



Happy Thanksgiving



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Five-vehicle pile up

One vehicle burned completely up in a five car pile up on Interstate 35 Monday afternoon. One person with minor leg injuries was taken to the hospital. Purcell firefighters put out the vehicle fire and the grass that caught fire around it. Others responding to the 12:48 p.m. accident were the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, Wadley's EMS and Purcell Police. Lexington firefighters were initially called to the accident scene but were called off after the fire was contained, according to Purcell Assistant Fire Chief Rocky Claunch. I-35 was closed for 2:40.

Five questions

And answers from Elisabeth Baker

Jeanne Grimes
The Purcell Register



Elisabeth Baker

Editor's note: The Purcell Register has introduced a new feature in which civic leaders and others will answer five questions. The following were answered by Elisabeth Baker, execu-

tive director of the Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce.

Q: Is the job what you thought it would be?

A: I think there is definitely more to it than people might think. There's a lot more you can do with the chamber than I thought. A lot of roles can come into play and it's exciting.

Q: What is the best thing about your job?

A: Helping businesses succeed in our area, making the communities better.

Q: What would you change?

A: I'm not really sure. There's a lot of different things you can do with the chamber.

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School board candidate filing to begin December 7

Candidates for the Board of Education in McClain County school districts will file their Declarations of Candidacy beginning at 8 a.m. on Monday, December 7, and continuing Tuesday and Wednesday, December 8 and 9, McClain County Election Board Secretary Karen Haley said.

Haley said the official filing period ends at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, December 9.

All candidate filings will occur at the McClain County Election Board office, 121 N. Second Avenue, in Purcell.

The Board of Education positions at stake will be

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FIRE protection: Sign up now

For those living in Lexington Rural Fire Association



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Station 2

Volunteer firefighters built this 6,000 square foot station five miles east of the Lexington Fire Department's main station, providing better fire protection for rural property and lowering the area's fire insurance rating from 9 or 10 to 7. The new station, which includes three bays and a training room became operational in 2013.

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Do the math.

If you live within the 60 square miles covered by the Lexington Rural Fire Association east of Lexington and you aren't a LRFA member, you might be playing with financial fire.

Rest assured. The all-volunteer Lexington Fire Department will respond to your emergency and do what they are trained to do – putting out the fire and protecting lives and property.

Fire chief Travis Ary will

then send you a bill for their services. And it isn't cheap.

That bill breaks down like this: \$250 to show up with the first truck. Then \$50 an hour for each additional vehicle dispatched to the scene.

"I have sent out \$2,500 bills before," Ary said. "The sky's the limit."

Or for an annual \$50 membership fee, the cost to the property owner drops to \$0.

Stella Bledsoe, secretary

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Free drive-by COVID testing

At McClain County Health Department

Curbside testing for COVID-19 will be available at the McClain County Health Department every Monday and Wednesday and every other Friday.

The tests are free and there is no insurance or doctor's referral required at the 919 N. 9th Street location in Purcell.

The testing is for persons 18 and older or two and older with in-person parental consent. Testing is open to the public.

Tests are by appointment only and patients must register at immylabs.com.

The procedure to get screened is after you arrive call the office at 527-6541. Arrive on time and then call to check in.

Stay in your vehicle and receive the curbside test.

Council filing begins Dec. 7

Election February 9 includes hotel tax issue

Candidates for Purcell City Council may file declarations for candidacy starting at 8 a.m. December 7.

Filing remains open through 5 p.m. December 9.

Candidates may file at the McClain County Election Board. The City of Purcell Primary election will be February 9, according to election board secretary Karen Haley. The election is non-partisan.

The incumbent for Council member Division 2 is current mayor Ted Cox.

The incumbent for Council member Division 3 is Theda Engert.

Also on the ballot that day will be a special proposition election for voters to decide if Purcell will have a hotel tax.

Fred fans out in force

In downtown Wayne

Seldom, one would think, has a Guinea fowl been shown so much acclaim.

But last Thursday a Guinea fowl in Wayne, that has been named Fred and had a T-shirt made in her honor, was the toast of the town, garnering both electronic and print press coverage.

Fred has several "stops" in

the downtown Wayne area that she makes on a daily basis for food and drink.

A tour of Fred's route revealed that she was one of two such birds that were transferred from the west edge of Wayne to the eastern part

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Fred the Guinea

A Guinea fowl named Fred has taken up residence in downtown Wayne. The bird has a daily routine and frequents several stops along her daily route. She has drawn quite a following around Wayne and McClain County.

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All-State

Purcell's Kyle Ginn joins the list of Dragons who made All-State in their sport.



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Rain recorded here

Combined with the .85" that fell last weekend and the .3" that had been recorded as of 10 a.m. Tuesday, the year-to-date rainfall for the Purcell area is 49.9".

Oklahoma City has recorded 35.54" so far this year.

The normal year-to-date total for this area is 34.32".

Additional thunderstorms were predicted for Tuesday evening but due to the early Thanksgiving deadline those numbers will be available next week.



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New addition

Visitors at the Lights from the Heart will be greeted by this new addition to the entrance to the Purcell City Lake.

7 day forecast from @PurcellRegister @OUNewsCrowd

Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
66° 42° Sunny	58° 37° 30% Showers	54° 34° 50% Showers	57° 36° 30% Showers	52° 29° Mostly Sunny	55° 31° Mostly Sunny	51° 31° Sunny

Cooler temperatures ahead

A much cooler week is ahead. Low temperatures will drop into the low 30's and we will have our first freeze of the year early next week. On Thanksgiving it will be warmer with sunny skies and southerly winds. After that there are chances of rain throughout the weekend with the highest chances on Saturday.

- Conner Bruce

OSU EXTENSION News

Hikers need to be extra careful during deer hunting season

Trisha Gedon
Extension Educator

For many nature-lovers, hiking through the woods on a crisp fall day is a great opportunity for exercise and fresh air. However, this time of year also is a favorite of deer hunters. With rifle season opening November 21, both hikers and hunters must use caution.

Emily Long, Payne County game warden, said hunting activity is at its peak during the weekends. She urges bright colors and careful scheduling. "If you want to get out in the

woods to hike, it's a good idea to wear a blaze orange beanie or even a safety vest to help make your presence known," Long said. "Hunting takes place in the early morning and late afternoon/early evening, so hikers are less likely to encounter hunters if they're out for a hike during mid-day."

Long also said hikers need to be aware they cannot hike on private property without landowner permission, and wildlife management areas across the state are closed to non-hunters. Dwayne Elmore, Oklahoma

State University Extension wildlife specialist, professor and Bollenbach Chair in OSU's Department of Natural Resource Ecology and Management, said it is a good idea for hikers to stay in open areas as much as possible.

"If you're out walking around in areas where hunters are looking for deer, it's important for you to be seen clearly by the hunters," he said.

In addition to hikers practicing

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Newsmakers

Wright records perfect GPA

Brock Wright of Goldsby is among the 60 students eligible to graduate in December from the University of Oklahoma who maintained perfect 4.0 grade-point averages throughout their undergraduate careers at OU.

Of the total, 27 reside in Oklahoma. Each of the students has completed all coursework, never making less than an "A" in class.

To commemorate their achievement, the students were honored by OU President Joseph Harroz Jr. in a recent ceremony. Each student who earned an overall 4.0 GPA received a bronze medallion on a crimson ribbon, which may be worn during graduation ceremonies.

Pollard opens practice

Morgan Pollard has opened Align Interventional Pain in Edmond and Enid. Pollard, who graduated from Purcell High School in 2007, played golf at Baylor then went to the University of Oklahoma Medical School, graduating in 2015.

She did an internship in internal medicine at OU, then did an anesthesiology residency at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., as well as an interventional pain fellowship at Mayo Clinic as well.



Pollard

Coats for Warmth

Program will benefit children

McClain County 4-H and Choice Realty Metro Brokers of Oklahoma are teaming up for the fifth annual "Coats for Warmth" children's winter coat drive.

Organizers are seeking gently used children's coats of all sizes.

They will be taking donations of coats through December 6.

All coats will be donated to the McClain County Clothes Closet program that benefits McClain County residents.

Drop off locations in this part of the county are the McClain County OSU Extension Office, the Washington Elementary School, the Wayne Elementary School and the Dibble Library.

Visit oces.okstate.edu/mcclain or call 527-2174.



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Last call

Buses in Purcell made what is apparently the final runs of 2020 Friday as the school plans to go completely virtual after the Thanksgiving break.



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Gobbledy Gooks winners released

Winners of the annual Gobbledy Gooks contest have been announced by **Purcell Register** Advertising Manager Vickie Foraker.

Turkey winners include Cynthia Mannis at Wild Roots Apparel, Wanda Keeler at Lotus Gold, Kenny Tyler at Pawsitively Purrfect, Nona Selement at United Drug, Jennie Idlett at Turner Drug.

Also Cheryl Henderson at Pinkie's Forest, Helen Reed at Savvy Parke, Robin Skinner at All In Diner, Johnny or Angela Hamm at Farmers Insurance - Jennifer Crawford, Charlotte Hamm at Double R Quickstop Katie Cagle at Westbrook Gardens.

And Kristin Davis at the Purcell Public Library, Carla Hooper at Valir Health, Anna Davis at Lexington Nursing Home, Betty Boydston at Purcell Automotive, Larry Stidham at Varsity Quick Stop,

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NEWS In Brief

Lights from the Heart

Drive around Purcell City Lake and create holiday memories as you see over 190 animated displays featuring over 650,000 lights at Purcell's Lights From the Heart!

There is no admission fee, but donations are greatly appreciated.

The gates open at 5:30 p.m. nightly and Selfies with Santa can be taken on Friday and Saturday nights.

The lights will be open until New Years Eve!

Wayne Fire Toy Drive

The Wayne Fire Department is holding its 30th annual Toy Drive.

Firefighters are currently accepting toy donations, \$10 value, or cash donations to help them meet their goal.

Toys will be given to children at the department's drive-through program December 12.

For more information contact Sarah Kennedy at 570-2478 or Jared Reaves at 640-7110.

Foundation Fundraiser

The Purcell Public School Foundation will be selling

fundraiser tickets to benefit the foundation.

Tickets are \$50 and one ticket holder will receive half of the money raised.

The drawing will be held Tuesday, December 15, at the Purcell High School Reimer Center. You do not have to be present to win.

Tickets can be purchased from any foundation member or by contacting Kerry Wilhoit at McClain Bank or John D. Montgomery at **The Purcell Register**.

Tacky Sweater 5K, Fun Run

The Third Annual Tacky Sweater 5K and Fun Run will be held Saturday, December 5.

Check in starts at 7 p.m. at the Purcell Multi-Purpose Center and the run begins at 9:30 p.m.

All registration fees will go to The Fallen Outdoors Oklahoma Team.

For more information email pqhsteam@gmail.com or call Melissa Pruitt at 255-1463 or Tiffany Cheatwood at 205-3420.

Museum News

At this time, the McClain County Museum and Historical Society board members have decided that due to the increased rise of COVID cases in our state and county, they will resume volunteer applications and museum tours after the first of the year.

OSU EXTENSION News

Holiday gatherings - Are they worth it?

Connie Wollenberg
Extension FCS Educator

As COVID continues to escalate consider the risk as you plan this year's holiday events with family and friends.

The Center of Disease Control notes that celebrating with members of your own personal household poses a low risk of the spread of COVID 19. Older adults at heightened risk of serious illness should avoid gathering with people outside their household.

The coronavirus spreads more easily when people are crowded tighter inside spaces.

These gatherings may be riskier, depending on where the function/s are held and how many people will be attending, and when guests outside your community attend.

If you usually have a large festive event consider holding it virtually, Face-Time or ZOOM are safe options. When inviting guests, encourage them to bring and wear a face mask, and social distance as much as possible.

If you choose to conduct the event/gathering, outdoors is best if the weather permits. If your gathering is to be held in-

doors keep windows and doors open when possible.

When it comes to the virus and food, your food is safe, COVID is not spread through food. One of the ways the virus is spread is through sharing utensils.

Avoid potluck meals. Encourage guest to bring food and beverages for themselves and for members of their own households.

Remind your guests to wash their hands before serving or eating food. Provide single-use hand towels or paper towels for guests to dry hands.

If you decide to have a potluck type meal, use disposable plates, utensils and cups. Identifying a person to serve shareable items such as serving utensils, salad dressing, and condiments.

It is important to wipe down commonly touched surfaces and any shared items between use when possible.

Most important stay home if you have any COVID symptoms.

If you need further information, contact the Center for Disease Control. Cdc.gov/coronavirus.

OSU EXTENSION News

Top tips for safe stuffing

Brenda Hill-Alta
Extension Educator

Whether you call it stuffing or dressing, a holiday meal doesn't seem complete without it. Stuffing provides that special comforting and memorable component to the meal. Not everyone agrees on the exact ingredients that go into the perfect stuffing.

However, everyone does agree stuffing needs to be prepared safely so your holiday doesn't provide vivid stories of food poisoning.

To ensure stuffing is prepared safely and only fond food memories result, proper planning is key. First, determine how much stuffing you need.

When serving boneless chicken breasts, pork chops or other individual-sized entrées, plan for about 1/2 cup of prepared stuffing per serving. If stuffing whole poultry, plan for about 1/2 to 1 cup of prepared stuffing per pound of uncooked poultry.

Also, you'll need a food thermometer for determining when stuffing is safely cooked to a minimum internal temperature of 165°. Use this temperature as a guide, whether you serve stuffing separately in a casserole dish or stuffed into poultry or meat.

Bacteria can survive and thrive in stuffing that hasn't reached this temperature,

thereby, increasing your risk of food poisoning. Best advice: for maximum safety, cook stuffing in a casserole dish.

Once your meal is planned and your ingredients and food thermometer are ready, deliciousness awaits.

Follow these tips or help ensure you and your loved ones safely enjoy the succulence of stuffing.

As soon as you've prepped the stuffing, cook it immediately. If you prefer to pre-prepare stuffing in advance, freeze rather than refrigerate uncooked stuffing.

When stuffing the large cav-

ity of fresh or thawed whole poultry, use a moist stuffing mixture rather than a dry one. Spoon it loosely, not compactly, into the cavity to allow for proper cooking. Don't cool freshly prepared stuffing before spooning it into the poultry.

For stuffing recipes that include poultry, shellfish or meat, cook these raw ingredients before adding them to the stuffing.

After the inner part of the stuffed poultry thigh and the center of the stuffing have reached 165°, let it stand for 20 minutes to complete the cooking process; then remove the

stuffing and carve the poultry. If you have leftover stuffing cooked within the poultry cavity, store the stuffing into a separate, sealed container. You don't need to remove the stuffing from smaller cuts of meat, like pork chops or single portion cuts of meat.

Stuffing may be refrigerated for up to three or four days, or frozen for longer storage. This same timing applies to stuffing that is cooked separately, too.

Use a food thermometer to make sure the center of the stuffing once again reaches 165° for any reheated leftover stuffing.

Stanley appointed as Associate District Judge for Cleveland County



Bethany Stanley

Governor Kevin Stitt today announced the appointment of Bethany (Beth) Stanley as an Associate District Judge for Cleveland County.

"Beth Stanley has faithfully served the people of Cleveland County for over 15 years," said Gov. Stitt. "An experienced prosecutor and litigator, she has dedicated her career to representing Oklahoma families. I am confident she will continue to serve our State and people well as an Associate District Judge."

A former Deputy U.S. Marshal and prosecutor, Stanley has worked as an attorney and partner at Schumacher & Stanley, P.L.L.C since 2017, where she practices family law, personal injury and criminal law.

Prior to this, Stanley was the sole practitioner at Bethany Stanley, P.C., Attorney at Law from 2011 to 2017 and an associate attorney at the Law Offices of Tracy Schumacher, P.C. from 2008 to 2010.

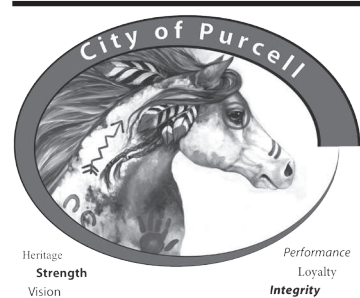
Stanley launched her career in 1998 as a Deputy U.S. Marshal assigned to the Western District of Oklahoma. After graduating from law school in 2005, Stanley served as an Assistant District Attorney in Cleveland County for four years.

"I have spent my legal career in Cleveland County and have served in many different

capacities within the court system here," said Stanley. "I am humbled and honored to have been chosen by Governor Stitt to serve the citizens of Cleveland County in this position and look forward to my service on the bench."

Stanley holds a Bachelor of Science in Sociology from Southern Nazarene University (1997) and a Juris Doctor from the University of Oklahoma College of Law (2005). She lives in Moore with her husband, Gene Stanley, and their two sons.

The 21st Judicial District includes Cleveland, Garvin and McClain Counties.



NEWS from the City of Purcell

Working together we can beautify our community! The City of Purcell may issue a citation in the amount of \$249 if you are in violation of any of the following:

1. Trash and or debris on your property.
 2. Tall weeds or grass.
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 6. Failure to trim trees, grass and weeds in the alley.
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Winners:

Linda Turner at C&C Auto Repair.

Also Jared Vaughn at Insurance Professionals, Pam Kyzer at Steeped & Starched, Jim Wilson at Purcell Tag Agency, Melanie Blankenship at Just-In-Time, Rachel Lewis at Walmart.

And Jennifer West at **The Purcell Register**, Lacy Burson at the Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce, Billy Joe Mannis at Van's Pig Stand, Becky Hamm at Belle Starr Saloon, Don Driskoll at Junky Chick.

And Lauren Brickey at Cami's Coffee & Chill, Shelby Ward at Jim Herndon, DDS, Mike Cagle at Horinek Auto Body, Ashley Paul at Mimi's Mexican Restaurant and Vickie Vaughn at Tyler's Furniture.

Pizza winner was Dean Phillips at Jo's Famous Pizza.



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Seagull invasion

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Happy Thanksgiving

This is my favorite holiday. Most holidays are celebrated on Monday, which is a very inconvenient day of the week for us in the weekly newspaper business.

Thanksgiving falls at the end of the week so we really have a couple of days away from the office, which is nice.

Thanksgiving is just that, a time for giving thanks.

It is a lot more relaxing than the hustle and bustle of Christmas with all the shopping, wrapping and decorating.

The awesome smells associated with all the cooking Gracie does makes the day fabulous.

There is always great anticipation for the parades, especially The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, which will be different this year due to the pandemic.

I always am happy to comfortably watch the parade on the tube in the comfy confines of a living room and not braving

Editor's Notebook



John D. Montgomery

the elements and crowd in downtown New York City.

Last year there were 3.5 million in-person spectators along the 2.5 mile route.

This year the only way to watch the parade is on television.

Also, last year there were between 8,000 and 10,000 participants including performers, staff and balloon handlers.

This year that number has been trimmed to 2,000 people.

Back at our house on the big day, there is generally at least one more dash to the store to snatch up whatever has been forgotten before a late lunch and watching football on TV.

Seems like every Thanksgiving many folks get a little sleepy as the afternoon wears on.

Can't beat a good nap.

I feel sorry for employees of some retail stores that have to report for work on Thanksgiving.

Seems like people should get the holiday off to be with their families and let the shoppers do their thing on Black Friday.

Now Black Friday has been underway for a month.

Problem for retailers is that on-line shopping never ceases.

In fact, the on-line shopping is damaging to retail and hurting other industries as well.

Even though Thanksgiving is getting so commercialized it's still my favorite.

Happy Thanksgiving!

News from District 42

• Rep. Cindy Roe •



A season of thanks

Thanksgiving is a uniquely American holiday. It harkens to a time when very different people groups set differences aside and came together to share a meal of friendship and kindness.

In later years, our nation's founders would call for days of fasting and praying and giving thanks to God for our many blessings.

It's no doubt that 2020 has been a tough year for many people across the state, country and world. Isolation, job loss, health concerns and the disappointment of many cancelled plans have taken their toll, but I think most people would agree that their eyes have also been opened to the many blessings we typically take for granted.

Even during this complex and confusing year, there still remains much to be grateful for. Many people have found themselves spending a lot more time with their immediate family

while staying home together.

Some have picked up a new hobby or completed projects we'd been putting off. Above all, I hope this year has made us remember what matters most in our lives.

This year has been challenging, but someday I hope we will look back on 2020 and be grateful for the lessons it taught us, even as we grieve the difficulties the year brought with it.

I find plenty in my life to be thankful for — my husband, our family, the community I am blessed to represent, the amazing diversity within Oklahoma and the freedoms we are privileged to enjoy in this nation.

I also want to recognize the men and women who serve or previously served in our military. Many of them will spend the holiday season far from home and their loved ones.

The many civil servants who take care of us every day also deserve our thanks: our law en-

forcement officers, fireman and other first responders, teachers, our healthcare workers, and many others.

Last year in my Thanksgiving column, I wrote about how life can often surprise us in the worst ways. Little did we know then that just four months later, a global pandemic would consume much of our lives.

As the holiday season approaches, we are all eager to spend time with our families, but please be cautious and think about the people you will be around. COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations are at an all-time high in Oklahoma right now, and we need to make sure we're doing all we can to slow the spread even as many gather with loved ones during the holidays.

I encourage you to think of creative ways to celebrate

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Hello from District 43

• Senator Jessica Garvin •



A day that will never be forgotten

November 3, 2020 will be a day that my family will never forget.

It has been a little over two years since I began getting phone calls about running for State Senate. I am embarrassed to say it took me over six months to see His plan, but I eventually found peace and now I am just anxious and excited to see what God has in store and how He plans to use my life for His glory.

For those who are curious about what it looks like now, let me explain the next few weeks! Now that the election is over, the official swearing-in ceremony (where we take the oath of office) was Monday, November 16.

The rest of this week, we are spending at Caucus Retreat in Oklahoma City, where the

Senate Republican Caucus will meet to finalize the agenda for the next legislative session. At this retreat we will be selecting offices and be able to get settled in soon with an official space to meet with constituents; my Executive Assistant, Donna Lisle, will start work the following week and I will be able to pass along our contact information soon. I am excited to have an office to meet with all of you someday!

I hope to make these legislative updates more informative and interesting as time continues, but I wanted to take a quick moment to let you know how much I value your trust in me.

I hope you know that your vote and your confidence in my ability to lead are two things I will never take for granted.

I expect nothing less than for this to be a journey we all take together... the ups AND the downs.

I want you to be my voice of reason, my biggest critic and my partners in improving Oklahoma. I have a strong desire to improve our district and our state and I am excited to get to work.

In closing, I just want to say "thank you" again for your generosity, your friendship, your trust, your grace, and for believing in me.

I look forward to serving you and your family. It is my hope to leave this office being able to look back someday and see that I am leaving Oklahoma in better shape than I found it.

**God Bless,
Senator Jessica L. Garvin
Senate District 43**

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Your Views Giving thanks

Dear Gracie and John D.:

No gripes, no criticism, no complaints. Just a note of thanks to the Purcell Community for offering so many early Christmas gifts that I and perhaps others take for granted. In just one day last week...

I was provided a COVID-19 test free of charge by wonderful nurses at the McClain County Health Department. I then stepped next door, used computers at the Pioneer Library Purcell branch for as long as I wanted and then had a fine choice of books to select from for weekend reading.

