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Finishing touches

The James C. Nance Memorial Bridge is in the process of getting the finishing overlay this week as motorists experienced some delays crossing the bridge.

SUPER Tuesday

Who wants to be President?

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You almost need a program to keep track of the people who want to be President for the next four years.

Oklahoma voters will go to the polls next week on Super Tuesday to elect their choice for Democrat and Republican candidates.

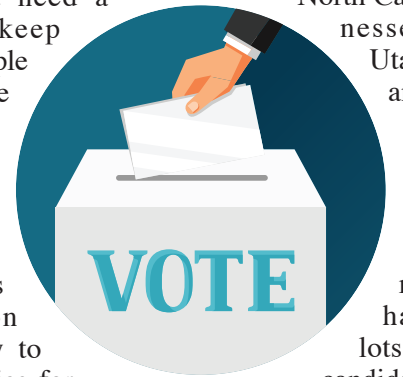
Other states holding Presidential Preferential Primary elections on Super Tuesday are Alabama, Arkansas,

California, Colorado, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, North Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont and Virginia.

Registered Republican voters in Oklahoma will be handed ballots listing six candidates.

They are Roque Rocky De La Fuente, perennial candidate and Mexican-

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Backpack “bomb”

Dibble suspect’s bond \$63K

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A Dibble man who threatened to detonate a backpack bomb when police there attempted to arrest him on outstanding municipal warrants is in the McClain County Detention Center in lieu of a \$63,000 bond.

Prosecutors charged Calvin W. Mize, 23, with possession of an incendiary explosive and resisting an officer.

His initial appearance in McClain County District



Calvin Mize

Court will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday.

According to an affidavit, the confrontation occurred shortly after 8 a.m. February 15.

A neighbor called Dibble police and said Mize was trying to start his motorcycle near Dibble Elementary School.

When Officer Avery Jones arrived, he noticed Mize had a backpack over his shoulder and there were wires from the backpack to Mize’s hand, which was

pressing a switch.

When Mize saw the police, he began yelling that he would pull the switch, destroying everything in a 3-mile radius, according to the affidavit.

In the 48 hours leading up to the incident, Mize allegedly made several threats to commit suicide by cop.

Mize said he just wanted to start the motorcycle so he could go to Texas to see

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Grand Heifer

Chase Anderson showed the Grand Champion Heifer at the Purcell Livestock Show. His heifer brought an \$800 premium from Bergen Elliott at the Bonus Auction last Tuesday night.

Purcell man jailed

Ex-girlfriend reported assault

Michael S. Owens remains in the McClain County Detention Center after he was charged with second-degree burglary, domestic assault and battery in the presence of

a minor and preventing an emergency telephone call.

Owens, 37, of Purcell, is being held on \$8,000 bond. His initial appearance in McClain

Owens

County District Court will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday.

According to an affidavit, police were called to a home on North 7th Avenue on February 14.

Owens allegedly broke into the house and assaulted his former girlfriend.

The woman locked the house before leaving to run errands. When she returned, a side door was unlocked.

Inside, she encountered

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Clearing brush

Purcell crews were clearing brush and leveling ground last week, readying the site of the new hospital for an upcoming ground-breaking.

No OHP details

About accidents here last week

No reports have been turned into The Purcell Register regarding information and details about two traffic accidents that occurred last week.

One of the single vehicle accidents occurred February 18 between Purcell and

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Sub Regional

Purcell is hosting a Sub Regional in basketball with Lexington, Marietta and Marlow.



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And the winners are...

Photos tell the tale of Monday’s Heart of Oklahoma Chamber award winners.



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Moving on

Purcell's animal control officer, David Claunch, was honored Friday morning at a retirement party at the Purcell Police Department. Claunch, left, received a plaque from Capt. James Bolling.

Delays ahead next week

ODOT will be doing "surface repairs"

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation will be doing surface repairs on the James C. Nance Memorial Bridge next week beginning Monday.

According to an ODOT release, drivers can expect intermittent lane closures on east and westbound traffic on the bridge between Purcell and

Lexington all the way through Friday.

The work will be weather permitting.

"Motorists can expect minor delays and should plan extra travel time and watch for workers and equipment on the bridge," ODOT officials said.

The work will address the

remaining pavement smoothness requirements on the new US 77/SH 39 bridge.

