled the world, meeting with national and international leaders representing the family farmer. George also met every President from Truman to George W. Bush.

While working for OFU the Stone family lived in South Oklahoma City before moving to Choctaw, Okla., in 1966. While in Choctaw he served on the City Counsel and as Mayor. During this time he was instrumental in building the town's shopping center and forming Choctaw State Bank. He served as Chairman of the bank from 1974 to 1986.

On his retirement in 1984 he returned to his roots with the purchase of a working farm in Stratford, Okla., just a few miles from where he grew up. In addition to the normal farm crops he ran a cow-calf operation and raised peaches. After 10 years of farming George and Max "moved to town" with the purchase of a house in Purcell. Although recognized by state, national and international leaders, George knew that the most outstanding and most cherished award was that Given by God when he sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to be the Savior of his soul and grant eternal life.

George was preceded in death by his wife, Max; his parents, William and Martha Stone; five sisters, Maud, Esther, Pauline, Lucille and Leveta; two brothers, Delmer and Dale; and two grandsons, Michael and Andrew.

He is survived by four sons, George W. Jr. (Bill) Stone and wife, Nancy, of Purcell, Okla., Chester Stone and wife Susan of Yukon, Okla., David Stone and wife, Elizabeth, of Enid, Okla., and Richard (Rick) Stone and wife, Jimye, of Oklahoma City, Okla.; eight grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

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Terry Rollins

Graveside Services for Terry Rollins, 73, of Purcell were held Monday, June 1, 2020 at the Noble IOOF Cemetery. Services were under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.



Mrs. Rollins passed away, Thursday, May 28, 2020.

Terrace Ann Carroll was born October 30, 1946 in Oklahoma City, the oldest of three children born to Odell and Dorothy Carroll. She was raised in the Noble/Norman area and attended Noble Schools.

Terry married young, to Marion Rollins, on January 13, 1962. They made their home north of Lexington where together they raised two children, son, Lonnie and daughter, Connie. Terry worked side by side with Marion in the family plumbing business, keeping books and managing the office. They spent all their free time at Lake Eufaula, and Terry loved spending time there, camping and fishing with the family.

She later worked for G&M Tanks and at one time owned her own restaurant, Terry's Tacos. The last several years, Terry worked for Bob Usry Plumbing in Purcell. Terry worked tirelessly to provide for her children, giving them everything they needed, until her health kept her from doing so. She was a wonderful mother, sister, aunt and true friend. She will be dearly missed!

She was preceded in death by her husband, Marion Rollins and her parents, Odell and Dorothy Carroll.

Terry is survived by her son, Lonnie Rollins of Purcell and daughter, Connie Rollins of Norman; two brothers, David Carroll of Purcell and Donny Carroll and wife, Joyce, of El Reno; two grandchildren, Kevin and Hillary and two great-grandchildren, Wyatt and Hayden and a host of other family and friends.

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Shirley Lois Powers

Funeral Services for Shirley Lois Powers, 69, of Purcell will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 4, 2020 at the Wilson-Little Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will be at Hillside Cemetery under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.



Ms. Powers passed away unexpectedly, Sunday, May 31, 2020, following complications of chemo.

Shirley was born January 24, 1951 in Oklahoma City, without a filter. The second of five children born to Ralph and Leota Powers. She was raised in Purcell and attended Purcell Schools, graduating with the Dragon Class of 1969 Shirley attended beauty school and then worked for a time before taking several classes at OSU in Oklahoma City.

Her favorite job and boss was working for Speed Brandenburg at Seneca Oil in Oklahoma City. Speed was like a father figure, and Shirley flourished as the office manager of Drilling and Completion. While working for Speed, she was a member of the Desk and Derrick Association and was a past president.

She moved to Long Beach, California in 1986 where she met and married Larry Lineberger. They made their home in Tustin, Calif., and later moved to Mabank, Texas, on Cedar Creek Lake. She moved back home to Purcell in 2011 and resided next door to her Aunt Jo and Aunt Kathy.

Shirley loved country music and could dance the night away. She attended more than her fair share of concerts, and you could never find a bigger Willie Nelson fan. She enjoyed traveling and had the privilege of visiting Mexico, the Caribbean, England, Ireland, Spain, Switzerland and numerous places within the United States. She loved her fur babies, Chloe and Theodore, had a green thumb, and was passionate about tending to her flowers and plants.

Shirley was more than a sister, a niece or an aunt. She was more like everyone's best friend. She never met a stranger. She was funny, quick witted, always on the go and always kept you on your toes. On her facebook page she says of herself, "I listen intently, talk too openly and I love people." She loved going to church when she could, and most recently attended Landmark Church in Purcell. She will be dearly missed!!