Staying on a roll and in the north end of Purcell I dropped by to visit with your Mayor and my CPA Ted Cox to congratulate him on the construction of our area's new hospital. That is a very, very big deal and is probably one of only a handful of health complexes being built outside of our two major metros.

I noted as well new, private housing being constructed near the on-going school buildings being finalized along North Green Avenue.

I also contracted with a very fine young realtor named Donelda Ellis to help me with a complicated real estate transaction and also picked up great advice about it from local attorney and abstractor James Blevins.

Then I grabbed a pizza from Jo's Famous Pizza, a business I purchased my first ever slice of pizza from way back in 1963.

Oh I also bought a copy of my favorite newspaper, **The Purcell Register** to which I have been a faithful reader of since 1958.

Both the pizza and newspaper were just right, so Happy Thanksgiving to all the folks who live on the wrong side of the Lexington-Purcell Bridge...and to those over here on the east side as well!

Cal Hobson



Don't let a Grinch steal your holiday spirit or packages

By Oklahoma Insurance Commissioner Glen Mulready

The holidays are almost here. Like nearly everything else in 2020, holiday shopping this year will be quite different. The unofficial start of holiday shopping is usually Black Friday, but this year, more people are expected to shop earlier and spend more online.

With thousands of packages scheduled to arrive on doorsteps throughout this season, many are left unattended and vulnerable. Package theft is at an all-time high, with 1.7 million packages stolen or lost every day in the U.S., according to researchers at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

In response, Oklahoma implemented a new measure to combat package thieves. The Porch Piracy Act, which went into effect November 1, enforces stricter penalties against porch pirates with punishments of up to two years in prison or up to a \$5,000 fine.

Despite the new law, it still largely falls on homeowners to protect their packages from thieves. Yet, taking the proper precautions can prevent theft from occurring. Here are four tips to keep your holiday deliveries safe:

Consider Shipping Insurance—Shipping insurance is

sold by postal services, courier companies and shipping-insurance companies. Not all insurers will insure all goods. However, if you're ordering high-value items online, you may purchase shipping insurance to ensure delivery.

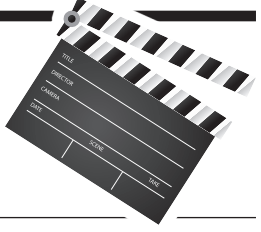
Give Specific Instructions—Instead of having deliveries left unsecured at your front door, you can instruct drivers to leave a package at a back door, with a building superintendent, in a coded lockbox or with neighbors. You can also have deliveries placed on hold and request a specific delivery time. Most, but not all, of these services are free.

Install Security Camera or Doorbell Camera—Security cameras or video doorbells can also come in handy. The mere presence of these cameras or smart doorbells may be enough to ward off the potential package thieves. Even if it doesn't, you'll at least have evidence for a police report.

Bonus: installing these cameras may qualify you for a homeowner's insurance discount.

Sign Up for Tracking Notifications—Most carriers offer

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News from District 16

• Senator Mary Boren •



Senate review

Thanksgiving is a wonderful holiday for us to be grateful for friends and family and encourage us to reconcile with a common meal.

I'm grateful for the exciting addition of Senator Jo Anna Dossett to the Senate Democratic Caucus, who is joining her brother Senator J.J. Dossett. She was sworn in this week with seven other newly elected Senators after winning her election for Senate District 35.

We were hopeful the pandemic would be under control by now but instead it is escalating at a frightening rate, which will continue to hurt our economy and state revenues. In less than a week, there have been more than 15,000 new cases (a 34 percent increase), more than 100 Oklahomans have died and around 1,500 are in the hospital.

This is not a cold or the flu. On average, the flu kills 24,000-43,000 Americans each year. COVID-19 has already killed 250,000 Americans since March. The vaccine is coming but it will take months to get into the hands of all Americans.

More than 1,600 Oklahomans have already died, and doctors are warning that if Oklahomans don't take immediate safety measures, another 200 will die by Thanksgiving Day.

Everyone should safely celebrate the holidays by continuing to wear your mask and social distance from others as well as washing your hands or using sanitizer on a regular basis.

Limiting travel and visiting with those outside of one's household is key to stop community spread of the virus. You never know who you may inadvertently encounter and unknowingly spread the virus.

While you are healthy, you may come into contact with a waitress or grocery store employee with a child or parent who is fighting cancer or another disease. If you're not wearing your mask and cough on an item that they touch and then absent-mindedly rub their eyes or face, they could become a carrier putting their loved one in extreme danger.

Redistricting is a high priority for 2020. The legislature is constitutionally mandated to redraw legislative and congressional district lines with each census. Oklahoma's population has grown more than five percent in the last decade, and we have to ensure that Oklahomans have fair and equal representation in each House and Senate district as well as congressional districts.

To make the process as open and transparent as possible, the legislature is holding several redistricting town hall meetings around the state in the coming weeks. At these meetings, members will explain the redistricting process and rules for redrawing lines.

Unfortunately, no meetings were scheduled for Norman, but we have some close to our district. On Thursday, December 10, a Senate redistricting meeting will be held at 6 p.m. in Chickasha at the Grady County Fairgrounds Community Building. Another one will take place in Room 535 of the State Capitol on Wednesday, January 6 at 1:30 p.m.

The House will also be holding another meeting at the State Capitol at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 9, in Room 206.

A full list of redistricting meetings can be found on the Senate website at <https://oksenate.gov/press-releases/oklahoma-senate-house-announce-state-wide-redistricting-meeting-dates?back=/press-releases>.

Those locations with live streaming capability will provide the meetings on their websites. I know for certain the ones at the Capitol will be available on the House and Senate websites. They will also be archived to view later.

As always, I'm here to serve and help you in any way I can. At the State Senate, I can be reached by writing to Senator Mary Boren, State Capitol, 2300 N. Lincoln Blvd. Room 514.1, Oklahoma City, OK 73105, emailing me at Mary.Boren@oksenate.gov, or by calling (405) 521-5553 and speaking to my assistant Ms. Trena Byas.

MOVIES WITH DAVE

By David Stull

It's beginning to look like a very busy Christmas this year movie wise.

Not only is Disney releasing "Soul," Pixar's latest animated feature, directly to Disney+ on December 25, but it also seems like they're gonna have a little competition come Christmas morning.

In a move that took me completely off guard, last Wednesday Warner Bros. announced plans to release their next upcoming blockbuster, "Wonder Woman 1984," directly to their streaming service HBO Max, while also opening in movie theaters the same day.

Even now, over eight months into this pandemic, it still surprises me when major, big budget films like this go straight to streaming.

With lockdowns going into effect across the country again, it certainly isn't a great time to release any movies in theaters. Heck, as far as I know Regal Cinemas, one of the largest theater chains in the country, doesn't have plans to reopen their locations anytime soon.

Still, I guess I just assumed "Wonder Woman 1984" would delay like so many other major films.

I guess the bean counters at WB decided going straight to streaming and increasing subscriptions to HBO Max made enough financial sense for them to pull the trigger.

Whatever the reason, it's definitely good news for homebodies like me.

I'll miss the experience of watching this film on a giant IMAX screen like I used to all those months ago, but it'll be nice to be able to finally see it after waiting for so long.

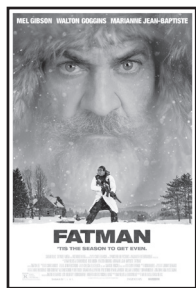
I know I'll happily be watching both "Wonder Woman 1984" and "Soul" come Christmas Day from the comfort of my bedroom.

But enough about upcoming films, there's brand new movies to talk about.

This time around we have an odd Christmas film starring Mel Gibson about a young boy who hires an assassin to kill Santa Claus. This one definitely isn't for the kids.

Plus, from the writer-director of "Searching" comes his next mystery-thriller about a wheelchair bound daughter and a mother with a dark secret.

So without any further ado, let's get to the reviews.



First up is "Fatman."

To save his declining holiday focused business, Chris Cringle (Mel Gibson), also known as Santa Claus, is forced into a partnership with the U.S. military to make ends meet.

Making matters worse, Chris gets locked into a deadly battle of wits against a highly skilled assassin (Walton Goggins), hired by a precocious 12-year-old (Chance Hurstfield), after receiving a lump of coal in his stocking.

Well, I can't say I've ever seen a movie with this premise before.

If it wasn't already clear from the description above, this is definitely not a Christmas film for children.

This movie features copious amounts of violence, a ridiculous amount of blood, and strong language. Plus, you know, someone in the film is trying to murder ol' Saint Nick. Not exactly something you want to show your kids before tucking them in at night.

Honestly, the most fascinating thing about the film itself isn't its ludicrous concept. It's that it has this ludicrous concept while also playing it completely

straight.

This movie takes itself seriously to a fault. There's no winking at the camera, no poking fun at the insanity of everything going on, it's just a serious movie about a spoiled brat who hires an assassin to kill Santa Claus.

Though the film bills itself as a comedy, there aren't really any jokes or gags to speak of. The bulk of the humor comes from the sheer absurdity of everything that happens. Like from moment to moment, you can't believe the things you're seeing happen on screen.

Oddly, in a movie featuring Mel Gibson as a gun toting, whiskey drinking Santa Claus, he actually isn't the most outlandish character in the film.

No, that honor goes to our professional assassin, played by Walton Goggins. It's like this man took the famous General Mattis quote, "have a plan to kill everybody you meet," and ran with it.

The body count Goggins racks up throughout the film is truly shocking. Nine times out of ten, if he interacts with someone in the film, he kills them. And if he doesn't kill them, he leaves them mentally scarred for the rest of their life.

He's just so casual about it too. Like murder to him is the equivalent of shaking hands.

Of course even cold blooded assassins need hobbies, and Goggins's character is no exception. And considering the premises of the movie, his off-hours pastime does tie in rather nicely.

In the film, Goggins enjoys collecting toys built in Santa's workshop. There's no question of if Santa is real in this universe. It's just taken as a given here. I suppose it helps when the man labels everything with a "Made in Santa's Workshop" metal plaque on every toy he delivers.

This is just such a strange little film, I can't help but admire its commitment to this insane concept.

It's not what I would call a good movie, but I found it absolutely fascinating seeing it all unfold.

It definitely won't be for everyone, or even most people I'd wager.

To many it'll be flat out offensive, and as I mentioned in the beginning you certainly shouldn't watch it anywhere near children.

But sadly, as far as R-rated holiday comedies go, this isn't a terribly funny movie either.

It did make me laugh here and there, but most of the time I was just stunned speechless, shocked by what I had just witnessed. I think the laughter was largely just a nervous response to the insanity of it all.

Still, I think I did enjoy watching "Fatman" overall. In this case, I think experiencing a unique concept was entertaining on its own. I don't imagine it would be enough for many people, but it was enough to keep my interest for a solid 100 minutes.

"Fatman" is rated R and is available to rent or purchase on video-on-demand.



The other movie this week is "Run."

There's something unnatural about the relationship between

Chloe (Kiera Allen) and her mom, Diane (Sarah Paulson). Diane has raised her daughter in isolation, controlling every move since birth, and there are secrets that Chloe's only starting to grasp.

Of all the mystery-thrillers I've seen over the past few years, very few have captivated

me quite as much as the movies by writer-director Aneesh Chaganty.

Back in 2018, he released his first feature length film titled "Searching," a movie about a man desperately looking for his missing teenage daughter. The twist? Everything that took place in the movie was shown inside a computer screen.

Naturally, Aneesh wasn't the first to use this novel storytelling method. Unique ideas are pretty hard to come by these days. What he did do though was take that concept, and use it more effectively than anyone else before.

Not only was "Searching" fascinating due to its avant-garde technology bound presentation, it was also an engrossing experience from beginning to end, and ended up becoming one of my favorite films of 2018.

So naturally, the second I found out Aneesh was making another film, I knew I had to see what he had in store for audiences next.

This time, the new filmmaker has made something that on its surface appears much more conventional than his previous movie.

Even so, with this film Aneesh has proved to me that he doesn't need an off-the-wall concept to craft a captivating experience. And it all starts with the characters.

Enter Chloe, a very smart and capable 17-year-old girl. Beyond being homeschooled, the only major thing that sets her apart from other young women her age is an absolutely wild assortment of medical issues due to a premature birth.

Her conditions include heart arrhythmia, asthma, and diabetes just to name a few, but the main thing that makes Chloe's life the most difficult is the inability to move either of her legs.

All around, it's a rough hand she's been dealt, but she doesn't let that keep her down.

In fact, one of the major things that struck me while watching the movie unfold was just how capable Chloe seemed while moving around in a wheelchair and going about her daily life.

Well, it turned out the actress who plays Chloe, Kiera Allen, is actually a wheelchair user herself and the producers behind this film actually went out of their way to cast a disabled actress, even though it probably would have been much easier not to.

According to Variety, this makes "Run" the first major thriller in 70 years to star a wheelchair user. The last movie to do so was supposedly 1948's "The Sign of the Ram," which I honestly can't say I've heard of before now.

Kiera Allen's presence certainly makes for a wonderful addition to this film.

While I'm not necessarily a stickler for casting actors solely based on the race, gender, sexual orientation, or physical attributes of the character they're portraying, I do think it can add a certain amount of authenticity to the role as long as it doesn't come at the expense of a good performance.

From page 4A

Roe:

Thanksgiving and wear a mask when the situation calls for it. Above all, stay away from others if you don't feel well.

However you're celebrating this year, I hope it is enjoyable and restorative.

Happy Thanksgiving to all in House District 42. I am thankful to serve each of you. Have a safe and healthy holiday!

Rep. Cynthia Roe, a Republican, represents District 42 in the Oklahoma House of Representatives, which includes Garvin and McClain Counties.

Luckily, Kiera not only checked the "wheelchair user" box this movie's producers were looking for, she also manages to deliver a fantastic performance. One that instantly endears us to her character and keeps anyone watching on edge as she goes through this harrowing experience.

Of course, her co-star, Sarah Paulson, also helps in that respect. One moment it seems like Sarah's character, Diane, is like a fairly normal, if overly protective, loving mother. But as the movie goes on, her mere presence is enough to make your hair stand on end.

It's such a contrast to the beginning of the film, where the filmmakers take their time to show just how good of a relationship Diane and Chloe have.

There's such a wonderful attention to detail during the opening sequence of the film.

It not only sets up our two main characters and shows us their daily routine, but it also does a great job of exploring the location of their house and gives us a glimpse of the health complications Chloe is forced to deal with on a day-to-day basis.

It's the editing and pacing that really makes the scene come together though. It's just such a good opening montage. If only more movies could make everyday activities this interesting.

It's not a completely perfect movie though, and I suppose if I did have a complaint about the film, it'd be with how they ended up showing the movie's major twist.

I don't want to spoil it, but the scene basically amounted to someone finding a stack of documents and news clippings, which just kind of struck me as lazy.

I know I've seen worse reveals, but I can't help but feel a little disappointed considering how captivating the rest of the film was. All that build-up, just for someone to find some old papers in the end that explain everything? I guess I was just hoping for more.

Still, that minor grievance doesn't take away too much from the movie. "Run" is still an all around enthralling experience from beginning to end.

As far as I'm concerned, Aneesh Chaganty is two for two now. After this film and "Searching," I cannot wait to see what this guy has next up his sleeve. If you're someone who enjoys mystery-thrillers, he is definitely not someone to be ignored.

"Run" is rated PG-13 and is available to stream on Hulu.

From page 4A

Grinch:

package tracking services and text or email alerts to know when a delivery will be made so that you can adjust your schedule accordingly. Sign up for text or email notifications to check your delivery status.

Finally, if your package is stolen, here's what you can do.

Contact the Seller — File a claim with the seller and ask for a replacement.

Contact the Shipping Company — File a claim with the postal service that shipped your package. FedEx, UPS, USPS, DHL and Amazon have a claim-filing system to help you track down your package.

Check Your Credit Card — Many credit cards have purchase protection that covers lost or stolen items. Make sure you used a credit card to purchase the item.

File an Insurance Claim — Your homeowners or renters insurance may cover mail theft. Keep in mind that filing a claim only makes sense for high-value packages worth more than your policy's deductible.

Creative teacher triage

Sirens clear a path to this COVID school trauma center. They warn others that help is on the way. Armed with knowledge, creativity and good intentions, this educator plays the role of the surgeon.

I am a life specialist who bustles around in early dawn to dusk. Determining the acuity of rating of the emotional truth and health precautions requires more attention now. One must prioritize and place injured intellects into groups based on their need of for immediate scholastic treatment and retention.

Allocating for the reoccurring scarce commodity of knowledge, motivation, self-concepts, trust and unconditional love, this specialist must cajole, create, and yet share the prognosis that someone's ideas need the plug pulled or perhaps composition cancers cured optimistically

Illustrate the epitome of Nurse Ratchet is avoided in an online teaching venue. First, I must ensure that my voice is not intertwined with students. My remedy is to place sutures on broken phrases, worried minds and questionable realities for academic survival.

My operating room must entice those who aren't so willing to take the serum of knowledge. An attempt to jolt many out of detachment and apathy are essential. I begin to sterilize their social and educational wounds and promise that lessons learnt will matter.

This is not the run of the mill in-and-out experience. The patients are admitted on their own accord. Willingly they dive into the chaos of learning. A heart pounds and thumps. It is mine. It is theirs. "How do you move someone?" Searching for the tubes to free up the breath of knowledge, the throb of learning, and aid in finding of elixir of growth is my goal.

I continue sorting never ending schedules, online, in-person, small groups which change weekly. I still prioritize students, school board members requests and administrative concerns. The slow drip of ink slinging treatments for testing of the spirits helps genuineness.

This surgeon must prescribe an alchemy of immediate feedback. I hope and anticipate my intensive care might make a positive difference in better papers, better thinking and better health of these patients.

Bells continue to ring in another group fighting academic convalescence. It is time to prioritize the urgent, emergent and erudite bodies demanding resuscitation. I must maintain a realistic outlook to work within my scope of budget, my knowledge, and my creativity. I continue to apply the right diligence, the right time and the right care. Band-aids are always at hand.

Kynda Faythe, ED. S

Wichita, Kan.

(Daughter of Dale and Kay Bunn, Purcell)

Society



It's a Small World

Gracie Montgomery

Happy Thanksgiving! Hope you are able to enjoy some time with family and friends this holiday.

The Register offices will be closed both Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27, for the holiday.

Happy birthday to Suzanne Harris, Jerry Maynard, Clay Dawson, Keith Smith, Kylie Tolle Hayes, Kimberly Fulks, Tyler Cummings, Richard McConnell, Lendall Hays, Jack Pryor, Colbe Mengers, Morgan Cross, Gauge Flemming, Alton Drago, Addison Porter, Conner Smith, Claudene Ewing, Emily Reno, David Sparlin, Susan Johnson, Jose L. Chavez, Diego Murrieta, Gabriella Miranda, Juan Jose Aguinaga, Alayna Ray, Chris Sheehy, Teresa Pollok, Yesenia Carrillo, Abigail Escobedo, Angelica Gil, Mary Ann Gralla and Abigail Ibarra.

The Third Annual Tacky Sweater 5K and Fun Run will be held Saturday, December 5. Check in starts at 7 p.m. at the Purcell Multi-Purpose Center and the run begins at 9:30 p.m. All registration fees will go to The Fallen Outdoors Oklahoma Team.

For more information email pqhteam@gmail.com or call Melissa Pruitt at 255-1463 or Tiffany Cheatwood at 205-3420.

Drive around Purcell City Lake and create holiday memories as you see over 190 animated displays featuring over 650,000 lights at Purcell's Lights From the Heart!

There is no admission fee,

but donations are greatly appreciated.

The gates open at 5:30 p.m. nightly.

The lights will be open until New Years Eve!

The Wayne Fire Department is holding its 30th annual Toy Drive.

Firefighters are currently accepting toy donations, \$10 value, or cash donations to help them meet their goal.

Toys will be given to children at the department's drive-through program December 12.

For more information contact Sarah Kennedy at 570-2478 or Jared Reaves at 640-7110.

Here's a good recipe to use for your leftover turkey.

Roasted Turkey Enchilada Bake

2 cups chopped leftover roasted turkey
16 oz. jar Taco Bell® Thick & Chunky Medium Salsa
15 oz. can black beans, rinsed
1 cup frozen corn
1-1/2 Tbsp. chili powder
4 flour tortillas (8 inch)
3/4 cup sour cream
1-1/2 cups Kraft Mexican Style Shredded Four Cheese with a Touch of Philadelphia
Heat oven to 400°.

Combine first five ingredients.

Place two tortillas, in single layer, on bottom of 13x9-inch baking dish sprayed with cooking spray; top with layers of half each of the turkey mixture, sour cream and cheese. Repeat layers; cover.

Bake 40 minutes or until casserole is heated through and cheese is melted, uncovering after 30 minutes.

Gifts from the Arbor Day Foundation

Celebrate this year's holiday season with friends and loved ones while supporting conservation and tree planting with the help of the Arbor Day Foundation.

Give-A-Tree® cards from the Arbor Day Foundation offer a unique holiday giving opportunity with conservation benefits that will endure for generations.

And again, this year, Give-A-Tree cards can be purchased individually and with customized text. Cards can be purchased for \$6.95.

Purchasing the Arbor Day Foundation's coffee helps preserve rain forests in Central and South America. The Foundation's coffee, a part of the Rain Forest Rescue® program, is shade-grown under the canopy of Latin American rain forests.

Unlike sun-grown coffee farms, this traditional shade-grown method gives the coffee a rich and delicious flavor. Cost per bag is \$18.94, including shipping.

Please see Gift, page 7A



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Gathering goodies

Peggy Christian (left) and Purcell Dollar General assistant manager Heather Free stand by a donation area at Dollar General. Christian reports McClain County Operation Christmas is still collecting donations. They need canned goods, games and toys for all ages. Monetary donations may be mailed to Darrell Ford, chairman at P.O. Box 756, Purcell, Oklahoma 73080. If anyone would like to volunteer to work December 7 through 10, call Christian at 405-990-4001 and she can schedule you to work.

Purcell and Wayne Senior Citizens

By John Webb

Happy Thanksgiving everyone. Well, this is going to be a very busy week, whether you are traveling or preparing to host family and friends for Thanksgiving. Whatever your plans, please do all you can to protect yourself from COVID-19 and the flu. We want everyone you share the holidays with this year to be here a year from now to celebrate with you again.

Here is the scheduled menu for November 30-December 4:

Monday—Chili dog with cheese, onions and relish, tater tots, peaches, oatmeal raisin cookies.

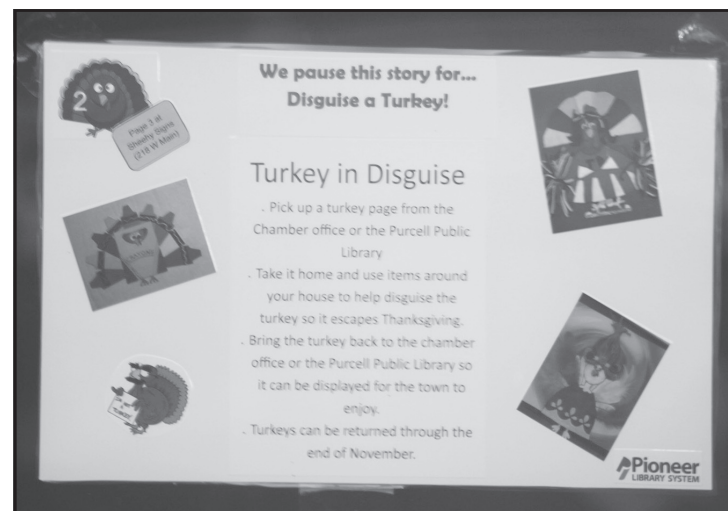
Tuesday—Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas and carrots, sliced bread, fruit salad.

Wednesday—Breakfast casserole, hash browns, orange juice, biscuit and gravy, fruited gelatin.

Thursday—Ham and beans, sliced onion, spinach, tomato spoon relish, cornbread, Simply Super cake.

Friday—Salisbury steak, baked potato, mixed vegetables, hot roll or sliced bread, lemon

Please see Seniors, page 9A



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Downtown Story Walk

The Purcell Public Library encourages families to experience its Story Walk while visiting Downtown Purcell during the holiday season.



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Story Walk at the lake

The Purcell Public Library Story Walk is part of this year's upgrades at Purcell City Lake. Walkers on the new walking trail at the park pass by the panels of the Story Walk and can stand among the falling leaves to read "Wonderfall."

Take a stroll with a book in library's community Book Walk

The Purcell Public Library invites families to experience its Story Walk while visiting Downtown Purcell and Purcell City Lake during the holiday season.

The Story Walk is a literal walk through a book, with pages of the book presented at the front of participating downtown businesses on a loop that takes readers from the festive front cover to the final pages.

There's a holiday theme for the Story Walk. Downtown businesses currently have the pages of the book "Run Turkey Run" by Diane Mayr displayed in honor of Thanksgiving. In December, "Bear Stays Up for Christmas" by Jane Chapman will be the featured story.

The downtown walk begins at Savvy Parke, 222 W. Main St. The route continues east down the south side of Main Street, before readers cross the street and come back to the west.

Participating businesses in the Story Walk are Savvy Parke, the Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce, Sheehy

Signs, Happy Camper, Elara Caring, Wanderlust.

And Butlers Antiques, American Abstract, Natural Look Salon, Wellness Clinic, Delta Community Action Center, Tyler's Furniture, Insurance Professionals II.

Also Grapevine Antiques, Auntie Mae's Antiques, Fired Up Nutrition, Wild Roots Apparel, The Purcell Register and Ron Davis Insurance.

Young readers taking part in the Story Walk also are invited to participate in a "Disguise a Turkey" coloring and decorating activity. They can pick up their turkey coloring page at the Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce office, 220 W. Main St.

The Story Walk also is part of this year's upgrades at Purcell City Lake. Walkers on the new walking trail at the park pass by the panels of the Story Walk and can stand among the falling leaves to read "Wonderfall." In December, "Sneezy the Snowman" by Maureen Wright will be on display.

Find out more about the library's services online at www.pioneerlibrarysystem.org, by calling 527-5546, or through the Pioneer Library System Connect App, available on Google Play or the Apple App Store.

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We still give thanks

Congressman Tom Cole

This has been a very trying year, filled with challenges and difficulties none of us expected to face. While I wish the trials had reached their end, we must hang on and continue to persevere.

But as we do, we should also find some comfort in the blessings that exist even in such dark circumstances and recognize the hopeful light at the end of the tunnel. For in times of great abundance or of great hardship, Americans find strength when we come together to give thanks.

Indeed, the unifying American tradition of giving thanks has been woven into our history since before our nation came to be. However, it's worth noting that Thanksgiving was made a permanent national holiday by President Abraham Lincoln during a period of extreme difficulty and crisis for the United States: The Civil War.

In fact, President Lincoln's Thanksgiving proclamation came just a month and a half before delivering his famous Gettysburg address halfway through the war and amid great uncertainty, uneasiness and what were feared irreconcilable differences.

As we continue to navigate and seek to overcome the coronavirus crisis of our own time,

our Thanksgiving celebrations will look different than we're used to. Whether we gather around a smaller table or see our loved ones virtually, I hope you'll join in gratitude not only for each other but for the courage and commitment of those continuing to selflessly serve on the front lines of this awful pandemic.

We are truly indebted to those who have gotten up each day, left their houses and gone out to fulfill several key roles. We've seen it in our doctors, nurses and health care workers, who have risked their own lives every day to treat COVID-19 patients as well as those with other illnesses and ailments.

We've seen it in those transporting essential supplies and making critical deliveries. We've seen it in our farmers and ranchers monitoring our food supply, along with workers in food processing facilities, meat packing plants and grocery stores, who are ensuring we have food to eat.

We've seen it also in our military service members, who are still in the field protecting us at home and abroad. And we've seen it in our teachers, who have creatively adapted to educate our children in undesirable circumstances.

All the while, our incredibly talented scientists and researchers have been working around

the clock to discover, develop and deliver a vaccine and life-saving treatments to defeat COVID-19 and restore our way of life.

In just the last few weeks, very promising data has been released about the effectiveness of three potential vaccines, including one developed by Pfizer and BioNTech, one by Moderna and another by AstraZeneca.

In test trials for Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna, both vaccine candidates have shown to be more than 94 percent effective and the latest data from AstraZeneca's vaccine developed by Oxford University reveals up to 90 percent efficacy, which is outstanding news.

And thanks to Operation Warp Speed, initiated by the Trump Administration in mid-May of this year, these companies already have contracts with the federal government to provide 100 million doses of their vaccines.

That means that once the vaccines are approved by the Food and Drug Administration for emergency use, they can immediately start reaching Americans and saving lives.

Although we are not out of the woods of the pandemic yet and the losses of this year have been difficult to bear, there is still a lot to be grateful for as a nation this Thanksgiving.



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Going up

Christmas decorations were going up Sunday at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church by Fr. John Peter Swaminathan, Kevin Konrade and Gracie Montgomery.

End of term draws near as relief remains uncertain and government divided

By Jessie Christopher Smith Gaylord News

Oklahoma's House members are working during Congress' lame duck session to help constituents with two different federal programs that could release billions of dollars in aid.

The four Republican members of the delegation are calling for the release of \$138 billion appropriated for the Paycheck Protection Program that brought millions back to work after they were laid off due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Meanwhile the lone Democrat, who lost her reelection bid, is working to secure the release of millions of dollars in disaster aid that has been requested by Republican Gov. Kevin Stitt to help pay for cleanup and damage repairs after the October ice storm that left nearly 600,000 central Oklahoma electric customers without power.

"It is critically important to provide additional relief for struggling small businesses, starting with reopening access to leftover funds from the highly successful Paycheck Protection Program," said Rep. Tom Cole, who represents the state's Fourth District.

The need for Congress to avert another government shutdown before December 11 has rendered another economic stimulus package increasingly unrealistic.

Other members of the state's GOP delegation seconded Cole's proposal while offering other ideas.

"As Oklahoma's small businesses and rural hospitals continue to wade through the economic and health impacts

of the coronavirus pandemic, Congressman Lucas believes it's critical they're provided the relief they need in order to continue to provide opportunities and care for our communities," said a spokesman for Rep. Frank Lucas of the Third Congressional District.

The Lucas spokesman reiterated support for an extension of the Paycheck Protection Program as well as additional funding for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Provider Relief Fund.

"The good news is that there's still \$138 billion left over from the first round (of the Paycheck Protection Program), which means we would not need to allocate any new funds to get that money into the hands of American small businesses and workers," said First District Rep. Kevin Hern. "There is strong bipartisan support to reallocate these funds for a second round of PPP loans."

The need for another stimulus package has grown increasingly urgent as the year draws to a close, with millions of Americans on track to lose the jobless benefits extended by the springtime stimulus, according to a new study from The Century Foundation.

With just a few days left until a December 11 government shutdown deadline, House and Senate leaders are hoping for an omnibus spending bill that will fund the government through 2021, as opposed to a short-term agreement.

That is a priority for Rep. Kendra Horn, according to Chris MacKenzie, her communications director.

Horn continues to advocate

for another bipartisan stimulus package and passage of the defense bill, he said.

On November 18, Horn wrote to President Donald Trump's administration in support of Gov. Kevin Stitt's request for a major disaster declaration after the catastrophic ice storm that struck Oklahoma in late October and left hundreds of thousands without power.

"Affected cities and counties have reported higher debris impacts than previous ice storms," Horn wrote. "Oklahoma City alone estimates debris removal and cleanup cost will exceed \$10 million and will not be completed until early March 2021."

"Federal disaster assistance will provide critical resources on our path to recovery from this natural disaster," she wrote, urging the Trump administration to grant Stitt's funding request.

At the same time, Cole said two other issues should be the focus for Oklahomans going into 2021.

"With encouraging data related to viable vaccine development, Congress must prioritize funding for the speedy delivery of vaccines while also continuing to support testing efforts," Cole said.

"(And) schools need additional relief to support teachers and students, ensuring they can either safely return to in-person instruction or continue distance learning effectively with bolstered rural broadband capacity or internet access," he said.

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Hikers:

ing safety, hunters also have safety guidelines they should follow. Avid hunters are eager to get out in the wild, and they often are bringing along a second- or third-generation hunter.

To help ensure safety, youngsters are encouraged to complete the Hunter Education program offered through the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife and Conservation.

Those who hunt from an elevated stand should wear safety harnesses. Elmore said about 75 percent of hunting accidents occur when climbing in and out of those stands.

"Always wear a fall-restraint harness when hunting from an elevated stand," he said. "Many accidents occur before hunting season when people are simply checking on their stands or putting out deer attractant, and are not prepared with a restraint."

It is not just deer hunters in tree stands who should take safety precautions. Elmore said waterfowl hunters always should

wear a personal flotation device (PFD) while on the water.

Sometimes hunters ignore this precaution because they are already wearing bulky clothing. However, this is all the more reason to wear a PFD.

"Bulky clothing and icy cold water aren't a good mix. Even an experienced swimmer doesn't have the odds in their favor of making it to safety if they become submerged," he said. "Waders can quickly fill with water pulling the person under."

He suggested cinching the top of waders tightly to minimize water intake or wear tighter fitting neoprene waders.

Hunters need to look well beyond their targets also. Before shooting, hunters should be sure the animal is in full view with a clear backstop. Bird hunters are particularly at risk of badly aimed firearms, as they tend to hunt in groups in dense cover for fast moving birds going in random directions.

"Make sure you know where your entire hunting party is at all times, avoid shooting at low birds, and wear an orange hat as that may be the only part of you above tall cover," Elmore said.

An additional safety precaution is to always tell someone where you are hunting and what time to expect you home. If something happens, that person will know where to send assistance.

For those fortunate enough to bag a deer or waterfowl, exercise caution when cleaning and processing game. Elmore suggests wearing disposable gloves and eye protection to help prevent infection from zoonotic diseases. When processing, use a sharp knife and never cut toward your body. Also, be sure to check for ticks after handling dead game.

Long said anyone with questions regarding hunting laws and regulations should contact their local game warden via the game warden directory at the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife and Conservation.

New approach for arthritis relief

They say you can't teach an old dog new tricks. But according to experts at the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation, new research suggests that may not be the case for old knees in those living with osteoarthritis.

OA is the most common form of arthritis. The painful condition stems from the loss of cartilage between bones and joints. There are no approved treatments for the disease, which affects an estimated 50 million Americans.

It has long been believed that once cartilage is gone, it could not grow back. But in a recent Stanford University study, researchers grew new cartilage in the joints of arthritic mice.

Using a surgical technique called microfracture paired with targeted therapies, scientists were able to activate dormant stem cells found at the end of bones and transform them into lasting cartilage.

"This may be an important piece of the puzzle for how we tackle osteoarthritis," said Tim Griffin, Ph.D., who has studied the disease at OMRF for more than a decade. "Introducing

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Gift:

The Foundation's Trees in Celebration program allows the giver to honor loved ones while supporting crucial conservation efforts. For every two dollars donated, one tree is planted in a high-need forest, and recipients are given a certificate showing them where the trees were planted.

Give the gift of membership with the Arbor Day Foundation, and recipients will be sent 10 free trees, which will be shipped at the right time of year for planting. Memberships begin with a \$10 contribution.

"The holidays are a time for thinking about others, and as you do, take a moment to think about what you can do to protect the beauty and splendor of the Earth," said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "We encourage everyone to give gifts that will have a lasting impact for generations to come."

To purchase holiday gifts that give back to the planet, visit arborday.org/november.

further injury to stimulate repair is not new. But controlling our body's own repair responses and funneling them down an effective, tailored path is intriguing and worth further validation."

While the findings are promising, OMRF osteoarthritis researchers like Griffin and Matlock Jeffries, M.D., remain cautious when it comes to translating these results to humans.

"This raises encouraging possibilities for long-term OA solutions, but proving it in a mouse is much different than proving it in humans," said Jeffries, who studies OA and treats patients in OMRF's Rheumatology Center of Excellence. "And it won't be a one-stop, cure-all solution even if it does translate."

At OMRF, the two scientists research unique aspects of the disease that is the leading cause of

disability and joint replacements in adults in the U.S.

Griffin's lab is studying the effects of obesity on the development of osteoarthritis. "Clinical studies show being physically active reduces OA pain and increases mobility. Swimming, walking, aerobics — it doesn't matter, as long as you're moving," Griffin said. "We want to understand exactly how exercise works at a molecular level."

Griffin is examining how exercise changes the metabolism of joint tissues to reduce pain and inflammation. "Someday we hope to be able to reverse OA like the Stanford study suggests," said Griffin. "Until then, if we can more efficiently reduce symptoms and pain, that would be a big step forward that could help people sooner rather than later."

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Inside an Oklahoma prison coronavirus outbreak

Keaton Ross

Oklahoma Watch

Two weeks into his stay in Lexington A&R, a guard approached Robert Lavern's cell door and told him to gather his belongings.

Lavern was accustomed to moving. Over the course of four weeks, he relocated from his Talala home to the Rogers County Jail to Lexington Assessment and Reception Center, where newly sentenced male inmates are classified by security level and gang affiliation and then shipped off to prisons across the state.

This time there was no bus outside waiting for Lavern. It was mid-March, when Oklahoma schools were canceling in-person classes, restaurants were closing their dining areas and sports arenas and movie theaters went dark.

As the state corrections department suspended visitation and mandated temperature checks for staff, Lexington staff was bracing for the pandemic.

"They had me in unit eight or nine," Lavern recalls, "and they decided they were going to turn that unit into a quarantine unit."

A guard led Lavern, a 51-year-old Talala man serving a six-month sentence for a felony drug offense, to the prison's basement and locked him in a solitary cell.

Lavern remembers days spent in solitary confinement, reading through Psalms and Revelation, praying for his mother and children back home in northeast Oklahoma. As he sat alone in the dark cell, Lexington staff approached Lavern and informed him that he would be transferred to William S. Key Correctional Center, a minimum-security prison in the far northwest Oklahoma town of Fort Supply.

Built in 1989 adjacent to the Fort Supply Historic Site, William S. Key houses mostly nonviolent drug and property offenders. Inmates take part in drug treatment, education and job training programs. The facility didn't have a fence until 2016.

Lavern knew William S. Key would be an obvious upgrade from the solitary cell under normal circumstances. But the drawbacks of the facility are more pronounced during a pandemic.

Inmates live in open, dormitory-style housing areas, where several dozen steel bunk beds are spaced three or four feet apart. They share bathrooms and a single dayroom area. Coronavirus restrictions meant less opportunities to go outside and take job training and education classes.

By late September, 82 percent of inmates housed there had tested positive for COVID-19. Robert Lavern was one of them.

As the Department of Corrections bus turned off the two-lane rural highway into William S. Key, Lavern says he had one thing on his mind: Surviving the next six months and getting back home.

Home for Lavern is Talala, a rural community 37 miles north of downtown Tulsa.

He grew up running tractors and milking cows on a farm north of town. After high school he got married, started working as a truck driver and eventually saved enough money to buy a plot of land near the Oologah Lake. He and his wife built a house and raised three children there.

He attended the Talala Christian Church and served as a volunteer reserve officer with the local police department. His weekends were spent catching crappies and gathering for fish fries with friends and family.

Lavern and his wife divorced in 2010. Two years later, Lavern said one of his fishing buddies convinced him to try

meth. They started using the drug and manufacturing it in Lavern's home.

Rogers County sheriff's deputies were tipped off about meth production at the home and sent an undercover officer to buy drugs. In June 2014, Lavern was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute. He pleaded guilty and received a 10-year deferred sentence, giving him a chance at avoiding prison.



He didn't. Rogers County prosecutors asked a judge to impose a harsher sentence after Lavern's August 2018 arrest for driving under the influence. The judge sided with prosecutors during a February 18 hearing, ordering Lavern to complete a six-month drug treatment program, with one stipulation. He had to complete it inside a state prison.

Lavern says the deficiencies of the housing area inside William S. Key's A West unit became clear after a few days. Mold accumulated on the floor and ceilings, especially in the restroom and shower area. Inmates were rarely allowed outside, and some prisoners used the abundance of free time inside to pursue hustles like drug dealing and gambling, Lavern said.

A greater concern than the gangs and drug dealers, he says, was a lack of social distancing and mask compliance inside A West.

On April 4, all state facilities received shipments of cloth masks that were distributed to inmates. A day later, the agency ordered its facilities to keep inmates inside their cells as much as possible. Staff and guards were instructed to wear masks at all times.

Lavern says several William S. Key guards didn't take these orders seriously.

"It was 'make sure you wear the mask in front of the camera,'" he said. "Or you'd have one guard scream at you to wear a mask, and the next one is in the bathroom smoking a cigarette with two or three inmates without a mask."

By the end of April, confirmed COVID-19 cases had been reported in all but seven counties in the state. By mid-May, Guyton, a city 109 miles west of William S. Key and home to the Seaboard Farms pork processing plant, had the nation's highest coronavirus infection rate.

As Texas and Kansas coped with raging prison outbreaks, confirmed COVID-19 cases in Oklahoma's corrections system remained low through the middle of the summer. There were only 16 confirmed cases among staff and inmates as of July 15.

On that day, facing a \$24 million budget shortfall, the Department of Corrections made a decision that would trigger mass inmate movement. The board voted to close the Cimarron Correctional Facility in Cushing, a private prison which housed 1,650 prisoners. All Cimarron inmates were transferred to other facilities by September 1.

The board also decided to close the Kate Barnard Correctional Center, a minimum-security women's prison in

Oklahoma City, and transition the Northeast Oklahoma Correctional Center in Vinita from a minimum-security men's prison to a work camp.

From mid-July through early September, corrections officials report that 4,518 inmates—making up one in five Oklahoma prisoners—were transferred to another facility. Many of these inmates were not tested for COVID-19 before being moved.

"We've been working with the Department of Health this whole time, and depending on the moves and situations at each facility, those decisions [on testing inmates] have been made," Wolf said in September.

Lavern says dozens of inmates from Cimarron arrived at William S. Key in July and August, crowding the open dormitory in A West and making it more difficult to social distance. He claims staff at the facility also put inmates in compromising positions.

"There was no separation whatsoever," he said. "There never was the whole time I was in there. They'd scream and yell at you to wear a mask, but then they'd stick you in the lunchroom with a couple hundred people at a time. They'd line people up the whole length of the whole building to get their new masks."

He recalls guards, with their mask hanging underneath their nose and mouth, bragging about large Fourth of July gatherings. In mid-August there was a tornado drill where hundreds of inmates crammed into a basement office area. Lavern says some wore masks, others didn't.

By then COVID-19 hotspots were flaring in state prisons. On July 22, corrections officials reported 87 active cases at the Lexington Assessment and Reception Center. Four weeks later, the Department of Corrections reported 100 positive cases at the Mabel Bassett Correctional Center, a women's prison in McLoud. Nearly every woman housed at the Eddie Warrior Correctional Facility, a minimum-security women's prison in Taft, tested positive for COVID-19 in late August.

As the virus spread to more prisons and social distancing remained next to impossible, Lavern said William S. Key inmates were bracing for an outbreak.

"Everybody was talking about it," he said. "It wasn't 'are we going to get it', it was 'when?'"

The "when" was late August, when inmates in A Unit started coming down with common coronavirus symptoms like a cough and fever.

The inmates who informed staff of their symptoms were moved from A West to the solitary housing unit, normally reserved for inmates facing disciplinary action for fighting or disrespecting.

There's no air conditioning, bed frame or television inside the solitary cells where inmates are locked down up to 23 hours per day, Lavern said. He claims the fear of isolation and being forgotten kept many from disclosing their symptoms.

"Lots of people would rather take a chance at dying than be sent in there," Lavern said.

While the state Department of Corrections can mandate mask wearing and health screenings, individual facilities must decide where to quarantine sick inmates, Wolf said. It typically depends on where they have the most space available. For example, staff at Eddie Warrior moved several sick inmates into a gymnasium away from the general population when faced with an outbreak in late August.

Wolf said he could understand why some William S. Key

inmates were deterred from informing staff of their symptoms and going into solitary confinement, but ultimately that action was necessary to try and contain the virus.

"Unfortunately, we have to do what's in the best interest of all inmates, that always comes first," he said. "So that involves tough decisions."

Lavern says William S. Key inmates experiencing coronavirus symptoms faced another tough decision. Disclosing their symptoms and for help risked upsetting gang members.

"Wherever their bunk is, that's their house and that's where their stuff is," Lavern said. "So they don't want guards or a lot of attention. So if you're sick, you'd have two or three guys walking up there and telling you 'lay there and suffer with it, because we don't want the attention.'"

Sometime around September 1, Lavern went to sleep with a slight cough. He woke up with a piercing headache, extreme nausea and overwhelming fatigue. He could barely muster the energy to get out of bed and use the restroom.

Though he suffers from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, Lavern says it wasn't worth it to ask prison staff for special medical attention. He opted to suffer as severe symptoms persisted for two weeks. His only relief came from Tylenol supplied by an acquaintance.

"It was hell," he said. "Whatever you think how bad it could be, it was probably 10 times worse. You hear people wheezing and coughing and wondering 'are they going to make it through the night'. Some people would be bundled up for two or three days at a time, and people would walk by and see them move a little bit to make sure they're still breathing."

On September 17, the day Lavern says his most severe symptoms had subsided, the Woodward County Health Department arrived at the prison and conducted mass testing. His test came back positive a day later.

The testing revealed the full scope of the outbreak. As of September 27, 897 of 1,087 inmates at the facility had tested positive for the coronavirus, according to Department of Corrections data. Two of the inmates died.

"There was a guy right there in my building who went to sleep feeling real bad," Lavern said. "They gave him an inhaler, told him to use that and they'd check on him the next day. Well, the next day he's dead."

On September 22, four days after Lavern tested positive, Gov. Kevin Stitt and Corrections Director Scott Crow held a press conference in Oklahoma

City addressing the spike of coronavirus cases in prisons and announcing new mitigation efforts.

Crow told reporters that corrections staff at all facilities would be required to undergo mandatory testing at least once per month, and the agency would increase surveillance testing of inmates with pre-existing conditions. Eight days later on September 30, the corrections department indefinitely suspended inmate family visitation.