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ralph and Leota Powers; sister, Donna Spalding and brother, Dale Powers.

Shirley is survived by her sisters, Ruthie Powers and Lavern Arnold (Max); her aunts, Kathy Andrews, Pat Mize, Janice McCalip and Carlene McCalip; her uncles, Dwight Powers and James McCalip; nieces, Connie Beasley (James) and Heather Landry-Bean (Josh); a nephew, Jason Guthrie (Whitney) and a host of great-nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

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Betty Gardenhire

A Celebration of Life Services for Betty Gardenhire, 80, of Purcell will be scheduled for a future date when we can share hugs and laughs and remember Betty. Services will be under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.



Mrs. Gardenhire passed away Sunday, May 17, 2020.

Betty Florine Cope was born October 19, 1939 in Muddy Boggy, in Southeastern Oklahoma. She was the fourth of eight children born to William Bruce Cope and Alice Florine (Cooksey) Cope. When Betty was yet a young girl, the Cope family moved to Moore where she attended school, and they later settled in Pauls Valley.

It was here that Betty met her soul mate, a young man from Pauls Valley named R.B. Gardenhire. They fell in love and were married on April 24, 1958 in Comanche, Okla. They made their home in Moore for a time before moving to Colorado. But they yearned for home, and moved back to Oklahoma and purchased an acreage west of Purcell. Together they raised two children, daughter, Lisa and son, James Paul.

Betty worked as a cook for the Dibble Senior Citizens for several years. Her greatest joy was being a wife and mother and she was never happier than when she became a grandmother. She was a woman of great faith and a longtime member of the Iron Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. Betty had the voice of an angel and she shared her gifts singing for the church. She was a wonderful wife and mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. She will be dearly missed!

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Alice Cope and siblings, Bill Cope, Alma Jean Dorsey and Randy Cope.

Betty is survived by her husband, R.B. Gardenhire of the home; daughter, Lisa Davis and husband, Larry, of Purcell; son, James Paul Gardenhire and wife, Dawn, of Slaughter-ville; two sisters, Daisy Marquita Thomas of Waco, Texas, and Jessie Wilson of Moore; two brothers, Ronnie Cope of Del City and David Cope of New York; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews and a host of other family and friends.

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Obituaries

Hugh "Mike" Grayson

Graveside services for Hugh "Mike" Grayson, 63, of Lexington will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 13, 2020 at the Noble IOOF Cemetery with Pastor Rick McGee officiating. Jessica Landers and Jordan Grayson will receive those who wish to celebrate the life of their Dad at Jessica's home, 507 E. Stewart in Lexington, from 5-8 p.m. on Friday, June 12.

Many friends have reached out with their condolences and to see what they might do for the family. This would be an excellent time to bring your food donations and spend some time with Mike's family. Please come share your stories or a special memory of our Dad as we take this time to honor his passing.

Mr. Grayson passed away May 9, 2020 at home. He was born Aug. 26, 1956 in Purcell.

Mike was a lifetime Cleveland County resident. He attended school at Noble and graduated with the Class of 1975. He grew up on his parents' farm and continued farming on his own place. He was active in FFA through out his high school years always showing steers and received his State FFA Degree. Mike enjoyed classic trucks like his 1972 Chevrolet pickup, NASCAR and traveling. Most importantly his grandchildren stole his heart.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Sam Grayson.

Survivors include his son, Jordan Lee Grayson and wife, Katherine, of Moore; daughter, Jessica Landers and husband, Kevin, of Lexington; two brothers, Walter Grayson and wife, Pam, of Florida and Pat Grayson of Lexington; sister, Sharon Whitcomb and husband, Harvey, of Colorado; four grandchildren, Lyssa, Micah, Clayton and Lydia; numerous nieces, nephews and many other relatives and friends that will miss him dearly.

Services will be under the direction of McMahan's Funeral Home.

Gerald Ray Hayes

Memorial services for Gerald Ray Hayes, 87, of Purcell will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 14, 2020 at the Grand Canadian Theatre in Purcell. Services will be under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Mr. Hayes passed away Monday, March 16, 2020. See full obituary at wilsonlittle.com.

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of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and is active in many roles throughout the community, his church, and other organizations.

Marlon has been married to Karrie L. James for five years and they have five awesome children: Marlon James II, Victoria, Kasey, Michael and Nicholas. In his spare time, Marlon enjoys spending time with his family, friends, mentoring, tutoring, public speaking and serving the community. We are proud to have Mr. James as a veteran and his experience on our board.



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Angie Steele



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Hunt:

Wheat and his son Kyston Wheat hunted bears.

"It was a challenging hunt on many levels," Greg Wheat said. "The weather was constantly changing between snow, sunshine, and rain. The terrain was rough, rugged and steep.

"When the sun started going down, it got so dark you couldn't see your hand in front of your face.

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Murphy:

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No. 315-June 4-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA FERGUSON MANAGEMENT GROUP, LLC, Plaintiff, v. SOUTHERN CROSS CUSTOM HOMES, L.L.C., MCCLAIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, MCCLAIN COUNTY TREASURER, PULCHELLA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, Defendant.

Case No. CJ-2018-0225 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: SOUTHERN CROSS CUSTOM HOMES, L.L.C., MCCLAIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, MCCLAIN COUNTY TREASURER, AND TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to an Alias Special Execution and Order of Sale issued out of the District Court of McClain County, State of Oklahoma, in an action wherein Ferguson Management Corp, LLC, was Plaintiff, and Southern Cross Custom Homes, L.L.C., et al., were Defendants, directed to me, the undersigned Sheriff of McClain County, commanding me to levy upon and sell with appraisalment the following described property in McClain County, State of Oklahoma:

Lot Eleven (11) in Block One (1), of the Final Plat of PULCHELLA SEC. 1, McClain County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof.

to satisfy the Judgment and decree of foreclosure in favor of said Plaintiff and against Defendant Southern Cross Custom Homes, L.L.C., in the above-titled and numbered cause, in the principal sum of Three Hundred Forty

"This was a little unsettling knowing that you're hunting on the ground with predators lurking around you," Greg continued. "Bears were all around us which made it a challenge to remain calm and still," Kyston said.

After several days of hunting and praying, both Greg and Kyston successfully brought down two bears weighing nearly 200 pounds.

while he teaches me how one person may impact many," she concluded.

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Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$340,000.00), with accrued interest thereon at a rate of Five Percent (5%) per annum, plus interest accruing at the same rate from the date judgment is entered herein, as adjusted, if applicable, until paid; advances for taxes, insurance, and preservation expenses, accrued and accruing; bankruptcy fees and costs, if any; and any costs and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred by Plaintiff. I will on the 7th day of July, 2020, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m. of said day, at the McClain County Sheriff's Office, 121 North Second Avenue, Room 121, Purcell, Oklahoma 73080, offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for 100% cash at time of sale, the said property above-described, or as much thereof as will satisfy said judgment with interest, costs, and attorneys' fees, said sale to be subject to any unpaid real property ad valorem taxes and/or special assessments which are superior by law, if any, and without warranties of title, the appraised value of said real property being the sum of \$400,000.00.

WITNESS MY HAND this 2 day of June, 2020.

DON HEWETT Sheriff of McClain County, Oklahoma By: /s/ Don Hewett Sheriff

Agreed as to form: /s/ Michael Furlong Rick L. Warren, OBA No. 21401 Michael A. Furlong, OBA No. 31063 HARTZOG CONGER CASON, LLP 201 Robert S. Kerr Avenue, Suite 1600 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102 (405) 235-7000 (telephone) (405) 996-3403 (fax) mfurlong@hartzoglaw.com

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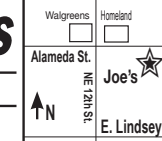
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Absentee:

the County Election Board no later than 5 p.m. June 23 to be processed in time for the election.

Absentee voters may apply in person at the county election board office or may send their applications by mail, fax, or e-mail. An online version of the form may be filled out and submitted electronically at www.elections.ok.gov.

Any registered eligible voter may vote by absentee ballot without stating a reason, Haley said. However, absentee voters can activate certain special conditions in the following circumstances:

- Registered voters who are physically incapacitated and voters who care for physically incapacitated persons who cannot be left unattended may apply for absentee ballots only by mail, fax, e-mail, online or via an agent who is at least 16 years old and who is not employed by or related within the third degree of consanguinity or affinity to any person whose name appears on the ballot.

- Registered voters who are confined to nursing homes in the county may apply by mail, by fax, by e-mail, online or via an agent who is at least 16 years of age and who is not employed by or related within the third degree of consanguinity or affinity to any person whose name appears on the ballot.

- Military personnel, residents of McClain County living overseas, and the spouses and dependents of each group may apply only by mail, by fax, or by e-mail. For more information and instructions, military and overseas voters may visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program website: www.fvap.gov/oklahoma.