As of November 17, 5,404 state inmates and 520 corrections staff had tested positive for COVID-19. Of these cases, 603 among inmates and 115 among staff are active. Thirty inmates have died from COVID-19.

Outbreaks of more than 100 active cases are ongoing at Jess Dunn Correctional Center in McAlester and John H. Lilley Correctional Center in Boley. Going into the winter, Wolf said the corrections department is continuing to monitor its coronavirus response and will make changes if necessary.

"We're doing everything we can, but what does everything we can look like?" Wolf said.

After completing the required drug treatment course, Lavern was released from William S. Key on October 13.

He spends his days at home caring for his 86-year-old mother. His joints ache constantly and his sense of taste and smell have not returned. He says he's too weak to clean leaves out of the gutter or chop firewood. His memory is fading.

"Used to I was busy constantly, and I enjoyed that," he said. "I could be working, cutting firewood, driving a truck for somebody, being a mechanic and turning ranches... Now, I'm perfectly content sitting here with my mom."

Lavern says crowds of people and open spaces now give him great anxiety. Flashbacks haunt him at random points throughout the day.

Unpaid bills and his court costs keep him up at night. He owes Rogers County thousands of dollars for the three weeks he spent inside the jail in late February and early March, and also must pay \$40 a month in probation fees.

He worries about the health of his mother, who returned home from an assisted living facility after he was released from prison. He wonders if he'll ever feel well enough to get back into truck driving and if his probation officer will add additional restrictions to his life.

"It's all worry and it's all stress," Lavern said. "I got to come up with money for these fines and money for them fines. I have to make sure I have a driver or a vehicle to meet (the probation officer) whenever she wants to see me. It may not seem like much, but when you pile it on top of taking care of things at home and trying to pay other bills, it adds up."

Like he did in the basement cell at Lexington and the bottom bunk at William S. Key, Lavern continues to lean on his faith while navigating uncertain times.

"What gives me more peace than anything is picking up the Bible," he said. "In prison, the first thing I would do is pray for understanding. It helped. It gave me more comfort than anything."

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Chickasaw Honor Guard building dedicated in virtual ceremony

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby led a virtual ribbon cutting ceremony Nov. 19 for the Chickasaw Honor Guard building.

The building will provide the Chickasaw Honor Guard with a dedicated area and offer a new level of support for the important work of the honor guard, Governor Anoatubby said.

"We are proud of our honor guard and grateful to them, and to all of our veterans, for their service. The new Chickasaw Honor Guard Building is yet another way for the Chickasaw Nation to demonstrate that appreciation."

The building is designed to complement the adjacent Chickasaw Nation Veterans Lodge. It is located at 1909 Warrior Way, on the South Ada campus, near the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center.

The Chickasaw Honor Guard has operated out of the veterans lodge for the past three years.

"It is essential to us to continue to honor the importance of the work they do and provide a space to grow and operate in the future. To best facilitate their vital work and to allow them more space to grow, they needed a space to call their own," Governor Anoatubby said.

"Our Chickasaw veterans have done, and continue to do, so much for us. Many of them have put their very lives on the line for the freedoms we enjoy

today. It is an honor to serve and support our veterans with a variety of quality programs and services uniquely suited to their needs," he said.

Established in 1993 by a group of Chickasaw veterans, the Chickasaw Honor Guard conducts military honors at funeral and memorial services and assists with many tribal and community functions. The first official honor guard ceremony was posting the colors at the 1993 Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and participating in the festival parade.

Highlighted in a virtual tour, the 1,848-square-foot Honor Guard building features a large meeting room, two offices and a kitchen.

The building will also feature a secure storage area for all Chickasaw Honor Guard equipment, and is designed to complement the Veterans Lodge.

"This building will provide the Chickasaw Nation Honor Guard a new level of support for the important work they do," Governor Anoatubby said.

During the virtual event,

Chickasaw Honor Guard members Mike Reed and Bernie Seeley ceremoniously cut the ribbon to dedicate the building. The ribbon cutting event was observed virtually as a part of the Chickasaw Nation's comprehensive plan to help mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

To view the virtual ceremony, visit chickasaw.net or Chickasaw Nation's Facebook page.

For more information about the Chickasaw Honor Guard, please visit chickasaw.net.



• Photo by Jacquelyn Sparks

Building dedicated

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby led a virtual ribbon cutting ceremony November 19 for the Chickasaw Honor Guard building, located in Ada near the Chickasaw Nation Veterans Lodge.

Courthouse News

The following persons have been charged by the State of Oklahoma with traffic or other violations or have filed other court actions in McClain County District Court between November 12-18, 2020.

Traffic

None filed.

Misdemeanors

Ryan K. Winters, trespass after being forbidden.

September D. Koonce, obstructing an officer.

Sarah E. Young, obstructing a police officer.

Jamie L. Mayes, DUI - alcohol.

Tara D. Hayes, possession of CDS.

Corey W. Hovis, threaten to perform act of violence.

Tyler D. Williams, uttering a forged instrument.

Calle R. Armstrong, possession of CDS.

Paige A. Nunley, larceny of merchandise from a retailer.

Keisha D. Netz, obtaining cash or merchandise by bogus check/false pretenses.

Jorgen Nunez-Medina, larceny of lost property.

Jessika K. Holmes, possession of drug paraphernalia.

Kyra V. Merz, embezzlement.

Colton E. Summers, protective order violation.

Felonies

Corey P. Sarduy, possession of stolen vehicle.

Larry D. Black, trafficking in illegal drugs.

Nathan M. Miles, possession of firearm after former felony conviction.

Kevin B. Murrin, possession of stolen vehicle.

Stephanie L. Sheppard, burglary - 3rd degree.

Samuel B. Cullins, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Ivan B. Phillips, throw or drop object on motor vehicle.

Small Claims

Dillard Group vs. Ray Price, small claims under \$5000.

Pointe Property Management vs. Justin Speer, small claims under \$5000.

Civil

Synchrony Bank vs. Terry Clay, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Blanchard Building Center vs. Ron Sisson, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Portfolio Recovery Associates vs. Timothy Mantaghi, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Synchrony Bank vs. Amber D. Motley, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Second Round Sub LLC vs. Jeanine Mantooth, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Second Round Sub LLC vs. Tammie Page, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Velocity Investments LLC vs. Lora Rolin, civil action \$10,000 or less.

John Deere Financial, F.S.B. vs. Devin Moore, civil action \$10,000 or more.

Aaron Crandall vs. Nathan Walters, civil action \$10,000 or less.

The Independent Savings Plan Co vs. Christina Robinson, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Two Rock Farms LLC vs. Hitunes Distribution LLC, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Marriages Filed

Brandon Z. Montano, 24, and Payton E. Randels, 22, both of Blanchard.

Chase M. M. Brady, 24, and Elizabeth S. Reidhead, 21, both of Wayne.

Matthew E. Skinner, 40, and Stacy L. Provens, 34, both of Newcastle.

Divorces Granted

Sarah M. Gil vs. Leonardo A. Villegas Gomez.

Holly N. Norman vs. Brandon K. Norman.

Brandon L. Hackney vs. Makenzie T. Hackney.

Scott A. Barker vs. Stormie D. Barker.

Stephen R. Cox vs. Jennifer M. Cox.

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Georgia K. (Hudson) Westbrook

Graveside services for Georgia K. (Hudson) Westbrook, 86, of Purcell will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, November 30, 2020 at Hillside Cemetery in Purcell. Services will be under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.



Georgia K. (Hudson) Westbrook was born on July 2, 1934 to William Harry Daniel and Bertress Hood Daniel in Blanchard, Okla. She was the fourth child in a family of six children.

She married Billy Duane Hudson in 1950 and two daughters were born to this union, Marsha K. Womack and Pamela G. Dempsey. She married Landon Neal Westbrook in 1992. Bill Hudson preceded her in death in 1988 and Landon Westbrook preceded her in death in 2009.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Doris Ann Daniel, Fannie Jean Burch and Nancy C. Martin; one brother, Thomas Hood Daniel; two brothers-in-law, Jack Burch and Don Martin; three nephews, Jerry Burch, Tom Daniel and Douglas Martin and one son-in-law, Doyal Womack.

She is survived by her children, Marsha K. Womack, Pamela G. Dempsey, Landon Westbrook and wife, Mary Brooks Westbrook, and Martha McCulloch and husband, Niles; one sister, Harry Lou Lewis and husband, Wade; granddaughters, Kristin Dani Dempsey and Jennifer Adamitis and husband, Alex; grandsons, Philip Westbrook and wife, Leslie, Steve Womack and wife, Deanna, and Nathaniel Westbrook; great-grandchildren, C. Zhiane Dempsey, Haylie Dempsey, Amber Womack, Ryan Womack and wife, Lauren, Chloe Adamitis, Chandler Kinney and Camden Kinney; one niece and nephew, Vickie Bonner and Jim Burch and wife, Chirll; numerous great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Westbrook surrendered her life to the Lord Jesus Christ at an early age and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Purcell. Her favorite scripture was Jeremiah 29:11-13.

Mrs. Westbrook retired from the First American Bank in 1993. She was a former member of the Singing Churchwomen of Oklahoma for 15 years. She was the Director of Woman's Missionary Union for Union Baptist Association for four years and served on the board of the Oklahoma Baptist General Convention. She had the privilege to serve on the music committee with the now late Gene Bartlett.

She was a loving Mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and aunt. She loved singing and doting on her grandchildren and she will be missed by many.

Online condolences may be made at wilsonlittle.com.

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willing to volunteer a few hours per day helping to serve our seniors in Purcell and Wayne. If you have questions, call me at 527-9462 for details.

We are also in need of a working freezer to replace one that suddenly stopped working last week. If you can help with this, please call Hester at 527-5070 or 990-1840.

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Thank you all for your continued support of the senior centers in Purcell and Wayne.

Obituaries

Johnnie Embry

Private services were held for Johnnie Embry, 94, of Lexington. Services were under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Mrs. Embry died Nov. 21, 2020 at Lexington Nursing Home. She was born July 19, 1926 in Merkel, Texas, the oldest of three daughters of William Bryan Cochran and Bertha Mae (Thomas) Cochran.

Survivors include her daughters, Deborah Bartels of Lexington and Sherry Cox of Hot Springs, Ark.; brother-in-law, Robert McCurry of Bennett, Colo.; nine grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren and six-great-great-grandchildren.

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Bobby Gene Harper

Bobby Gene Harper went to be with his Lord and Savior on November 16, 2020. Bobby was born on May 14, 1933, in Purcell, Oklahoma, to Silas Lee Harper and Ethel Bryant.

Bobby had three children: Iris Judy Evanchyk, Ronald Gene Harper and Roger Lee Harper. He had five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews, along with others who loved him very much.

Bobby worked for the State Highway Department from 1951 to 1986. He grew up in Purcell and lived there until 1977, when he moved to Stillwater, Oklahoma.

He married Janet Maxine Jones on March 29, 2000. They honeymooned in Alaska and enjoyed traveling all over the United States. They resided on the land they purchased overlooking Lake McMurty and designed and built their dream log home. Here he was able to enjoy the outdoors, animals, and gardening he loved.

Bobby enjoyed following the Professional Bull Riding. He attended PBR events in Oklahoma and other states including the finals in Las Vegas several times. Bobby had many hobbies that included building things, garage sales and antiques. He was an avid coon hunter and raised treeing walker coon dogs, trained dogs, and attended many events around the country.

Bobby was laid to rest at Fairlawn Cemetery in Stillwater, Oklahoma.



Mary Howell

Graveside services for Mary Howell, 84, of Purcell were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2020 at Hillside in Purcell. Services were under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

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Reverend Marsha Nan Purtell

Marsha Nan (Regan) Purtell, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, longtime Oklahoma servant leader and United Methodist minister, passed away peacefully on November 16, 2020 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Marsha was born on April 14, 1951 to Marcella Welois (Furry) Regan and Frank Clinton Regan (USMC) at the US Naval Hospital in Bethesda, MD. She was a member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.

Marsha graduated from McAlester, Okla., High School in 1969 and attended college at Southeastern Oklahoma State University where she received her bachelors of Education, the University of Oklahoma where she received her Master of Social Work, and Master of Divinity from Phillips Theological Seminary in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

She was an ordained elder in full connection of the Oklahoma Conference of the United Methodist Church, a social worker in child welfare for the state of Oklahoma, and an elementary teacher.

Marsha is survived by her loving husband of 40 years, Vaughn Clinton Purtell; her son, Clinton Tyler Purtell and his wife, Amber Leigh Grider Purtell; her grandchildren, Brooklyn Paige Purtell, Jacquelyn Nicole Purtell, and Clinton (Chip) Harrison Purtell; her brothers, Charles Regan and Bob Regan; and nephews Jason Regan, John Regan, Cody Regan and Casey Regan. She is also survived by Vaughn Clinton's children, Keith Purtell, Jeff Purtell and Claire Purtell.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, John Patrick Regan.

A service celebrating the life of Rev. Marsha was held on Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at 10 a.m. at the Quail Springs United Methodist Church, 14617 N Pennsylvania Ave, Oklahoma City, OK 73134. There was a graveside service following the celebration of life service at the National Cemetery at Ft. Sill in Elgin, Okla.



Karene Scott

A Mass of Christian Burial for Karene Scott, 75, of Lexington was held Monday, November 23, 2020 at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Purcell. Inerment was held at the Box Cemetery, east of Lexington. Services were under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Mrs. Scott passed away Wednesday, November 18, 2020.

Karene Ann Johnson was born March 18, 1945 in El Reno, Oklahoma, the fifth of seven children born to Bengeman and Frances (Sontag) Johnson.

She was raised in Lexington and attended Our Lady of Victory Catholic School through the eighth grade. She attended Lexington High School, graduating in 1963.

While attending a basketball game, on a cold January night, she met a young man named J.L. "Jessy" Scott. It was love at first sight, and they followed their hearts and were married, November 9th of that same year. They made their home in Lexington where together they raised two daughters.

Karene worked at the State Capital for a time, before taking a job at 1st State Bank. She then worked at Purcell Municipal Hospital before returning to McClain Bank, retiring in 2016. Karene loved people and her job afforded her the time and opportunity to help her friends and neighbors. She retired as a bank teller, not once, but twice, as she loved her job and community.

When she wasn't working, Karene stayed busy volunteering at the Lexington Sr. Citizens Center. She helped in many capacities, from buying and preparing and serving diners. She was always up for a good game of cards and was hard to beat. She also had a love for dancing, teaching her girls and all her grandkids her dance moves, and frequently went to Senior Center dances.

Karene kept an immaculate house and loved tending to her garden and yard. She was a woman of great faith and a longtime and faithful member of Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church. She was a mother and grandmother, sister, aunt and a true friend. She will be dearly missed!

She was preceded in death by her husband, J.L. "Jessy" Scott; her parents, Bengeman and Frances Johnson and siblings, Ella Akerman and Sonny Johnson.

Karene is survived by her daughters, Deborah Cateeuw of Oklahoma City and Kristina Farley and husband, Paul, of Lexington; brother, Earl Johnson of Oklahoma City; sisters, Rosemary Helton and husband, Don, of Yukon, Delores Johnson of Norman and Liz Perry of Norman; four grandchildren, Michelle Loveless and husband, Matthew, of Stillwater, Donovan Farley of Lexington, Gabrielle Cateeuw of Gilbert, Ark., and Gage Cateeuw of Oklahoma City; several nieces and nephews; special sisters-in-law, Syble Fitzgerald and husband, Terry, of Montgomery, Ala., and Joyce Scott of Oklahoma City and a host of other family and friends.

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Lionel Estell Bailey

Funeral services for Lionel Estell Bailey, 71, were held Nov. 23, 2020 at the Tribbey Community Church, with interment to follow at the Tribbey Cemetery, entrusted to the care of Wadley's Funeral Service. Online condolences may be made at www.wadleysfuneralservice.com.

Mrs. Bailey died Nov. 18, 2020 in Norman.

She was born Nov. 9, 1949 in Norman, the daughter of Othell and Mary Etta (Faultz) Delaney.

Survivors include her daughter, Brandi Pool and husband, Mark, of Norman; her son, Chad Bailey and wife, Debby, of Hugo; sisters, Kay Price and husband, Roger, of Cole and Mary Ferguson of Greenbrier, Ark.; brother, Dessel Delaney of St. Louis, Mo., and brother-in-law, Rex Bailey and wife, Joyce, of Lexington.

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Donations still coming

Gale Wilson, food chairman for McClain County Operation Christmas, accepts a check from Amy Tolle - owner of Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell and Newcastle. If anyone would like to donate in Purcell, boxes are set up at Walgreens, the Purcell Register, Cami's Coffee & Chill, Belle Starr Saloon, Fired Up Nutrition, the Rusty Pot and at the Wayne Family Dollar store.

Mark Wayne Wyatt

Funeral services for Mary Wayne Wyatt, 64, of Purcell were held Saturday, November 21, 2020 at First Baptist Church in Lexington. Inerment was held at Hillside Cemetery in Purcell under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Mr. Wyatt passed away Wednesday, November 18, 2020.

Mark was born December 9, 1955 in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma, the older of two children born to Leonard and Gladys (Story) Wyatt. He was raised in Purcell and attended Purcell schools, graduating with the Dragon Class of 1974.

Mark was a standout athlete, and excelled on both the basketball court and baseball field for the Dragons. He accepted a scholarship to play baseball at OSU, and started as a shortstop. He moved home to help his dad on the family farm after an injury altered his playing days. Mark eventually returned to OSU, and earned his Bachelors Degree in Agriculture Economics.

He was the proud father of his boys, Michael and Zac. He owned and operated Mizac Cattle Consulting for many years, and used his knowledge of cattle in helping others all over the country.

Mark's life changed forever, when by chance he met a young Medical Transcriptionist named Cyndi (Kirkhuff) Strawn. He was escorting his mother to an appointment, and she helped him check her in. A man of few words, Mark knew she was the one, and so he left her with a business card and said he would love to see her again. They later met, and on their first date, Cyndi escorted Mark to the emergency room. It was a date to remember, and the catalyst for their beautiful relationship, and Mark eventually married Cyndi on January 26, 2001, and welcomed her two children, Jordan and Alyssa into the family.

Mark's competitive spirit and drive served him well in life. He was a quiet man; thoughtful and always concerned with the well being of others. For all of his medical battles, he never once complained; he was strong and fought a good fight till the end. One could say, "for a man with a bad heart, Mark Wyatt might have had the biggest heart." He was a wonderful man who loved the Lord; husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. He will be dearly missed!

He was welcomed into heaven by his parents, Leonard and Gladys Wyatt and his father-in-law, Rev. Dale Kirkhuff.

Mark is survived by his wife, Cyndi of the home; children, Michael Wyatt of Wayne, Zac Wyatt and wife, Lupita, of Norman, Jordan Strawn and wife, Lindsey, of Little Elm, Texas, and Alyssa Lampkin and husband, Tylor, of Davis, Okla.; sister Linda Mones and husband, George, of Garland, Texas; mother-in-law, Marlene Kirkhuff of Norman; nine grandchildren, Piper, Davis, Markus, Madison, Benjamin, Daisy, Teagan, Rigby and Ripkyn and a host of other family and friends.

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Betty Little

A Celebration of the Life of Betty Little, 84, of Purcell was held Tuesday, November 24, 2020. Services were under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell. Mrs. Little passed away Friday, November 20, 2020.

Betty Jo Thornton was born August 29, 1936 in Bixby, Oklahoma, the middle child of Reeder and Velma (Caperton) Thornton.

Betty, a majorette in the band, met a young man who on a dare, asked her for a date. His named was Wendell Little, and she eventually accepted his invitation. Betty graduated from Heavener High School in 1954.

On March 4, 1956, Wendell and Betty were married at the First Methodist Church in Heavener. Not too long after, Wendell was shipped out for an 18-month tour in France. After returning, they made their home in Oklahoma City. Betty attended the Draughn's Business School and Wendell began taking classes at the University of Oklahoma, until Wendell started mortuary school.

They first made their home in Heavener, before moving to Stigler. It was here that they added baby girl Wendelyn in 1961 and a son, Kevin in 1963. Followed by short stints in Poteau and Magnolia, Ark., and in Norman, the Littles settled in Purcell. Wendell and Betty purchased the Conner-Sparlin Funeral Home, and in 1977, Little's Funeral Home was established.

Right by Wendell's side, Betty served Purcell and the surrounding communities for more than 20 years. She was the epitome of grace, and served with kindness and compassion. In the late 1980s, they oversaw the completion of a new chapel which still stands today, serving families in their time of need.

Betty remained active in her community, serving in many capacities, and wherever needed. She was an active member of the Okeyha Mother's Club, the Gladiolus Garden Club and volunteered at American Red Cross Blood Drives for many years. She was a woman of great faith and a longtime a faithful member of Trinity United Methodist Church. Betty was a member of the Rotary Cooks, and held many local and state positions.

Betty cherished her family, and especially her grandchildren, and she looked forward to visiting family and friends. Most importantly, she was a child of God, and leaves a great legacy for us all.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wendell Little; her parents, Reeder and Velma Thornton; sister, Faynelle Johnson and brother, Reeder Thornton, Jr.

Betty is survived by her daughter, Wendelyn Little DeMoss of Edmond; son, Kevin Little of Wilsonville, Ore.; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren, and a host of other family and friends.

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Fire fleet

Lexington Fire Department purchased this used pumper truck from a Maryland department for \$35,000. As soon as it is equipped with radios and its pumps checked out, it will go in service at Station 2 east of Lexington. New pumpers like this cost upwards of \$500,000.



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Operation pick up

The food drive co-sponsored by the Lions Club, Kiwanis Club and Rotary Club last Saturday at the First Baptist Church collected \$545 in cash and 350 cans of food. Operation Christmas officials called it a great turn out by the citizens. Charolett Coulter was the winner of the drawing for the microwave oven. From left, Peggy Christian, Armelda Moody and Gerald Moody took donations.

From page 1A

Fire:

for the LRFA board, said the annual membership covers all properties the members own, lease or rent – even when those properties are spread across multiple locations.

“My husband and I have properties in multiple locations,” Bledsoe said. “All are covered.”

Among the larger properties in the LRFA area are the Lexington Assessment & Reception Center, Joseph Harp Correctional Center, Lexington Wildlife Management Area and the Oklahoma National Guard heliport.

In addition to providing no-cost fire fighting, LRFA also gives members the option of registering their storm shelters.

“All of us have heard of people being stuck in their cellars after tornadoes,” Bledsoe said. “Since many members have

no close neighbors to check on them, this registration is a nice peace-of-mind benefit.”

The association uses the dues to supplement the Lexington Fire Department’s needs.

In the past, LRFA has helped with the purchase of a brush truck and most recently paid for a used \$500,000 pumper truck that the department got for \$35,000.

Dues also purchased the two acres which houses the 6,000 square foot Station 2. That station is exactly five miles east of the main station in town. The volunteer firefighters provided all of the labor in erecting and finishing the station, which was also paid for by LRFA.

With a volunteer force, that required firefighters to work around their regular jobs. Ary is a Cleveland County deputy sheriff.

That location was selected

for insurance purposes, Ary said, and created an “insurance bubble” for homeowners who live east of Lexington.