For additional information on absentee voting, contact the county election board at 121 N Second Avenue, Purcell, OK 73080. Telephone is (405) 527-3121 while the fax number is (405) 527-9347.

For more election-related information, visit: www.elections.ok.gov.



• Photo provided

Drive through parade

Lexington Nursing Home residents were treated to a parade last month thanks to a dedicated staff, local businesses, police, Loving Care Hospice, families and many other volunteers. A nursing home official said they really appreciate all the hard work that went into making the parade happen and such a great memory for the residents.



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Food give away

The Chickasaw Nation partnered with the Regional Food Bank and gave away 500 meals last Thursday using the parking lot of Purcell High School as the staging area.



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Budget:

amendment to the new budget.

But a resolution adopting the new budget received just four of the five votes on the council.

Council member Jay Tate was the lone dissenter.

Tate wanted to address personnel numbers in the Parks Department, but city attorney Ted Haxel told him staffing was the decision of the city manager, not the council.

Among estimated expenses in the new budget are electric department, \$4,602,987; Public Works Authority, \$3,124,503; capital improvements, \$2,362,000; police, \$2,129,446; \$1,233,553, water; \$1,123,201, fire; and street department, \$992,477.

The council also approved the new budget for Purcell Municipal Hospital.

That budget calls for capital expenditures of \$7,989,908, the lion's share of which is earmarked for maintenance.

Revenue for the new fiscal year is budgeted at \$34,944,103 and total expenses

of \$10,827,721.

In other business, the council:

- approved a contract for engineering and consulting services on construction of an interchange at I-35 and State Highway 74;

- approved budget amendments of \$17,702.88 and \$1,471,128.53;

- denied tort claims filed by Star Plaza service station and a trucking company's insurance company; and

- acknowledged a permit for construction of 4,716 feet of 12-inch sewer line for the area around the new hospital.

Following an executive session, the council renewed contracts for city manager Dale Bunn and city treasurer Victor Lohn.

Bunn gave an update on bond sales for the new hospital.

Standard and Poor has given the city an A- rating, which will save the city about \$2.8 million from the anticipated BBB+ rating.

The bonds will be sold June 17 or 18, Bunn said, with the closing on June 30.

Commenting to the Purcell Public Works Authority, hospital CEO Kem Scully said

the hospital was granted eight weeks of payroll protection through the Cares Act. That grant is more than \$298,000.

The hospital has been able to reduce expenses \$466,000 during the economic shutdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

She also told the trustees that construction documents for the new hospital are 90 percent complete and on budget.

Jackie Wadley of Wadley EMS provided an update on his business.

Currently employed are 14 paramedics and an additional 10 are in paramedic school.

Graduation for the 10 will begin in July and continue until November 2021.

Wadley also addressed his concerns for the Riley Boatwright Act which Gov. Kevin Stitt signed and which goes into effect July 1.

He noted lawmakers sought no input from schools or EMS in drafting the act and instead relied on an association of athletic trainers for advice.

"It's a well-meaning law...but there's not a lot of guidance for either side (EMS or schools)," he said, adding there is "no enforcement power in the law."

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Garage Sale:

be Friday and Saturday.

Also, Main Street merchants are joining in with sidewalk sales on Saturday.

As of Tuesday morning, 30 people had registered their garage sales with the chamber.

"They're calling every minute," Elisabeth Baker, the chamber's executive director, confirmed.

The chamber will publish a map on which garage sale locations are marked.

Baker said any resident who wants their sale on the map has until 4 p.m. today (Thursday) to

notify the chamber by calling 527-3093 or emailing chamberoffice@theheartofok.com.

Information required includes name, address, date(s) of sale and a contact telephone number.

The map will be posted electronically tonight on Facebook and the chamber's website.

Printed copies of the map will also be available Friday at the chamber office, 220 W. Main.

The chamber advises browsers, buyers and sellers to respect social distancing and stay safe.

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Food:

food to individuals being tested for COVID-19 who state they are food insecure.

Over the last 30 days, emergency food boxes have been provided to more than 4,880 individuals.

"This partnership is very integral to our response to the COVID-19 pandemic," said Deb Bunting, interim CEO of the Regional Food Bank.

"Not only does it get much-needed food to Oklahomans who are suffering from food insecurity, it works to limit potential spread of the virus," she concluded.

During the testing process, individuals are asked screening questions to determine if they need food assistance. Individuals are provided enough food to help feed their families for two weeks.

Thanks to an extension from the USDA, the program will continue at testing sites through the end of June.

For more information about the program, contact the McClain County Health Department at 527-6541 or the Cleveland County Health Department at 321-4048.