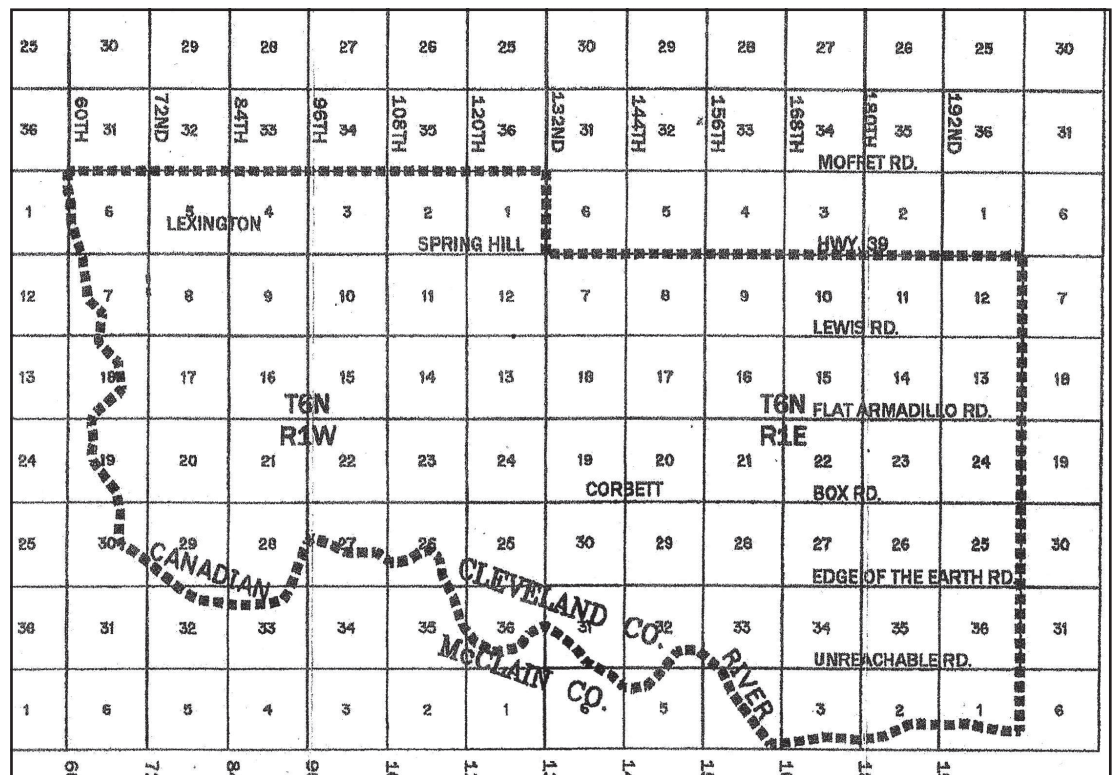
Before the new station became operational in 2013, the area’s fire insurance rating was in the 9 to 10 range, Ary said. Now it is 4 in town and 7 outside the city limits.

Present membership in the LRFA is about 220.

“A lot of others could join,” Bledsoe said.

Surprisingly there are still some residents who don’t know about the LRFA. But joining is a simple matter.

Interested residents can join by calling Bledsoe at 527-5978 or LRFA board president/treasurer Dale Haynes at 823-9051. Also on the board are Ary, Larry Ferguson and Fran Ray. There is one vacancy currently on the board, which Ray said will be filled soon.



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Coverage area

This map shows the area covered by the Lexington Fire Department. The all-volunteer department serves property owners spread over approximately 60 square miles.

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Fred:

where a chicken coop awaited. “We thought they might interact with the chickens,” Kristi Smith told **The Purcell Register**.

One of the birds decided to venture back to its original home but Fred decided to stick it out behind city hall and other close by businesses.

Signs that read “We Love Fred” were plentiful at the small gathering Thursday afternoon and the Fred Fans even chanted in honor of the bird as they sported Fred T-shirts.

Fred has been wandering the streets of downtown since just before Halloween and has become quite the celebrity.

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Baker:

Q: Do you like challenges?
A: Yes! It keeps things interesting. I like tackling things and hopefully something comes out of that.

Q: What do you do to decompress away from the office?

A: That’s easy. Photography.

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Filings:

filled at the Board of Education Primary Election scheduled for Feb. 9, 2021 and the Board of Education General Election on Tuesday, April 6, 2021.

If only two candidates file, the position will be filled at the General Election. If more than two candidates file, a Primary Election will be held.

If no candidate receives more than 50 percent of the total votes cast in the Primary Election, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes will meet in the General Election.

Candidates may file for the following offices:

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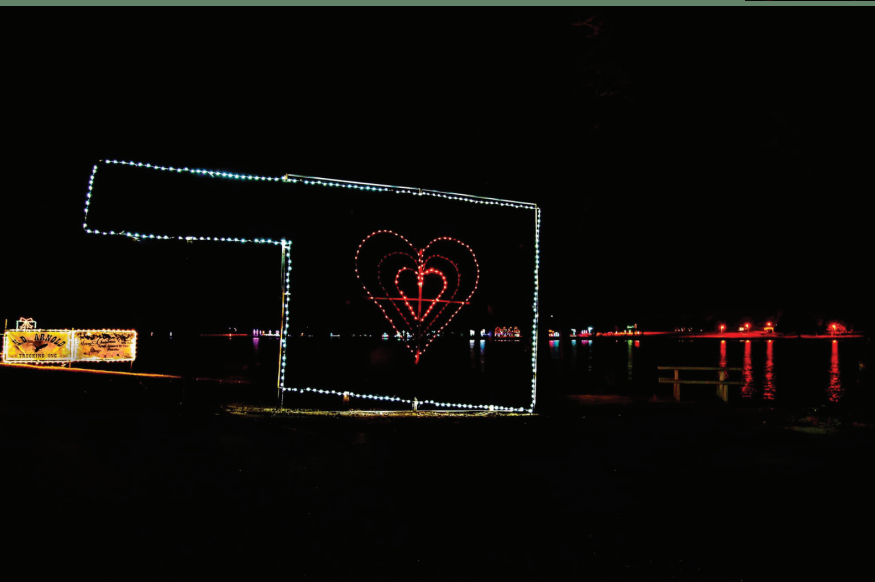
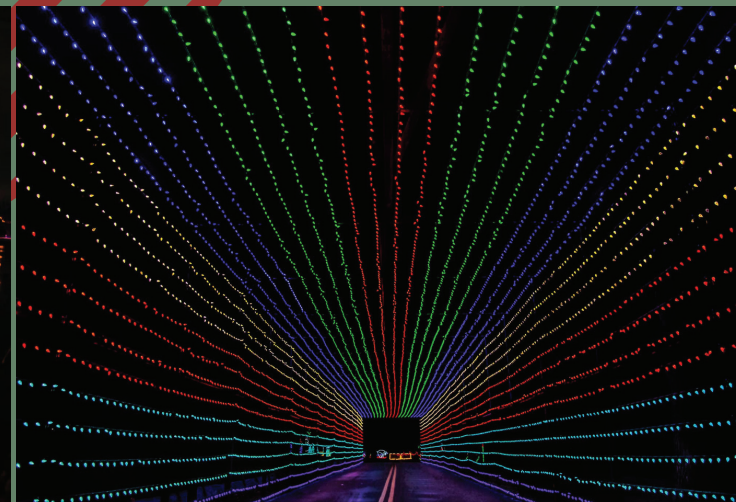
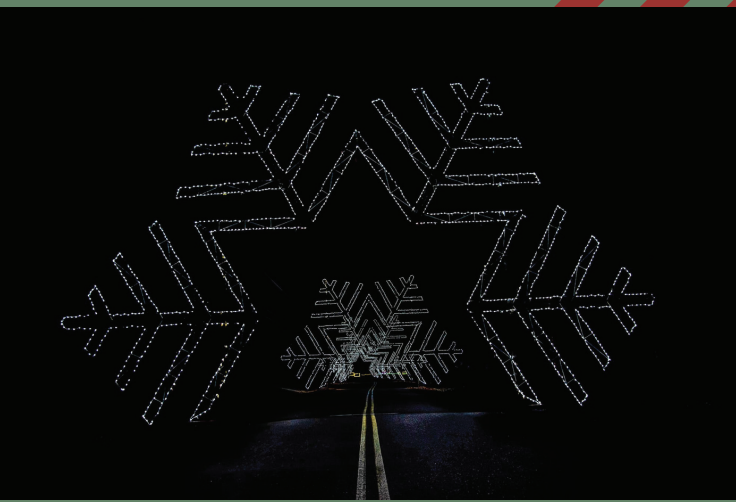
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Liz Caralampio

Tate Quintero

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Post season CC honors announced

Purcell Cross Country Coach Randy Belicek has announced members of the Class 3A Senior OCCTCA Cross Country All-Star 2020. They include Emily Mad-

den, Tate Quintero, Liz Caralampio and Kyle Ginn.

Ginn was also honored being tabbed Class 3A All-State in Cross Country.



• Photo provided

All-Stater

Kyle Ginn was recently named to the Class 3A All-State Cross Country squad. He is also a team member of the Class 3A Senior OCCTCA Cross Country All-Star 2020.

Warriors roll

Washington hosts talented Jones in third round Friday

John D. Montgomery
The Purcell Register

Washington amassed 415 yards of total offense on its way to a 49-7 victory over Purcell in the second round of the state playoffs last Friday at Reed Field.

That sets a showdown between the Warriors and the Jones Longhorns this Friday night at Reed Field. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

Jones will bring in a 9-2 season record and sport what may be the best junior quarterback in the state of Oklahoma.

Washington Head Coach Brad Beller reports Carson May is the big weapon for the Longhorns.

"He's a big strong kid that is 6'4" or 6'5"," Beller said. "He's like a fullback and is their spark plug. He has good, solid wide receivers that run good routes. And their offensive line is huge."

May is getting Division One offers already, Beller said.

Jones will operate out of a spread offense but they are also very multiple.

"They have a lot of different personnel groupings," Beller said.

When the 'Horns are on defense expect a 3-4 base.

"They are very athletic up front on defense and put a lot of speed on the field with good athletes," Beller continued. "They run to the football and make plays."

Beller said the key for the Warriors will be eliminating big plays by the Longhorns.

"And we have to be good on third down. That's their money down when they have made a lot of people pay. We need to control the line of scrimmage and stay balanced on offense, more so than we were last week."

In the victory over Purcell last week the Warriors rushed for 297 yards, with 238 of those yards coming from Chase Allison on just 15 carries.

Allison scored on runs of 20, three, 22 and five against the Dragons.

Emitt Wilk tossed a 69-yard touchdown pass to Lane Steele in the second period. Jadon Sanchez tallied on a six-yard run later in the third and Cole Scott closed out the scoring with a two-yard plunge in the fourth quarter.

"Our ability to run effectively really changed our game plan," Beller said. "We came in thinking we were going to throw it more than six times," the coach said.

Beller said it was an outstanding performance by his defensive secondary that was the spark for the victory.

"We gave up over 400 yards passing the first time we played Purcell which really was a black eye for our secondary. They took a lot of criticism but they came back Friday night.

"I'm very proud of the way they responded," Beller continued. "Lane Steele did an amazing job of guarding Mojo (Browning). Mojo had two receptions on their first drive but did not have another catch until the third quarter."

Beller said the stellar play of the secondary allowed the front six to get pressure on Purcell Quarterback Kody Kroth.

"They did a great job of getting pressure on him," Beller said of the efforts of Hayden Milner, Jadon Sanchez, Rope Scott and Jake Wells.

"Our outside linebackers Kelton Schultz and Layne Spaulding played well," Beller said. "They brought

Please see **Warriors**, page 2B



Greg Gaston • double g images

Watching it in

Washington junior Jamison Holland catches a pass Friday night during Washington's 49-7 playoff win over Purcell Friday night.



John Denny Montgomery • The Purcell Register

Cheeriest bunch

Wayne football fans were treated to a special halftime performance by some of the Bulldogs' biggest supporters during their game against Hinton.



John Denny Montgomery • The Purcell Register

Wayne's little cheer

The little cheer group at Wayne performed during halftime of the Bulldogs' game against Hinton.

Dragons bow out

Season ends at Washington

Purcell closed out the 2020 football season with a 49-7 loss at Washington last Friday.

Purcell's lone score came in the third quarter on a 65-yard pass from Kody Kroth to Mojo Browning.

Purcell finished at 5-5. "I thought (Jaysen) Shea played pretty well," Purcell Head Coach Tracy Scott said. "Defensively, Creed (Smith) and (Sam) Wofford played well."

"They are just good up front," the coach continued. "They have five guys that don't play any defense. They're pretty big and we just had problems getting off their blocks."

Overall, Scott said he was sorry a couple of the really close games didn't go our way.

"But, I'm proud of our kids," he said. "Every game, whether we won or lost, our kids never quit. They played hard. We had a good run at the end and I'm proud of their effort."



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Run stuffer

Purcell senior Jaysen Shea swallows up a Washington ball carrier Friday night during the Dragons' second-round playoff game. They fell to the Warriors 49-7.



Greg Gaston • double g images

Bringing the ball back

Purcell junior Creed Smith carries the ball for Purcell Friday night while Washington's Emmitt Wilk (12) close in. The Warriors defeated the Dragons 49-7.



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Thanksgiving greetings

Friends are welcomed and greeted at this residence on North 9th in Purcell.

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Warriors:

pressure but they also had to help cover the crossing routes. They did a good job of getting underneath their short routes."

Beller praised his offensive linemen for the job they did against the Dragons.

"Anytime you average over 10 yards a carry your line has played well as well as the running back. The linemen are the ones that bring home the bacon," Beller said. "They did a great job of moving the line and getting to the linebackers to give Chase big holes down the field."

"When you don't have to make a cut to the second or third level they've done a great job," Beller said.

He was speaking of the play of Kelton Schultz, Caleb Bruce, Tanner Winlock, Luke Steele, Seth Tague and Austin Smith.

Beller had high praise for Purcell nose guard Jaysen Shea.

"I've seen him, Kody and Mojo grow up," Beller said. "We had to double team Shea. I've enjoyed watching him play but didn't enjoy coaching

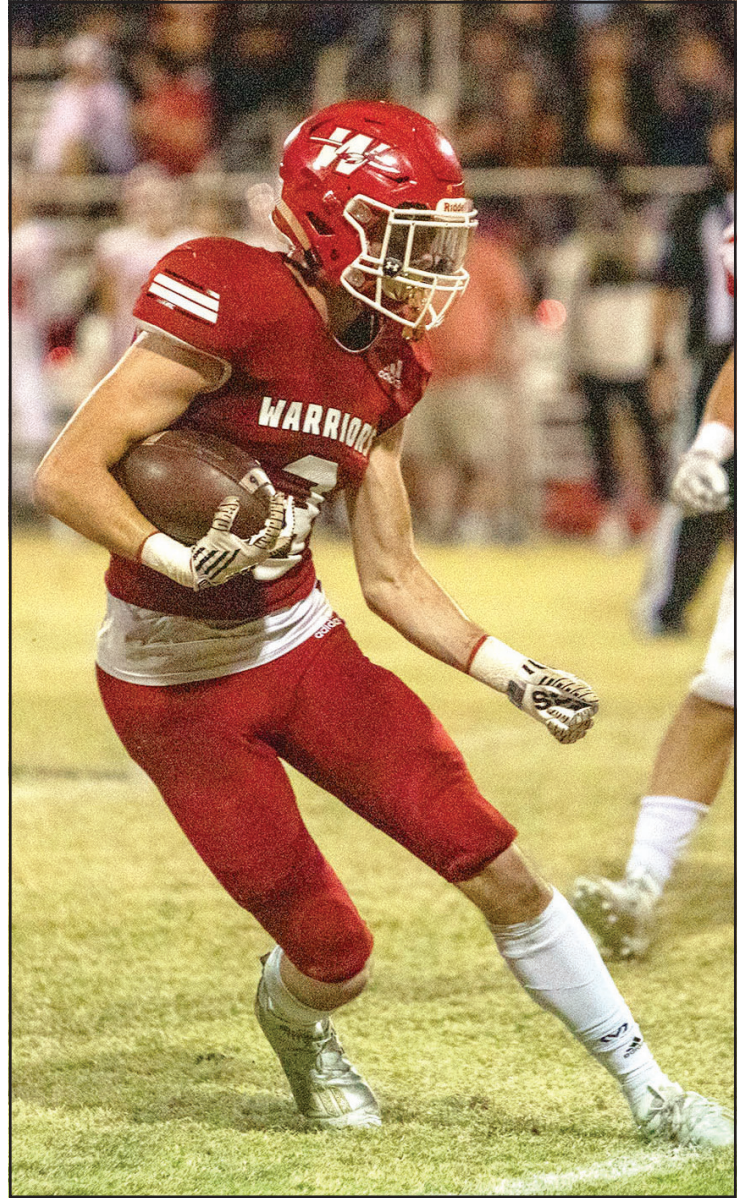
against him."

Warrior notes:

Jones is 9-2 heading into the third round contest at Washing-

ton while the Warriors are 9-1.

Jones quarterback Carson May has several D-1 offers on his plate.



Greg Gaston • double g images

Cut right

Washington senior Gammy Solis works his way through the line of scrimmage Friday night against Purcell. The Warriors downed the Dragons 49-7 in the second round of the State playoffs.

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Scott completes service project

Angie Steele
Washington Correspondent

Kobe Scott, one of Washington's AG students, welded this new bike rack as a service project for the school. The bike rack will be located on the east side of the 4/5 building.

Students who ride their bikes now have a place to store their bikes during the day securely.

Kobe is a junior at Washington High School.

Warrior Football State Playoffs

Warrior Football will play Jones in round three of the 2020 Class 2A playoffs.

Come out and support the Warriors at Reed Field on November 27. Admission is \$7 for all adults and students.

Washington Senior Center Lunch

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

Menu for November 19-28:

Thursday, November 26—Happy Thanksgiving! Have a wonderful day! Closed.

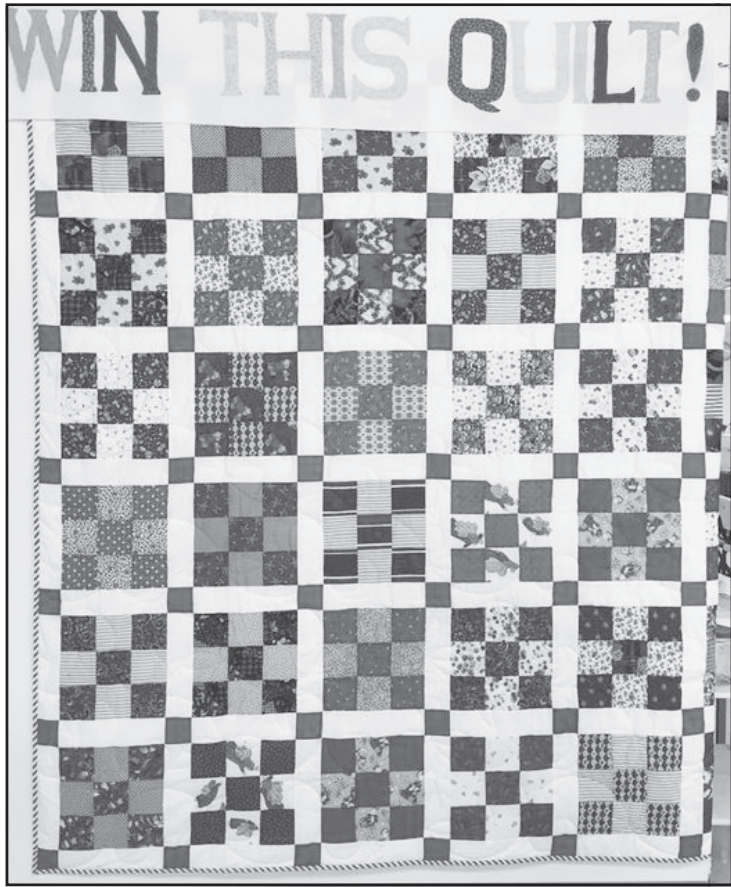
Friday, November 27—Chicken stew, cheese bread, salad bar, banana pudding.

Monday, November 30—Salmon patties, corn casserole, coleslaw, cookies.

Tuesday, December 1—Smoked sausage, baked beans, macaroni and cheese, harvest bars.

Wednesday, December 2—Chicken pot pie, peas and carrots, crescent rolls, fruit and Jell-O.

Thursday, December 3—Spaghetti, meat balls, Italian green beans, garlic bread, fruit cocktail cake.



• Photo provided

Christmas quilt

Come down to the Washington Senior Center and buy your chances to win this beautiful Christmas Quilt made by Washington's senior ladies! The drawing will be held on December 23. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Friday, December 4—Shake & Bake pork chops, oven roasted vegetables, apple cobbler.

Washington Public Schools Calendar

November 23-27—Thanksgiving Break, No School.

November 27—Warrior Football vs. Jones, Round 3 Class 2A, home, 7 p.m.

December 4—HS Basketball at Lexington, JV, 4:30 p.m.

December 7—JHBasketball, Girls home, Boys at Lindsay, 5 p.m.

December 8—District Band Concert.

December 9—PTO Christmas Store.

December 10—PTO Christmas Store.

December 11—HS Basket-

ball, Latta Tournament; PTO Christmas Store.

Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation

As we prepare for Thanksgiving 2020, our thoughts are with the men and women serving in the military today and those who have served. I know that this virus has changed how many of us will spend the holidays this year. All of us at the Foundation hope each of you will enjoy your Thanksgiving.

The response to our new electronic way of assisting veterans has been phenomenal. We have had so many veterans and surviving spouses complete intake forms on our website that we had to temporarily close the intake process to allow our volunteers to process the current requests for assistance. We plan to accept new claims again in January 2021.

I never dreamed that so many veterans and their families would use our new electronic system. As we train more volunteers who can work from

home using our new computer system, we should increase veterans and surviving spouses we can assist. Our volunteer application is available on our website for those of you who would like to help others. We want people who care about the men and women who served in the military of this United States of America.

People have asked for many years why we have dedicated ourselves to help veterans and their families. One of those reasons is the countless veteran suicides that have happened and continue to do so. Too many veterans give up trying to fit in and end up taking their own life.

There is help out there, and we want to ensure everyone who needs it finds it to get it. A long time ago, I realized most veterans who had a little walking around money in their pocket were happier than those who were broke with no rainbow in sight. If a veteran suffered an injury while in the military, physical or mental or both, they deserved to be compensated.

I believe the Department of Veterans Affairs has the ability and responsibility to provide services and benefits to those veterans who were injured in the military. Today's VA is the best it has ever been in the last 50 years we have been utilizing their services. Medical, compensation, and pension programs have improved dramatically over the years.

For questions you can visit our website at dalekgraham-veteransfoundation.org or call us at 405-550-8806.

Semper Fi!

Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation, VA Accredited Claims Agent Washington Correspondent Contact Information

I would love to share your personal or community news with our readers.

My contact information is angiesterle73@gmail.com or 413-2471 if you have any news to share, story ideas, or if you have someone you would like to see a feature article about. Send me birthday, anniversary, or personal news you would like to share with our community.

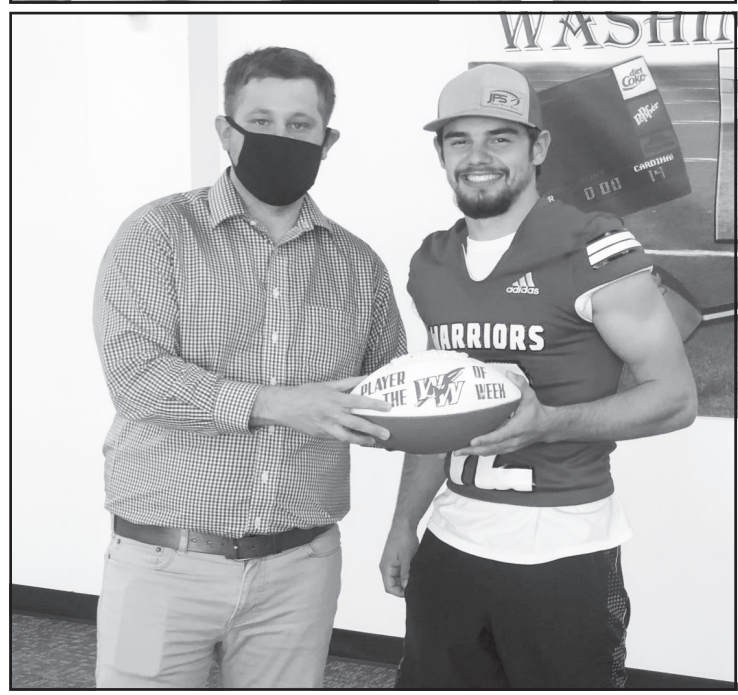
Angie Steele



• Photos provided

Softball signings

All four Washington seniors signed in November to play softball at the next level! Emma Curry, top, signed with Harding University in Searcy, Ark.; Katelyn Hicks, center, committed to USAO in Chickasha and Kinzie Schultz and Kaile Kilmerr, bottom, both signed to play at North Central Texa College in Gainesville, Texas.



• Photos by Brad Beller

State Farm Players of the Week

Congratulations to the Jason Bridwell State Farm Players of the Week for the Washington Warriors versus CHA. Defensive player was (top) junior CB Lane Steele with 6 tackles and one interception. Offensive player was senior QB Emmitt Wilk with 14 carries for 116 yds, 7-11 for 101 yards and 3 total touchdowns.

No. 643-November 26-1 Time Board of McClain County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, 11/16/2020 at 8:15 a.m. in Room 111 of the McClain County Courthouse. Chairman Terry Daniel called the meeting to order and led the flag salute. Rebekah Couch, County Clerk Deputy called the roll and those present were: Chairman Terry Daniel, District One Foreman Dean Hackney was present and represented Vice Chairman Glen Murray who was absent, and Member Wilson Lyles.

Others present were: Assistant DA Carol Dillingham, Sheriff Don Hewett, Assessor Kendal Sacchieri, Emergency Management Director Ron Johnson, Buzz McDonald and Bobby Kennish.

Wilson Lyles moved to approve the minutes of the meeting on 11/9/2020, Dean Hackney seconded. Vote Aye: Hackney, Lyles, Daniel. Motion carried.

Wilson Lyles moved to approve the following maintenance and operation claims, seconded by Dean Hackney. Vote Aye: Hackney, Lyles, Daniel. Motion carried.

CLAIMS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 AS FOLLOWS:

Health—433, Oklahoma State Dept Of Health, 8964.97, Payroll.

CLAIMS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 AS FOLLOWS:

CBRI—4, Frankfurt Short Bruza, 2000.00, Professional Services.

Em Mgmt-ST—39, Fuelman Of Oklahoma, 21.14, Fuel; 40, Public Service Co Of Oklahoma, 43.52, Service; 41, Quill, 163.79, Supplies; 42, Quill, 475.78, Supplies; 43, Verizon, 158.71, Service.

Extension-ST—46, Quill, 91.65, Supplies; 47, CashSaver, 106.04, Supplies.

General—504, Comdata MasterCard Program, 202.73, Fuel, Service & Auto Supplies; 505, Enviro-Mist, 2766.00, Service; 506, Eureka Water, 23.90, Supplies; 507, Eureka Water, 38.80, Supplies; 508, Express Services, 1440.00, Contract Labor; 509, Johnson Controls, 7296.00, Service Agreement; 510, Office Depot, 62.27, Office Supplies; 511, Tisdal And OHara, 2482.40, Legal Services; 512, Classic Paper Supply, 266.77, Supplies; 513, Mid West Printing, 400.00, Voting Booths; 514, Pitney Bowes Global Financial Services, 917.67, Postage Machine Lease; 515, Verizon, 80.02, Service; 516, Verizon, 920.23, Service; 517, Windstream, 183.05, Service; 518, Windstream, 272.69, Service; 519, Standley Systems, 229.53, Service; 520, Trans Union Risk And Alternative Data Solutions, 100.30, Service; 521, Eureka Water, 61.40, Supplies.

Health—127, Firetrol Protection Systems, 600.00, Service; 128, Oklahoma State Dept Of Health, 29498.33, Payroll; 129, Shred-It USA, 93.45, Shredding; 130, Facility Care, 105.00, Service; 131, Public Service Co Of Oklahoma, 183.96, Service; 132, Pioneer Telephone, 504.09, Service; 133, Pestco, 100.00, Pest Spraying; 134, City Of Blanchard, 92.63, Service.

Highway—589, Lehigh Hanson, 2153.69, Chips & Rock; 590, Quill, 123.93, Office Supplies; 591, OG&E, 218.93, Service; 592, Spencers, 3.18, Supplies; 593, Small Engine Service And Repair, 533.04, Supplies; 594, Unifirst, 573.16, Service; 595, Quill, 336.72, Supplies; 596, Atwood Distributing, 119.96, Supplies; 597, Bankstons Auto Restoration, 60.00, Windshield Repair; 598, Classic Paper Supply, 73.77, Supplies; 599, Grassroots Feed, Seed & Farm Store, 37.94, Supplies; 600, Haskell Lemon Construction, 1428.88, Type B; 601, James Supply And Rental, 6.51, Supplies; 602, Keiths Automotive, 3368.80, Parts & Labor; 603, Purcell Public Works, 439.99, Service; 604, P&K Equipment, 52.70, Supplies; 605, The Sign Men, 1067.04, Signs; 606, Warren CAT, 2212.20, Parts.

ML Fee—26, Classic Paper Supply, 132.28, Supplies; 27, Midcon Data Service, 42.00, Service.

Mtg Cert—13, Suddenlink Communications, 163.45, Service; 14, Windstream, 168.58, Service.

Rental of County Property - Expo—55, Express Services, 1107.00, Contract Labor; 56, McClain County District 2, 95.55, Fuel & Supplies; 57, Unifirst, 58.00, Service; 58, Oklahoma Natural Gas, 162.52, Service; 59, Oklahoma Natural Gas, 177.68, Service; 60, Purcell Public Works, 940.85, Service; 61, Annie And Lloyd Tree And Landscape, 2142.00, Contract Labor.

Rural Fire-ST—82, Stolz Telecom, 3313.60, Radios; 83, Peoples Electric Cooperative, 25.52, Service; 84, Stryker Medical, 3519.02, Equipment; 85, Oklahoma Natural Gas, 45.67, Service.

Sheriff Commissary—19, Bob Barker Company, 480.03, Supplies.

SR Cit-ST—137, Spencers, 544.19, Supplies; 138, Classic Paper Supply, 170.78, Supplies; 139, Town Of Dibble, 31.74, Service.

Wilson Lyles moved to approve Blanket Purchase Orders as on file in the County Clerk's office, seconded by Dean Hackney. Vote Aye: Hackney, Lyles, Daniel. Motion carried.

Wilson Lyles moved, Dean Hackney seconded to approve the following Transfers of Appropriations: General, \$6,800 from 0001-1-2200-1110 to 0001-1-2200-1130. Vote Aye: Hackney, Lyles, Daniel. Motion carried.

Terry Daniel moved, Wilson Lyles seconded to approve the following Road Crossing Permits: Bison WaterMidstream LLC/ James Davis Land LLC, starting in Section 33, T6NR4W and ending in Section 28, T6NR4W; Bluefin Water Solutions LLC, starting in Section 26, T8NR4W and ending in Section 27, T8NR4W, both in District Three. Vote Aye: Hackney, Lyles, Daniel. Motion carried.

Wilson Lyles moved to approve of Memorandum of Understanding between the McClain County Sheriffs Office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Dean Hackney seconded. Vote Aye: Hackney, Lyles, Daniel. Motion carried.

No action taken concerning Donation of ATV to Washington All Sports Association.

Wilson Lyles moved, Terry Daniel seconded to approve Debbie Brown and Steve McMahan as Receiving Officer for Sheriffs Office. Vote Aye: Hackney, Lyles, Daniel. Motion carried.

Wilson Lyles moved, Terry Daniel seconded to resolve to advertise to bid for two used Police Vehicle SUV 2018 or 2019 with bids to be received by 4:00 p.m. on December 4, 2020 and opened at 8:30 a.m. on December 7, 2020. Vote Aye: Hackney, Lyles, Daniel. Motion carried.

Wilson Lyles moved, Dean Hackney seconded to resolve to advertise to bid for Six Month Bids with bids to be received by 4:00 p.m. on December 11, 2020 and opened at 8:30 a.m. on December 14, 2020. Vote Aye: Hackney, Lyles, Daniel. Motion carried.

Wilson Lyles moved, Dean Hackney seconded to resolve to advertise to bid for Six Month Bids with bids to be received by 4:00 p.m. on December 11, 2020 and opened at 8:30 a.m. on December 14, 2020. Vote Aye: Hackney, Lyles, Daniel. Motion carried.

Two bids were received by 4:00pm on 11/6/20 and opened at 8:30 on 11/9/20 for the sale & removal of Washington Bridge Local ID #213, Structure # 44N3095E1340006 for District Two from Wee Construction for \$100.00; and SWH Construction for \$500.00. Wilson Lyles moved to award the bid to SWH Construction, Terry Daniel seconded. Vote Aye: Hackney, Lyles, Daniel. Motion carried.

Wilson Lyles moved to table any action concerning approval of contract between Spatielist and McClain County Assessor to provide a professional website for the County Assessors Office to 11/23/2020, Dean Hackney seconded. Vote Aye: Hackney, Lyles, Daniel. Motion carried.

Wilson Lyles moved to approve of contract between ValueFinder, LLC and McClain County Assessor, Dean Hackney seconded. Vote Aye: Hackney, Lyles, Daniel. Motion carried.

Dean Hackney moved to approve lease purchase agreement between BOCC and Warren CAT/ The Stock Exchange Bank on (1) Caterpillar Trackhoe with vendor financing for District One for \$80,550.00 with \$30,000.00 down payment, Terry Daniel seconded. Vote Aye: Hackney, Lyles, Daniel. Motion carried.

Terry Daniel moved to accept a monetary donation from Chickasaw Nation to the Donation Fund, Dean Hackney seconded. Vote Aye: Hackney, Lyles, Daniel. Motion carried.

Wilson Lyles moved, Dean Hackney seconded to table any action to permit District Attorney's office to undertake and fund installation of necessary wiring and hardware to enable internet connection in the DA's office as well as the McClain County courtrooms to 11/23/20. Vote Aye: Hackney, Lyles, Daniel. Motion carried.

Terry Daniel moved to finalize settlement of McClain County vs. Baker; CV-2020-120, including purchase of easement for Walnut Creek road project in the amount of \$25,000.00, Dean Hackney seconded. Vote Aye: Hackney, Lyles, Daniel. Motion carried.

No action taken concerning further plan of action for courthouse and county buildings due to COVID-19.

No action taken concerning monthly submissions for COVID-related expenditure reimbursements from CARES and other Federal funding sources.

With no further business, Terry Daniel moved to adjourn, Dean Hackney seconded. Vote Aye: Hackney, Lyles, Daniel. Motion carried.

McCLAIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Pam Beller
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Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

By Stella Bledsoe

November 22, 2020 was The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This Sunday is also referred to as Feast of Christ the King. This is a relatively new feast having been created by Pope Pius XI in 1925.

At that time there was a trend toward godlessness. Some tried to remove the influence of God in laws, public policy, healthcare, and education; and some made an attempt to live and act as if God did not exist and that His laws should be replaced by human laws.

Like other Sundays during Ordinary time, the Gospel reading has Jesus teaching by using a parable. Jesus tells them that when his kingdom comes, the people will be divided like a shepherd divides his flock. Some will be taken into the kingdom and others will be sent off to eternal punishment.

Jesus tells them the righteous will be taken into the

kingdom because they gave him drink, food, shelter, and clothing when he was in need. The righteous said, "when did we do that?" Then Jesus tells them, "when you did these things for the least of my children, that you did unto me."

Some might be confused and think this means that our works will gain us a place in God's kingdom. Incorrect. God calls us to keep loving, caring, and helping even when we receive no acknowledgement and are tired. Through our worship and prayer, he fills us up. Our own choices either draw us closer to God or further from him. Our judgment will be based on our love for others.

Next Sunday, we begin the new liturgical year. Each liturgical year begins on the first Sunday in Advent and ends on the Solemnity of Christ the King. The liturgical calendar follows a three year cycle, with each year being represented by a letter.

In the year A cycle, the Gospel of Matthew is the primary Gospel. In year B, it is Mark; and in year C, it is Luke. The Gospel of John is proclaimed on particular Sundays in each of the years. We are ending Year A. Next Sunday we begin Year B.

We are practicing social distancing and everyone is asked to protect each other by wearing a mask.

Our Lady of Victory parish is located at the southwest corner of 3rd Street and Jefferson. The office is open Monday through Friday in the morning. The phone number is 527-3077.

Our Facebook page has links to both the English and Spanish weekend masses. Weekend mass services are: English Saturday, 5 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.; Spanish Sunday, 1 p.m. Daily masses are Tuesday, 9 a.m.; Wednesday, 12 noon; Thursday, 7 p.m. (Spanish), and Friday, 9 a.m. Peace be with you.

Johnson Road Baptist Church

This Thursday is the special day of the year for giving thanks to God for bringing our forefathers to the shores of North America.

The dangerous and perilous journey of 102 passengers and a crew of 30 aboard the sailing vessel Mayflower crossed the Atlantic Ocean in search of a land of the free and the home of the brave.

The new arrivals were met and welcomed by the Native Americans who joined together in celebrating a harvest festival on Nov. 21, 1621.

Thanksgiving Day is more than food, fellowship and travel, it is a sacred day to remember how God brought Christianity from England to a New England some 400 years ago.

Gynean Gentry provided the special music for Sunday morning worship.

Scripture text for the Sunday

sermon was taken from the Gospel according to Matthew, chapter 8:22-26 and chapter 24:6-8. During a furious storm on the Sea of Galilee, Jesus taught his disciples a lesson on how to overcome fear.

We have never lived near the Sea of Galilee. We have never been in a storm on the Sea of Galilee. We have never feared death while on the Sea of Galilee. We have never sailed with the 12 disciples and Jesus on the Sea of Galilee.

We have lived enough years in Oklahoma to have faced the stormy seas of life. We have experienced the fearful survival of wars, starvation, death, diseases, loneliness and sorrow.

During the present health crisis in our world, nation, state, community and family, the fear that gripped the disciples on the Sea of Galilee has become real. The same peace that Jesus provided to the disciples that

night on the Sea of Galilee is available to every individual today.

It was the presence of Jesus that calmed the sea and brought safety to the 12 disciples. It is the presence of Jesus that can calm today's stormy sea and bring safety to our world.

We must never forget. Jesus will awake to our cry for help; He will respond to our cry for help and He will bring peace to our cry for help. Tranquility in life is found in Jesus.

My file cabinets hold many wonderful memories of my brothers and sisters who have moved on to Glory Land.

Recently I found the life history of a godly lady. Edna V. Rousey entered this world at Wynnewood, Okla., on April 16, 1914.

Edna and William J. Rousey

Please see **Johnson Rd.**, page 5B

Lexington Westside Church of Christ

Enjoy Your Thanksgiving Even If It's Different Than Before

Aren't you glad it's Thanksgiving! I thought it'd never come. You understand.

There's just something special about Thanksgiving, just in normal years. I know that for so many this year is different than before. But I'll tell today's story, maybe to help you smile through the clouds and see the sun still shining, through it all.

I guess I like Thanksgiving because the mood sticks to you early, kind of like turkey and dressing sticking to your ribs -- and it stays with you far beyond that special Thursday every year. We seem to write about Thanksgiving all the way through the holiday season into the next year.

This year we might have to extend that out until the fourth of July, just to give you all a little extra help. Hope it does help, because that's why we write in the first place.

A Thanksgiving never comes around that I don't think about my grandfather, E.H. Miller, the old-time, tell-it-like-it-is, back-to-the-basics church of Christ preacher. It's a story I've told you many times through the years, if you've traveled with us regularly. But I tell it again because it helps me be more thankful. And I've always figured that if something helped me it would help you, too.

Preacher Miller preached a

great many sermons in his days. But one of the best sermons of his life wasn't one he preached. It was one he lived!

In the mid 60s, Preacher Miller, Grandma, and some friends were in a bad car accident driving home from a revival in Marietta, Georgia. Two cars were drag racing that night on the two-lane Atlanta highway, and Preacher Miller -- who was driving -- met the car in his lane when he topped a hill.

"It happened so fast," he later would say, "that we didn't even have time to swerve."

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Green Avenue Church of Christ

The Wednesday evening auditorium class went further into Ephesians four on the subject of the unity of the Spirit. The class looked at the one body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism and one God.

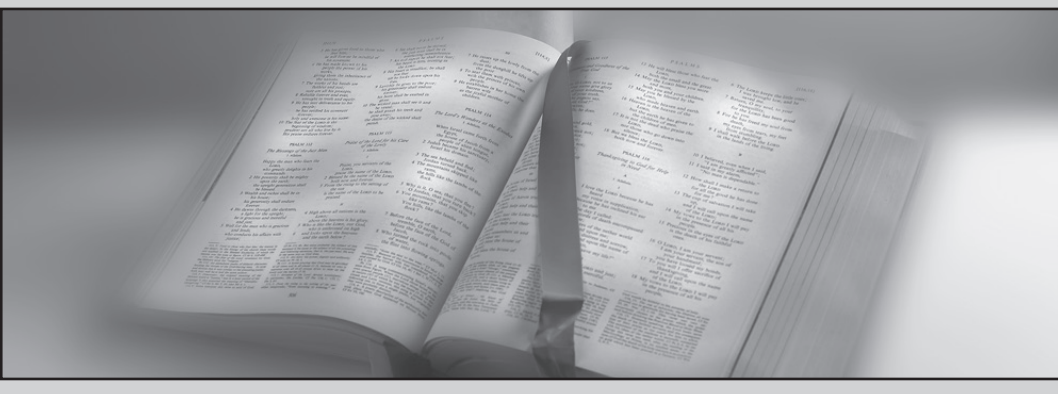
The class then moved on to the unity of the body of Christ as illustrated in verses 12 through 16 by comparing it to the unity of the various parts of the human body.

The Sunday morning audito-

rium class continued studying the necessity to judge righteous judgment rather than judging by appearance. This week the class concentrated on the importance of obtaining all the facts before reaching a conclusion.

During the morning assembly Keith Shackelford delivered a message on the importance of being worthy of

Please see **Green Ave.**, page 5B



EASTSIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST
"PREACHING FIRST CENTURY CHRISTIANITY IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY"
N.E. 4th and Ash
Lexington, OK
527-3131
Sunday Services
Bible Study- 9:30 am
Morning Worship- 10:30 am
Evening Worship- 6:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Study- 7:00 pm



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Four square

Purcell Intermediate School students took advantage of warm, sunny weather for a break from class work last Friday to get in a little Four Square action.

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Westside:

I still remember the phone ringing late that night at our little house on Juniper Street in LaGrange, about an hour from the accident. The news wasn't good for anyone, but the four in Granddad's car were the fortunate ones.

Those riding with the preacher had numerous injuries, but Preacher Miller was hurt the worst. The impact was so great that his shoe melted to the gas pedal, and the workers had to pull his foot out of his shoe to get him and his broken hip out of the burning car.

The doctor did all he could for the preacher for several days, but one morning he walked into the West Georgia hospital room and delivered the news: "Preacher Miller," he said, "I'm sorry, but I don't think you'll ever walk again."

The preacher didn't buy it. He said, "Doctor: you, me, and the Lord can do better than that."

And they did. In a month he was walking — and preaching — on crutches. In three

months, he was walking with a walker. In six he walked, period. Just with a limp.

While he was a man of great faith, he also became discouraged often during his rehabilitation. One day when he was really feeling sorry for himself, he started wheeling through the hospital, looking around. He was surprised by what he saw.

He saw a man who was missing a leg. He saw another who couldn't get out of bed. He saw one he knew likely would not see many more sunsets.

So, he went back to his room that day and gave thanks. I guess that was a 'thanksgiving' day like no other for the preacher.

He never took walking for granted again. As soon as he was well enough, he walked stairs almost every day for the rest of his life. And that was back when walking really wasn't the 'in' thing.

Walking stairs, of course, isn't something you can do at

home. So, every day he'd go out and find one of the tallest buildings in his hometown; and there he'd walk the stairs. It was a place he attended daily anyway, as part of his preaching visits; and it was a place where he could go and never feel sorry for himself. He had always tried that.

You can't feel sorry for yourself when you're walking the stairs up at the West Georgia Medical Center, right there two miles from his home — in the very place the doctor said, 'I don't think you'll ever walk again.'

The preacher walked those hospital stairs almost every day; and he studied and preached, too, for more than two more decades, giving thanks every step of the way.

Here's a prayer that you will enjoy your Thanksgiving, too, although it may be different from before.

(Adapted from Thanksgiving 1997)

coachbowen1984@gmail.com



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Following Fred

Fred the Guineafowl has risen to notoriety in Wayne after she was transferred from west of town to downtown.

No. 640-November 26-1 Time BEFORE THE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA APPLICANT: CASILLAS PETROLEUM RESOURCE PARTNERS, LLC RELIEF SOUGHT: POOLING LEGAL DESCRIPTION: SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 6 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, MCCLAIN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA CAUSE CD NO. 202001935-T NOTICE OF HEARING STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: All persons, owners, producers, operators, purchasers and takers of oil and gas, and all other interested persons, particularly in McClain County, Oklahoma, and all parties listed as respondents on Exhibit "A", attached to the Application on file herein, and more particularly: TCD Exploration, LLC; Gerald D. Sr and Mary F. Neff; Lillian Ruth Ferrell; United States Department of Interior; Franco-Nevada Delaware, LLC; and LaRoy Wood, deceased, if living, or if deceased, the known and unknown heirs, devisees, executors, administrators, successors, trustees and/or assigns, immediate and remote, of the above named parties.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Applicant in this Cause is requesting that the Commission pool the interests and adjudicate the rights and equities of oil and gas owners in the Mississippian, Woodford and Hunton common

sources of supply underlying Section 31, Township 6 North, Range 4 West, McClain County, Oklahoma, a 640-acre horizontal drilling and spacing unit, and designate the Applicant or some other party as operator. Additionally, the Applicant requests the operator be given an option to request in excess of 180 days in which to commence operations for the drilling of the initial well. Applicant requests the Pooling Order cover an owner's interest in all wells drilled on said unit which are necessary to fully develop the same.

IT IS ORDERED that this Cause be referred to an Administrative Law Judge for hearing, taking of evidence and reporting to the Commission.

IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that this Cause will be heard before an Administrative Law Judge on the Merits Docket at the Corporation Commission, Eastern Regional Office, 440 South Houston, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 74127, at 8:30 a.m., on the day of December, 2020, and that this notice be published as required by law and the Rules of the Commission.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Applicant and interested parties may present testimony by telephone. The cost of telephonic communication shall be paid by the person or persons requesting its use. Interested parties who wish to participate by telephone

shall contact the Applicant or Applicant's attorney, prior to the hearing date, and provide their name and phone number.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, access to the Jim Thorpe Building is restricted. The referenced hearing may be conducted via teleconference or videoconference. Before coming to the building for this hearing, please visit the Oklahoma Corporation Commission website at www.occeweb.com to determine the status of building access. Instructions for participating via teleconference or videoconference are available on the Commission's website.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all interested persons may appear and be heard. For information concerning this action contact SAMSADLER, Casillas Petroleum Resource Partners, LLC, 321 South Boston Avenue, Suite 1000, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 74103, (918) 442-1020, or CHARLES L. HELM/STEPHEN T. GARY, Attorneys, 400 North Walker, Suite 200, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73102, (405) 232-9000. Please refer to Cause CD Number.

CORPORATION COMMISSION OF OKLAHOMA

J. TODD HIETT, Chairman
BOB ANTHONY, Vice Chairman
DANA L. MURPHY, Commissioner

/s/ Charles L. Helm
CHARLES L. HELM

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Johnson Rd.:

were married on May 20, 1930. Edna and William were the proud parents of eight children, Virginia, Edna, Bill, Don, Tom, Pat, Sandra and Terry. In the early 1940s the Rousey Family moved north to Purcell.

The secret of Edna's greatness was her commitment to Jesus. After moving to Purcell, Edna became a member of the First Baptist Church of Purcell. Her entire life was dedicated to being a loving Christian mother and serving others.

Edna Rousey was a virtuous mother. Her children were blessed by their mother and in return they praised their mother.

Edna was always busy, never complained and loved to talk about her children. She taught each child that work is a privilege and joy. In addition to giving guidance to her children, Edna enjoyed quilting, canning, sewing and cooking. Her cooking skills included a hot breakfast, three meals a day,

fried chicken and fried pies.

Edna V. Rousey ended her 88 year journey in this world on Friday, June 28, 2002 and passed through the pearly gates of heaven with Jesus and was united eternally with God's family.

Sermon title for this Sunday is "The Mark of Greatness."

Visitors are always invited to attend our Wednesday evening Bible Study at Johnson Road. The one hour study begins at 6 p.m.

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Green Ave.:

eternal life. The text was taken from the first 13 verses of the 13th chapter of Acts. The lesson began by looking at what Paul (sometimes still called Saul at that time) preached in the synagogue and contrasted it with what religious leaders often preach today.

The lesson pointed out the im-

portance of following the word of God in light of the teaching that all of God's family be of the same mind and judgment in Christ.

The Sunday evening sermon was on "Godliness, Bearing Fruit And Obedience," taken from Luke 6:27-49.

The church meets at 407 Jack-

son and Green Avenue. Worship assemblies are at 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. every Sunday and Bible classes at 9:45 a.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Wednesday.

You can call the office at 527-4052 or email cocf_purcell@hotmail.com for correspondence courses or other information.

No. 642-November 26-2 Times SECOND ALIAS NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE CJ-2019-185

Notice is given that on the 5th day of January, 2021, at 10:00 AM, at Room 121 of the County Courthouse, in the City of Purcell, McClain County, Oklahoma, the Sheriff of said County will offer for sale and sell, with appraisal, for cash, at public auction, to the highest and best bidder, all that certain real estate in McClain County, Oklahoma, to-wit:

The following tract of land is a part of the North Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (N/2 NE/4 NE/4) of Section Four (4), Township Eight (8) North, Range Four (4) West, Indian Meridian, McClain County, Oklahoma, more particularly described as follows: COMMENCING at the NE/Corner of said N/2 NE/4 NE/4; Thence S89°44'30"W and along the North line of said N/2 NE/4 NE/4, a distance of 727.69 feet to the point of beginning; Thence S00°58'36"W, a distance of 184.25 feet; Thence N89°44'30"E, a

distance of 238.50 feet; Thence S00°20'29"E, a distance of 475.79 feet; Thence S89°44'30"W, a distance of 330.00 feet; Thence N00°20'29"W, a distance of 660.00 feet; Thence N89°44'30"E, a distance of 95.74 feet to the point of beginning. AND A tract of land being a part of the North Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (N/2 NE/4 NE/4) of Section Four (4), Township Eight (8) North, Range Four (4) West of the Indian Meridian, McClain County, Oklahoma, more particularly described as follows: COMMENCING at the NE/Corner of said N/2 NE/4 NE/4; Thence S89°44'30"W and along the North line of said N/2 NE/4 NE/4 a distance of 493.42 feet to the point of beginning; Thence continuing S89°44'30"W a distance of 234.26 feet; Thence S00°58'36"W a distance of 184.25 feet; Thence N89°44'30"E a distance of 238.50 feet; Thence N00°20'29"W a distance of 184.21 feet to the point of beginning; subject to unpaid taxes, advancements by Plaintiff for taxes,

insurance premiums, and expenses necessary for the preservation of the subject property, if any, said property having been duly appraised at \$90,000.00. Sale will be made pursuant to a Second Alias Special Execution And Order Of Sale issued in accordance with judgment entered in the District Court of McClain County, Oklahoma, in Case No. CJ-2019-185, entitled First United Bank and Trust Company, Plaintiff, vs. Eric D. Neher, Tammy Neher, United States of America ex rel., Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and Forest Lumber Company Group, LLC, being all of the Defendants and persons holding or claiming any interest or lien in the subject property.

Don Hewett, Sheriff of McClain, Oklahoma By: /s/ Don Hewett Don Timberlake #9021 BAER & TIMBERLAKE, P.C. P.O. Box 18486 Oklahoma City, OK 73154-0486 Telephone: (405) 842-7722 Facsimile: (405) 848-9349 BT File No.: 119160

No. 641-November 26-2 Times In the District Court of McClain County State of Oklahoma

In the Matter of the Estates of Winfield L. Miller a/k/a Winfield Lewis Miller William H. Bagby a/k/a William Henry Bagby deceased persons.

Case No. PB-2020-011 Combined Notice Notice to Creditors; Notice of Hearing Petition for Joint Summary Administration, Admittance of Last Will and Testament of Winfield L. Miller & Determination of Heirship; Notice of Hearing on Final Account

Kristin Miller Huffman, the Special Administrator, filed a Petition to Convert Existing Probate Proceeding to Summary Administration and Petition for Joint Summary Administration, Admittance of Last Will & Testament of Winfield L. Miller, Issuance of Letters of Administration & Determination of Heirship (hereinafter "Petition") in the District Court of McClain County, Oklahoma, requesting appointment as Special Administrator, admittance of the Last Will and Testament of Winfield L. Miller,

the determination of heirship for the intestate estate of William H. Bagby, and distribution of the estates' property to the parties entitled thereto. Winfield L. Miller died testate in July of 1991 in Travis County, Texas at approximately 88 years of age. The administrators, executors, non-petitioning co-nominees, heirs at law, legatees, and devisees on the date of death for the Decedent include: (1) William E. Bagby (Deceased 2015 in Texas); (2) Martha Ted Miller (Deceased 2007 in Dover, DE); (2) John Keith Miller (Deceased 2012 in Travis County, TX) (sole heir via Last Will and Testament). William H. Bagby died intestate in 2015 in the Mineola, Texas at approximately 88 years of age. The administrators, executors, non-petitioning co-nominees, heirs at law, legatees, and devisees on the date of death for the Decedent include: (1) Laura Morille, 6001 Mallard Drive, Katy, TX 77493; and (2) Bruce Bagby, 2224 S. Piney Point, No. 207, Houston, TX 77063. These estates include oil, gas, and other mineral interests located in and under Section 5-T5N- R1W, McClain County, Oklahoma with a value unknown. Pursuant to an Order of said Court, notice is hereby given

that the 7th day of January 2021 at 9:30 A.M. in the Courtroom of the Honorable Charles Gray, or the assigned Judge, in the McClain County District Courthouse located in Purcell, Oklahoma, has been appointed as the time and place for hearing. All interested persons may appear. Anyone may file objections to the Petition. All objections must be made in writing, filed within this case record and provided to Petitioner and Counsel. If an objection is not made within the allowed time, it shall be deemed waived. Creditors: Creditors having claims against the Decedents are required to present such to the Special Administrator, Kristin Miller Huffman, at the offices of Dewberry Law Firm, PLLC, Attorneys for the Estates, at the address below within thirty (30) days following the filing of the Petition and Combined Notice herein, or the same will be forever barred.

/s/ Rachael Dewberry, OBA 19478 Aaron Morrison, OBA 31159 Dewberry Law Firm, PLLC 2425 Wilcox Drive Norman, Oklahoma 73069 Attorneys for the Estate

No. 632-November 26-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GENE HERELL, Deceased.

Case No. PB-2020-71 NOTICE OF HEARING FIRST AND FINAL ACCOUNT, PETITION FOR DECREE OF DISTRIBUTION AND DISCHARGE OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Notice is hereby given that Carolyn Bennett, the duly appointed and qualified Personal Representative of the Estate of Gene Herell, Deceased, has filed her Final Account, Petition for Decree of Distribution and Discharge of Personal Representative. A hearing has been fixed by the Judge of the Court for the 17th day of December 2020, at 9:30 a.m., in the District Courtroom of Judge Charles N. Gray, County Courthouse, Purcell, McClain County, Oklahoma, and all persons interested in the Estate are notified to appear and show cause, if any they have, why the Account should not be settled and allowed, the Estate distributed and the Personal Representative discharged.

DATED this 19th day of November 2020.

CHARLES GRAY ASSOCIATE DISTRICT JUDGE JUDGE OF DISTRICT COURT James B. Blevins, Jr., OBA #881 Carrie Kopp, OBA #21731 Blevins & Associates Law, PLLC 138 W. Main/P.O. Box 1565 Purcell, OK 73080 Phone: 405-527-7575 Fax: 405-527-7574 Attorney for Personal Representative

No. 630-November 26-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROCK ROY BATES, Deceased.

Case No. PB-2020-95 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All creditors having claims against the Estate of Rock Roy Bates, Deceased, are required to present the same, with a description of all security interests and other collateral (if any) held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to the named Personal Representative at the Law Office of BILL C. LESTER, Attorney at Law, 212 West Main, P.O. Box 1407, Purcell, Oklahoma 73080, on or before the following presentment date: January 22, 2021, or the same will be forever barred.

/s/ Rock Roy Bates, II Rock Roy Bates, II Personal Representative BILL C. LESTER Attorney for Personal Representative 212 West Main - P.O. Box 1407 Purcell, OK 73080 (405) 527-5623 OBA #5389

No. 628-November 19-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BEULAH LAVON CHAMBERS, Deceased.

PB-2020-85 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against Beulah Lavon Chambers, deceased, are required to present the same, with the necessary supporting documents, and with a description of all security interests or other collateral, if any, held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to the attention of the Personal Representative, Mark Chambers, at the following address: Hodges Law, 701 N Main St, Newcastle, OK 73065, on or before the following presentment date: January 29, 2021, or the same will be forever barred.

/s/ Shawn D. Hodges SHAWN D. HODGES, OBA #19122 Hodges Law Firm 701 N. Main Street Newcastle, Oklahoma 73065 (405) 387-3711

No. 619-November 19-2 Times NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE CJ-2020-111

Notice is given that on the 22nd day of December, 2020, at 10:00 AM, at Room 121 of the County Courthouse, in the City of Purcell, McClain County, Oklahoma, the Sheriff of said County will offer for sale and sell, with appraisal, for cash, at public auction, to the highest and best bidder, all that certain real estate in McClain County, Oklahoma, to-wit:

The North Half of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (N/2-SE/4-NE/4-SE/4) and that part of the North Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (N/2-SW/4-NE/4-SE/4) of Section 11, Township 6 North, Range 4 West of the Indian Meridian, McClain County, Oklahoma, lying East of the Centerline of that Certain Road Easement recorded in Book 644, page 276 of the Records of McClain County, Oklahoma, containing 5.44 acres more or less; subject to unpaid taxes, ad-

No. 616-November 19-2 Times NOTICE OF SALE OF BONDS

In accordance with 62 O.S. 2011, §354, notice is hereby given that the Board of Education of Independent School District Number 5 of McClain County, Oklahoma, will receive bids by: sealed bid, facsimile bid, electronic (Parity®) bid or similar secure electronic bid on the 3rd day of December, 2020, at 11:45 o'clock a.m., at the Library, 4/5 Building, Washington Public Schools, 101 E Kerby, Washington, Oklahoma, for the sale of \$765,000 of General Obligation Building Bonds of said School District, which Bonds will mature \$765,000 annually in two (2) years from their date. The bids will be opened and read and shall be awarded at the first Board of Education meeting held after the bids are due.

Said Bonds shall be sold to the bidder bidding the lowest rate of interest the Bonds shall bear and agreeing to pay par and accrued interest for the Bonds. Each bidder shall submit with his bid a sum in cash, cashier's or certified check, electronic (wire) transfer or surety bond payable to the Treasurer of the District, equal to two (2%) percent of the amount of his bid. The Board reserves the right to reject all bids.

WITNESS my official hand and seal this 9th day of November, 2020.

Adam Price Deputy Clerk, Board of Education (SEAL)

No. 627-November 19-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SHIRLEY MOZELLE SIMER, Deceased.

PB-2020-84 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against Shirley Mozelle Simer, deceased, are required to present the same, with the necessary supporting documents, and with a description of all security interests or other collateral, if any, held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to the attention of the Personal Representative, Thomas Simer, at the following address: Hodges Law, 701 N Main St, Newcastle, OK 73065, on or before the following presentment date: January 29, 2021, or the same will be forever barred.

/s/ Shawn D. Hodges SHAWN D. HODGES, OBA #19122 Hodges Law Firm 701 N. Main Street Newcastle, Oklahoma 73065 (405) 387-3711

No. 613-November 19-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MURL DEWAYNE STEWART, Deceased.

Case No. PB-2020-90 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of Murl Dewayne Stewart, Deceased: All creditors having claims against Murl Dewayne Stewart, Deceased, are required to present the same with a description of all security interests and other collateral (if any) held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to Lana L. Steen, Personal Representative, at the law office of Blevins and Associates Law PLLC, 138 W. Main, Purcell, OK 73080, addressed to James B. Blevins, Jr., attorney for the Personal Representative, on or before the following presentment date: 12th day of January 2021, or the same will be forever barred.

DATED this 12th day of November 2020.

/s/ James B. Blevins, Jr. James B. Blevins, Jr., OBA #881 Carrie Kopp, OBA #21731 Blevins and Associates Law PLLC 138 W. Main/P.O. Box 1565 Purcell, OK 73080 Phone: 405-527-7575 Fax: 405-527-7574 Attorney for Personal Representative

vancements by Plaintiff for taxes, insurance premiums, and expenses necessary for the preservation of the subject property, if any, said property having been duly appraised at \$65,000.00. Sale will be made pursuant to a Special Execution And Order Of Sale issued in accordance with judgment entered in the District Court of McClain County, Oklahoma, in Case No. CJ-2020-111, entitled The Bank of New York Mellon, as Indenture Trustee, for Mid-State Capital Corporation 2010-1 Trust, Plaintiff, vs. Charles Aaron Braziel and Kelsea Bryce Ropes, being all of the Defendants and persons holding or claiming any interest or lien in the subject property.

Don Hewett, Sheriff of McClain County, Oklahoma By: /s/ Don Hewett Don Timberlake - #9021 BAER & TIMBERLAKE, P.C. P.O. Box 18486 Oklahoma City, OK 73154-0486 Telephone: (405) 842-7722 Facsimile: (405) 848-9349 BT File No.: 120557

No. 601-November 12-3 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELL-POINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, Plaintiff,

v. BOBBY BLOODWORTH; FABIOLA BLOODWORTH A/K/A FABIOLA S. BLOODWORTH; AND JOHN DOE, OCCUPANT Defendant(s).

Case No. CJ-2020-143

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA, TO: Fabiola Bloodworth, if living or if dead, and to said Defendant(s)' unknown successors, if any.

TAKE NOTICE that you have been sued by NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, in the District Court of McClain County, State of Oklahoma, and that you must answer the Petition on or before January 17, 2021, or the allegations of said Petition will be taken as true and judgment rendered against you awarding Plaintiff a first lien upon the following described real estate, situated in McClain County, State of Oklahoma, to-wit:

LOTS THREE (3), FOUR (4), FIVE (5) AND THE SOUTH 5.12 FEET OF LOT SIX (6), IN BLOCK ONE HUNDRED FOUR (104), OF

No. 618-November 19-2 Times NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE CJ-2018-45

Notice is given that on the 22nd day of December, 2020, at 10:00 AM, at Room 121 of the County Courthouse, in the City of Purcell, McClain County, Oklahoma, the Sheriff of said County will offer for sale and sell, with appraisal, for cash, at public auction, to the highest and best bidder, all that certain real estate in McClain County, Oklahoma, to-wit:

Lot Thirteen (13), in Block Three (3), of the final plat of Remington Place Estates III, an Addition to Newcastle, McClain County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof; subject to unpaid taxes, advancements by Plaintiff for taxes, insurance premiums, and expenses necessary for the preservation of the subject property, if any, said property having been duly appraised at \$200,000.00.

No. 620-November 19-3 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

MARY ANN HERMEN and CYNTHIA ANN HERMEN MUNS, as Co-Trustees of the WILLIAM F. HERMEN FAMILY TRUST dated November 18, 2005, BETTY JEAN GAY, TOM A. GAY, NANCY GAY-LYON, DON L. GAY, and/or WAYNE L. GAY, as Co-Trustees of the JOE T. GAY TRUST, u/t/a dated January 15, 1998, and BETTY JEAN GAY, TOM A. GAY, NANCY GAY-LYON, DON L. GAY, and/or WAYNE L. GAY, as Co-Trustees of the BETTY JEAN GAY TRUST, u/t/a dated January 15, 1998, Plaintiffs, vs.

JULIUS MEASHINTUBBY, Deceased, A FULL BLOOD CHOCTAW INDIAN, ROLL NO. 6009, and the Unknown Successors, Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees and Assigns of JULIUS MEASHINTUBBY, Deceased, A FULL BLOOD CHOCTAW INDIAN, ROLL NO. 6009 Defendants.

CASE NO. CV-2020-159

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: Julius Meashintubby, Deceased, a Full-Blood Choctaw Indian, Roll No. 6009, and the unknown Successors, Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees and Assigns of Julius Meashintubby, Deceased, a Full-Blood Choctaw Indian, Roll No. 6009

The above-named Defendants will take notice that in the District Court of McClain County, Oklahoma, in the above-styled and numbered case, an action has been filed by Plaintiffs, Mary Ann Hermen and Cynthia Ann Hermen Muns, as Co-Trustees of the William F. Hermen Family Trust dated November 18, 2005, Betty Jean Gay, Tom A. Gay, Nancy Gay-Lyon, Don L. Gay and/or Wayne L. Gay, as Co-Trustees of the Joe T. Gay Trust u/t/a dated January 15, 1998, and Betty Jean Gay, Tom A. Gay, Nancy Gay-Lyon, Don L. Gay and/or Wayne L. Gay, as Co-Trustees of the Betty Jean Gay Trust u/t/a dated January 15, 1998, to quiet any right, title, or interest in and to the real property described herein-below which you have or may claim to have, and you must answer the Petition of said Plaintiffs on file in said cause on or before January 4, 2021, or the allegations of said Petition will be taken as true and judgment rendered accordingly, adjudging and decreeing that the Plaintiffs, Mary Ann Hermen and Cynthia Ann Hermen Muns, as Co-Trustees of the William F. Hermen Family Trust dated November 18, 2005, Betty Jean Gay, Tom A. Gay, Nancy Gay-Lyon, Don L. Gay and/or Wayne L. Gay, as Co-Trustees of the Joe T. Gay Trust u/t/a dated January 15, 1998, and Betty Jean Gay, Tom A. Gay, Nancy Gay-Lyon, Don L. Gay and/or Wayne L. Gay, as Co-Trustees of the Betty Jean Gay Trust u/t/a dated January 15, 1998, are the owners of and that

THE TOWN OF BLANCHARD, MCCLAIN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 311 S. Main Street, Blanchard, OK 73010 for the sum of \$139,097.46, with interest from April 1, 2020, at 4.75 percent per annum, together with a reasonable attorney's fee, for abstracting, advances for taxes, insurance and property preservation, and the costs of this action, and ordering said property sold to satisfy said judgment, and forever barring you and all persons claiming by, through or under you from ever setting up or asserting any right, title, equity or interest in and to said real estate adverse to the right and title of the purchaser at said foreclosure sale, and for such other and further relief to which it may be entitled.

WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL, this 5 day of November, 2020.

Kristel Gray Court Clerk By: /s/ Amy Gray Deputy (Seal) Shapiro & Cejda, LLC 770 NE 63rd St. Oklahoma City, OK 73105-6431 (405) 848-1819 File No. 20-136701

Sale will be made pursuant to a Fourth Alias Special Execution And Order Of Sale issued in accordance with judgment entered in the District Court of McClain County, Oklahoma, in Case No. CJ-2018-45, entitled Freedom Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Jessica S. London, AKA Jessica S. Thomas, Bradley D. London, Dianne Thomas, Allison K. Robinson, AKA Allison K. Robinson and Spouse of Allison K. Robinson, if married, being all of the Defendants and persons holding or claiming any interest or lien in the subject property.

Don Hewett, Sheriff of McClain County, Oklahoma By: /s/ Don Hewett Don Timberlake - #9021 BAER & TIMBERLAKE, P.C. P.O. Box 18486 Oklahoma City, OK 73154-0486 Telephone: (405) 842-7722 Facsimile: (405) 848-9349 BT File No.: 115720

the Plaintiffs, Mary Ann Hermen and Cynthia Ann Hermen Muns, as Co-Trustees of the William F. Hermen Family Trust dated November 18, 2005, Betty Jean Gay, Tom A. Gay, Nancy Gay-Lyon, Don L. Gay and/or Wayne L. Gay, as Co-Trustees of the Joe T. Gay Trust u/t/a dated January 15, 1998, and Betty Jean Gay, Tom A. Gay, Nancy Gay-Lyon, Don L. Gay and/or Wayne L. Gay, as Co-Trustees of the Betty Jean Gay Trust u/t/a dated January 15, 1998, are the actual owners of the legal and equitable title of the surface in fee simple of the following described property situated in McClain County, Oklahoma as follows, to-wit (the "Property"):

The South Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (S/2 SW/4 NE/4) and the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NE/4 SW/4) and the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SE/4 SW/4 SW/4) and the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SW/4 SE/4 SW/4) and the North Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (N/2 NW/4 SE/4) and the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SW/4 NE/4 SE/4) of Section 13, Township 5 North, Range 2 West, McClain County, Oklahoma

free and clear of all liens, claims and encumbrances, Julius Meashintubby, Deceased, a Full-Blood Choctaw Indian, Roll No. 6009, and the unknown Successors, Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees and Assigns of Julius Meashintubby, Deceased, a Full-Blood Choctaw Indian, Roll No. 6009, ("Defendants") have no right, title, interest, lien, estate, encumbrance, claim, or assessment in or to said hereinabove described real property, and a Decree quieting and confirming the Plaintiffs' title and possession thereto as set out above, as against said Defendants and their unknown successors, heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, and assigns and forever barring and enjoining the Defendants and their unknown successors, heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, and assigns from any and all right, title, estate, interest or equity of redemption in and to the said lands and premises, or any part thereof.

WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL this 13th day of November 2020.

McClain County Court Clerk By: /s/ Kristel Gray Deputy Court Clerk (Seal) APPROVED: /s/ James B. Blevins, Jr. James B. Blevins, Jr., OBA #881 Blevins & Associates Law, PLLC 138 W. Main/P. O. Box 1565 Purcell, Oklahoma 73080 PHONE: (405) 527-7575 FAX: (405) 527-7574 Attorney for Plaintiffs

No. 614-November 19-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CARL WALTER FLIPPIN, Deceased.

PB-2020-67

NOTICE OF HEARING ON FINAL REPORT AND FINAL ACCOUNT, PETITION FOR ORDER ALLOWING FINAL REPORT AND FINAL ACCOUNT AND DETERMINING HEIRSHIP, AND PETITION FOR FINAL DECREE OF DISTRIBUTION AND DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that the Final Report and Final Account has been filed in this Court, on the estate of the above named decedent together with a petition praying for an Order Allowing the said Final Report and Final Account and further praying for a determination of heirship and for a Final Decree of Distribution

No. 621-November 19-2 Times ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Goldsby Water Authority will receive separate sealed bids for construction of a Raw Water Line Extension at the Well Field. Bids will be received at Town Hall, located at 100 E. Center Rd., Goldsby, Oklahoma 73093, until 11:00 AM, Thursday, December 10, 2020. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud, at 11:00 AM at Town Hall.

Project to include constructing approximately 2,500 l.f. of 12" PVC water line and appurtenances at the existing well field.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting held on Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 11:00 am, at the David J. Perry Airport.

All work shall be performed, and all construction and material used and furnished shall be in accordance with the Contract Documents prepared by Glenn Sullivan & Associates, Inc., and on file in the office of the Goldsby Water Authority, located at Town Hall.

The Notice to Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Plans and Specifications, Forms of Bid Bond, Performance and Statutory Payment Bond, and other Contract Documents may be examined at the following:

1. Town Hall 100 E. Center Rd. Goldsby, OK 73093-9112 (405) 288-6675
2. Glenn Sullivan & Associates, Inc.

103 N. Mercedes Drive, Suite A Norman, OK 73069 (405) 321-7232

A complete paper set of Plans and Specifications may be obtained at the office of Glenn Sullivan & Associates, Inc., (405) 321-7232, upon receipt of a non-refundable deposit of \$50.00. An electronic set of plans and specifications is available at no cost to prospective bidders.

Each bidder shall accompany his original bid, with a certified or Cashier's Check on a solvent bank located in Oklahoma or a Bidder's Bond, in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount bid, as a guarantee of his ability to perform the contract bid upon, and that he will enter into a written contract

No. 622-November 19-2 Times ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The City of Purcell/ Purcell PWA will receive separate sealed bids for Rehabilitation of the Red Hill Storage Facility. Bids will be received at City Hall, located at 230 W. Main St., Purcell, Oklahoma, 73080, until 11:00 AM, Thursday, December 10, 2020. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud, at 11:00 AM at City Hall.

Project to include surface prep and painting the interior and exterior of the Red Hill Storage Facility.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting held on Monday, November 30, 2020 at 11:00 am, at City Hall.

All work shall be performed, and all construction and material used and furnished shall be in accordance with the Contract Documents prepared by Glenn Sullivan & Associates, Inc., and on file in the office of the City Clerk, located at City Hall.

The Notice to Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Plans and Specifications, Forms of Bid Bond, Performance and Statutory Payment Bond, and other Contract Documents may be examined at the following:

1. City Hall 230 W. Main St. Purcell, OK 73080 (405) 527-6561
2. Glenn Sullivan & Associates, Inc.

103 N. Mercedes Drive, Suite A Norman, OK 73069 (405) 321-7232

A complete set of Plans and Specifications to prospective bidders may be obtained at the office of Glenn Sullivan & Associates, Inc., (405) 321-7232, upon receipt of a non-refundable deposit of \$50.00. An electronic set of plans and specifications is available at no cost.

Each bidder shall accompany his original bid, with a certified or Cashier's Check on a solvent bank located in Oklahoma or a Bidder's Bond, in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount bid, as a guarantee of his ability to perform the contract bid upon, and that he will enter into a written contract with the Owner to perform said

and Discharge of the Personal Representative.

Based on said Petition and pursuant to an Order of this Court, notice is hereby given that the 17 day of December, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. has been appointed as the time for hearing said petition before undersigned Judge, in the District Court of McClain County, McClain County Courthouse, Purcell, Oklahoma, when and where all persons interested in said estate may appear and be heard if there are objections thereto.

Witness my hand this 12 day of November, 2020.

CHARLES GRAY ASSOCIATE DISTRICT JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT RITA M. FLAGLER, attorney for Personal Representative 3625 West Main, Suite 101 Norman, Oklahoma 73072 (405) 321-3342

with the Owner to perform said work and/or furnish said materials in accordance with said plans and specifications and furnish the required bonds within seven (7) days after the acceptance of his bid.

The deposit will be retained by the Owner as, and for, liquidated damages in case the successful bidder fails to enter in said contract and furnish the required bonds provided for in the specifications within the time required. Deposit of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned upon the execution of the Contract and required bonds.

Each bidder shall accompany his bid with a sworn statement in writing that the Bidder has not directly or indirectly entered into an agreement, express or implied, with any other bidder or the price or amount of such bid or any bids, the limiting of the bids or bidders, the paying to anyone any money for promotion expenses, the parceling or farming out to any bidder or bidders or other persons of any part of the contract or any part of the subject matter of the bid or of the profits thereof.

A Performance, Maintenance and Statutory Bond in the amount of 100% of the contract price with a Corporate Surety licensed in Oklahoma and approved by the Owner and Engineer, will be required for the faithful performance of the contract, and the bidder shall state in the proposal the name and address of the Surety or Sureties who will sign this bond in case the contract is awarded to him. The Maintenance Bond required will guarantee the repair of all damage due to improper materials or workmanship for a period of one (1) year after the acceptance of the work by the Owner.

All bids shall remain on file at least forty-eight (48) hours. Bids received more than ninety-six (96) hours prior to the Bid Opening will be returned.

Contract to be awarded to low responsive responsible bidder. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities in the bidding and the right to reject any and all bids in accordance with the Oklahoma Competitive Bidding Act. Conditional bids shall not be accepted.

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A Performance, Maintenance and Statutory Bond in the amount of 100% of the contract price with a Corporate Surety licensed in Oklahoma and approved by the Owner and Engineer, will be required for the faithful performance of the contract, and the bidder shall state in the proposal the name and address of the Surety or Sureties who will sign this bond in case the contract is awarded to him. The Maintenance Bond required will guarantee the repair of all damage due to improper materials or workmanship for a period of one (1) year after the acceptance of the work by the Owner.

All bids shall remain on file at least forty-eight (48) hours. Bids received more than ninety-six (96) hours prior to the Bid Opening will be returned.

Contract to be awarded to low responsive responsible bidder. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities in the bidding and the right to reject any and all bids in accordance with the Oklahoma Competitive Bidding Act. Conditional bids shall not be accepted.

Legal Publications

No. 631-November 26-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATES OF DEE JOHN HARPER, Deceased, and RUBY ELIZABETH HARPER, Deceased
 CASE NO. PB-2020-81
ALIAS NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 All creditors having claims against the Estates of DEE JOHN HARPER, Deceased, and RUBY ELIZABETH HARPER, Deceased, are required to present the same, with a description of all security interests and other collateral (if any) held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to the named Co-

Personal Representatives at the Law Office of BILL C. LESTER, Attorney at Law, 212 West Main, P.O. Box 1407, Purcell, Oklahoma 73080, on or before the following presentment date: January 19, 2021, or the same will be forever barred.
 /s/ Ruby Marie Huddleston
 Ruby Marie Huddleston
 /s/ Patricia Elaine Webster
 Patricia Elaine Webster
BILL C. LESTER
 Attorney for Personal Representative
 212 West Main - P.O. Box 1407
 Purcell, OK 73080
 (405) 527-5623
 OBA #5389

No. 636-November 26-1 Time IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA In the Matter of the Estate of BURLEY C. GENTRY, Deceased.
 No. PB-2020-53
NOTICE OF HEARING RETURN OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY
 Notice is hereby given that BURLINDA C. JUDD, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Personal Representative of the estate of BURLEY C. GENTRY, deceased, has returned and presented for confirmation, and filed in said court her return of the sale of the following described real property of said estate, to-wit:
SURFACE ESTATE ONLY:
 Lot Eight (8), Block Two (2) ABNEY ACRES, being a subdivision of the E½ SW¼ and Government Lot Seven (7), Section Six (6), Township Six (6) North, Range Three (3) West, McClain County, Oklahoma

to LARRY BONTRAGER for the sum of \$179,500.00 and that the 8th day of December, 2020, at 9:30 o'clock a.m. of said day, in the courtroom of the undersigned Judge in the City of Purcell, McClain County, State of Oklahoma has been duly appointed by said court for hearing said return, at which time any person interested in said estate may appear and file his/her exceptions in writing to said return and contest the same, and are hereby referred to said return for further particulars.
 In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court this 20th day of November, 2020.

/s/ Charles Gray
 Judge of the District Court
 Ted W. Haxel, PLLC
 108 North Second St.
 P.O. Box 367
 Purcell, OK 73080
 405-527-5888

No. 635-November 26-1 Time IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE DUERIG FAMILY TRUST, dated October 12, 1977 as amended November 14, 1977.

121 North Second Street, Purcell, Oklahoma 73080, when and where all persons interested in the matter may appear and the contest the same, if any they have.

Case No. PT-2020-1
NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE
 Petitioner Gwen Greenspan has filed a verified Petition for Appointment of Successor Trustee in the above matter.

Witness the undersigned Judge of the District Court of McClain County, Oklahoma dated this 20 day of November, 2020.

CHARLES GRAY
 ASSOCIATE DISTRICT JUDGE
 Judge of the District Court
 Kevin L. Miller, OBA #11436
 Kevin L. Miller, PC
 Landmark Towers West
 3555 NW 58th Street, Suite 1000
 Oklahoma City, OK 73112
 Telephone: 405-943-6650 ext. 324
 Facsimile: 405-943-6655
 Email: kevin@kevinmillerpc.com
ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER GWEN GREENSPAN

No. 637-November 26-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JOHN EDWARD JOHNSON, Deceased.

his Courtroom, McClain County District Courthouse, 121 North 2nd Avenue, Purcell, McClain County, State of Oklahoma, and all persons interested in the Estate are notified to appear and show cause, if any they have, why the Account should not be settled and allowed, the Estate distributed, and the Personal Representative discharged.

Case No.: PB-2020-61
NOTICE OF HEARING FIRST AND FINAL ACCOUNT, PETITION FOR DECREE OF DISTRIBUTION AND DISCHARGE OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

DATED this 20th day of November, 2020.

Notice is hereby given that Cori D. Johnson, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Personal Representative of the Estate of John Edward Johnson, Deceased, has filed her Final Account, Petition for Decree of Distribution and Discharge of Personal Representative. A hearing has been fixed by the Judge of the Court for the 10th day of December, 2020, at 9:30 o'clock a.m., before the Honorable Charles Gray, in

/s/ Charles Gray
 ASSOCIATE DISTRICT JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

Respectfully submitted by:
 /s/ Jon J. Gores
 Jon J. Gores, OBA #31068
 WAGNER & WAGNER, P.C.
 4401 N. Classen Blvd., Suite 100
 Oklahoma City, OK 73118-5038
 (405) 521-9105, fax 521-8994
 (e-mail) jigg@wagnerfirm.com
 Attorney for Personal Representative

No. 638-November 26-3 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA TOM GILLIAM AND RETAGILLIAM Plaintiffs, v. NORMAN T. GOMES AND AMANDA BLACK Defendants.

ning at a point 399 feet South of the Northeast Corner of said W/2 SW/4 SW/4 SW/4; thence South 254 feet to the center of road; thence West 330 feet to center of road; thence North 254 feet; thence East 330 feet to the point of beginning. (The "Property")

Case No. CJ-20-152
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: NORMAN T. GOMES, and any unknown heirs, successors or assigns

If you fail to answer the Petition of the Plaintiffs filed against you in the Court, on or before the 5th day of January, 2021, the claims asserted in the Petition will be taken as true and judgment will be rendered against you and Plaintiffs' mortgage against the above described property will be foreclosed, all as prayed for in the Petition.

Take notice that you, and each of you, have been sued in the District Court of McClain County, State of Oklahoma (the "Court") by the above named Plaintiffs in the above numbered and styled cause of action.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 20 day of November, 2020.
 KRISTEL GRAY,
 COURT CLERK
 MCCLAIN COUNTY,
 OKLAHOMA
 By: /s/ Amy Gray
 DEPUTY (Seal)

This suit is brought for breach of a promissory note and to foreclose a mortgage on the property described as follows:

The Commercial Property at the NE corner of Highways 37 & 76 in Newcastle, McClain County, Oklahoma further described as Part of the West Half (W/2) of the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section Thirty-two (32), Township Ten (10) North, Range Four (4) West of the Indian Meridian, McClain County, Oklahoma, more particularly described as follows: Begin-

Approved as to form:
 Jeff L. Todd, OBA #17713
 McAfee & Taft
 A Professional Corporation
 Tenth Floor, Two Leadership Square
 211 North Robinson
 Oklahoma City, OK 73102
 (405) 235-9621
 (405) 235-0439 (fax)
 jeff.todd@mcafeetaft.com
ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF

No. 633-November 26-1 Time
 BEFORE THE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA
 APPLICANT: GLB EXPLORATION, INC.
 RELIEF SOUGHT: WELL LOCATION EXCEPTION
 LAND COVERED: N/2 SE/4 OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 5 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, MCCLAIN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
 CAUSE NO. CD 202001923
NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA: To the following parties, if living; or if deceased, then their unknown heirs, devisees, executors, administrators, successors, trustees, and/or assigns; or, the unknown successors, trustees or assigns, if any, of any dissolved corporation, or the unknown successors of any party designated in any record as trustee; and all persons, owners, producers, operators, purchasers and takers of oil and gas, and all other interested persons in McClain County, Oklahoma.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Applicant in this cause is requesting that the Commission issue an Order authorizing GLB Exploration, Inc., or some other party, to drill and complete a well in the Deese, Hart, Osborne, Mississippi, Hunton, Simpson, Tulip Creek and McClish common source(s) of supply for the 80-acre drilling and spacing unit(s) consisting of the N/2 SE/4 of Section 12, Township 5 North, Range 3 West, McClain County, Oklahoma, at the following location:

North/South	East/West
Location-ft	Location-ft
NCT 576' FNL	NCT 700' FWL

The proposed location is not a legal location under the terms of Order No. 137607.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the location described above is moving toward the following described property:

(a) S/2 NE/4 of Section 12, Township 5 North, Range 3 West, McClain County, Oklahoma.

(b) The completion interval of the well described herein is moving toward the offset well(s) listed below:

Well Name	API Number	Operator
None	None	None

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Applicant in this cause is requesting the following special relief:

(a) That GLB Exploration, Inc., or some other party, be designated as operator of the unit well.

(b) That the well, if a commercial producer in the common source(s) of supply named herein, be permitted to produce without penalty.

(c) That, at the request of the Applicant, the Order may be made effective on a date prior to its signing.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this cause be set before an Administrative Law Judge for hearing, taking of evidence and reporting to the Commission.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this cause will be heard before an Administrative Law Judge on the Initial Hearing Docket at the Corporation Commission, Jim Thorpe Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, at 8:30 a.m., on the 14th day of December, 2020, and that this notice be published as required by law and the rules of the Commission.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, access to the Jim Thorpe Building is restricted. The referenced hearing may be conducted via teleconference or videoconference. Before coming to the building for this hearing, please visit the Oklahoma Corporation Commission website at www.occeweb.com to determine the status of building access. Instructions for participating via teleconference or videoconference are available on the Commission's website.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Applicant and interested parties may present testimony by telephone. The cost of telephonic communication shall be paid by the person or persons requesting its use. Interested parties who wish to participate by telephone shall contact the Applicant or Applicant's attorney, prior to the hearing date, and provide their name and phone number.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all interested persons may appear and be heard. For information concerning this application, contact BENJAMIN J. BROWN, OBA #30843, and MADISON D. CATAUDELLA, OBA #34137, Attorneys for Applicant, 1560 East 21st Street, Suite 310, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74114, Telephone (918) 779-6047, www.charneybrown.com/faqs, or Greg Scherman, Landman, Telephone (405) 787-0049.

OKLAHOMA CORPORATION COMMISSION
 J. Todd Hiatt, Commissioner
 Bob Anthony, Commissioner
 Dana L. Murphy, Commissioner

/s/ Benjamin J. Brown
 Benjamin J. Brown, OBA #30843
 Madison D. Cataudella, OBA #34137

No. 629-November 26-2 times
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The City of Purcell/ Purcell PWA will receive separate sealed bids for Final Grading and Detention to serve the New Hospital. Bids will be received at City Hall, located at 230 W. Main St., Purcell, Oklahoma, 73080, until 11:00 AM, Thursday, December 17, 2020. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud, at 11:00 AM at City Hall.

Project to include clearing approximately 4 acres of trees, final grading and compacting of the site, construction of the retention pond, constructing approximately 85 l.f. of 48" RCP outlet pipe, approximately 45 l.f. 10"x5" RCB, and appurtenances.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting held on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 11:00 am, at Purcell City Hall, 230 W. Main St., Purcell, Oklahoma, 73080.

All work shall be performed, and all construction and material used and furnished shall be in accordance with the Contract Documents prepared by Glenn Sullivan & Associates, Inc., and on file in the office of the City Clerk, located at City Hall.

The Notice to Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Plans and Specifications, Forms of Bid Bond, Performance and Statutory Payment Bond, and other Contract Documents may be examined at the following:

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 Norman, OK 73069
 (405) 321-7232

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the contract bid upon, and that he will enter into a written contract with the Owner to perform said work and/or furnish said materials in accordance with said plans and specifications and furnish the required bonds within seven (7) days after the acceptance of his bid.

The deposit will be retained by the Owner as, and for, liquidated damages in case the successful bidder fails to enter in said contract and furnish the required bonds provided for in the specifications within the time required. Deposit of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned upon the execution of the Contract and required bonds.

Each bidder shall accompany his bid with a sworn statement in writing that the Bidder has not directly or indirectly entered into an agreement, express of implied, with any other bidder or the price or amount of such bid or any bids, the limiting of the bids or bidders, the paying to anyone any money for promotion expenses, the parceling or farming out to any bidder or bidders or other persons of any part of the contract or any part of the subject matter of the bid or of the profits thereof.

A Performance, Maintenance and Statutory Bond in the amount of 100% of the contract price with a Corporate Surety licensed in Oklahoma and approved by the Owner and Engineer, will be required for the faithful performance of the contract, and the bidder shall state in the proposal the name and address of the Surety or Sureties who will sign this bond in case the contract is awarded to him. The Maintenance Bond required will guarantee the repair of all damage due to improper materials or workmanship for a period of one (1) year after the acceptance of the work by the Owner.

All bids shall remain on file at least forty-eight (48) hours. Bids received more than ninety-six (96) hours prior to the Bid Opening will be returned.

Contract to be awarded to low responsive responsible bidder. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities in the bidding and the right to reject any and all bids in accordance with the Oklahoma Competitive Bidding Act. Conditional bids shall not be accepted.



John D. Montgomery • The Purcell Register

Fence straddlers

Students at Purcell's Education Station enjoyed the warm, sunny weather last Friday.

Classifieds

PT Radiology Tech Evening Shift needed
 at Lindsay Municipal Hospital.
 Rotating weekends/holidays and call.
CT experience required. ARRT Certification required.
 Apply at lindsayhospital.com.
 No phone calls please.

Screeners needed
 FT at Lindsay Municipal Hospital in ER for COVID precautions.
Only online applications are accepted.
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Licensed Practical Nurse needed
 at Lindsay Municipal Hospital.
 Flex position.
Only online applications are accepted.
 Apply at lindsayhospital.com.
 No phone calls please.

Registered Nurse needed
 at Lindsay Municipal Hospital.
 Flex position.
Only online applications are accepted.
 Apply at lindsayhospital.com.
 No phone calls please.

Lab Tech needed
 at Lindsay Municipal Hospital.
 Full Time.
 MT/MLT, or education in biological sciences.
 Hospital experience preferred.
 LMH pays 100% premiums for medical, dental, and vision.
Only online applications are accepted.
 Apply at lindsayhospital.com.
 No phone calls please.

PCA needed
 at Lindsay Municipal Hospital.
 FT Night Shift.
 LMH pays 100% for medical, dental, and vision insurance premiums.
Only online applications are accepted.
 Apply at lindsayhospital.com.
 No phone calls please.

Dietary Cook needed
 at Lindsay Municipal Hospital.
 Day Shift. Full Time.
 LMH pays 100% medical, dental, and vision insurance premiums.
Only online applications are accepted.
 Apply at lindsayhospital.com.
 No phone calls please.

Assistant Lab Manager needed
 at Lindsay Municipal Hospital.
 Full Time.
 MT/MLT, or education in biological sciences.
 Hospital experience preferred. Must be willing to take call and rotate weekend and holiday coverage.
 LMH pays 100% medical, dental, and vision insurance premiums.
Only online applications are accepted.
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 No phone calls please.

RETIRED PERSON (ONLY)
(JACK OF ALL TRADES)
 Farm house plus moderate salary to supplement your own existing retirement income. Average of 20 hours per week. Duties include mowing, working with machinery, fencing, bldg. repair, carpentry, light plumbing and electrical. Impeccable character, integrity, good health (must have your own health insurance) and numerous references A MUST!!!!
Background Investigation Conducted
Please do not call if not fully qualified
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 223 S. Lake Park Dr., Mustang, OK
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 3 bed 2 bath home, 2098 sqft, 1 owner, 2 car garage, basement, Large lot, Mustang school, Lakehoma addition. 2019 tax \$1723.
Open House Sunday, Nov. 29, 1-3 or by appointment

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 1997 Ford Taurus 130,000 miles, 14ft flat bottom aluminum boat, Mowers, tools, household, antiques.
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405-620-1524

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New Listing... 8701 48th Ave SE, Noble, OK... Great location and a lot of room to roam in this 3 bed, 3 bath home on 2.29 acres on well water and has a storm shelter. The original garage has been converted and a detached garage has been added as well as a sun room and pavilion. New interior paint. Check it out at www.jimwest.realtor

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