The bridge, that spans over the South Canadian River and BNSF Railway, was opened to traffic in July 2019.

The contract for the \$38 million bridge replacement project was awarded to Webber, LLC.

March into spring with children's activities at the library

Reading, learning and fun all go together with the Purcell Public Library and weekly story times and creative events for both preschool children and those already in school.

STEAM Preschool and Toddler Story Time takes place at 10:30 a.m. each Tuesday during March. These programs are for preschoolers and toddlers and are a chance to engage with books, rhymes, technology, art and more in a family-friendly setting.

And on Tuesday, March 10, Southwest Dairy Farms will visit for a special presentation about how milk is produced.

Registration in advance for these story times is requested but not required.

Thursday afternoons are a time for elementary school-age children to look forward to, with creative programs taking place at 3:15 p.m. on most Thursdays during the school year.

In March, these activities

will feature:

March 5—Game On!—enjoy favorites ranging from board games to card games to video games.

March 12—We Love Legos, Yes We Do!—Get a look at Lego WeDo kits and all the things that can be built with them;

March 19—Full STEAM Ahead—It's an afternoon of robotics featuring a chance to program with ozobots and beebots.

March 26—Bad Art at the Library—Use a variety of provided art supplies to create a "disasterpiece."

No advance registration is necessary for the afterschool events.

For more information on any of the library's programs and services for children, call 527-5546 or go online to www.pioneerlibrarysystem.org/purcell.

7 day forecast from @PurcellRegister @OUNewsCrowd

Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
54° 35°	58° 34°	62° 42°	66° 45°	67° 41°	59° 41°	61° 42°
Cloudy	Prtly Sunny	Sunny	Prtly Sunny	Rain	Rain	Sunny

Climbing temperatures

A midweek system will stir up cloud cover Thursday, but break up in time for the weekend. This will allow tempera-

tures to thoroughly rebound into the upper 60s by Sunday. Monday and Tuesday another system will roll through bring-

ing showers. Temperatures will hold steady and climb back in the 60s after it moves east.

— Jenna Warner



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Grand Barrow

Tucker Bloodworth showed the Grand Champion Barrow at the Purcell Livestock Show. His barrow brought a \$900 premium at the Bonus Auction last Tuesday night from Oklahoma AgCredit.

Election rules and reminders

Tuesday's primary: All the information you need

Voters will go to the polls Tuesday for the 2020 Presidential Preferential Primary, McClain County Election Board Secretary Karen Haley said today.

Haley offered the following information and tips for those voting:

- Only registered Republicans may vote in the Republican primary. Both registered Democrats and independent voters may vote in the Democrat primary.

- Early voting will be available at the County Election Board office from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., today (Thursday) and Friday. Early voting Saturday will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

On election day, polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Lines are possible at peak voting times. Wait times will likely be shortest at mid-morning and mid-afternoon. Anyone in line to vote at 7 p.m. will be allowed to cast a ballot.

- Anyone who needs to look

up their polling place, verify their registration information or view a sample ballot can do so online. The Online Voter Tool can be accessed on the Oklahoma State Election Board's website: www.elections.ok.gov. Those who vote by mail can also check the status of their ballot using the Online Voter Tool. Sample ballots are also available at the County Election Board office.

- Oklahoma law requires every voter who votes in person at the precinct polling place or during early voting at the County Election Board to show proof of identity before receiving a ballot.

There are three ways for voters to prove their identity under the law (only one proof of identity is required): Show a valid photo ID issued by federal, state or tribal government; show the free voter identification card issued to every voter by the County Election Board; or sign an affidavit and vote

a provisional ballot. (If the information on the affidavit matches official voter registration records, the ballot will be counted after Election Day.)

- Physically disabled voters who cannot enter the polling place, need help marking their ballots, blind or visually disabled voters and illiterate voters may be assisted by a person the voter chooses.

In all cases, a person providing such assistance may not be the voter's employer or an agent of the employer or an officer or agent of the voter's union.

A person providing assistance also must swear or affirm that the voter's ballots will be marked in accordance with the voter's wishes.

Alternatively, all blind, visually impaired, and physically disabled voters in McClain County may use the audio-tactile interface (ATI), a feature offered on all Oklahoma voting devices, to vote privately and independently, either at McClain County Election Board during early voting or at their assigned polling place on election day.

- Voters who have moved since the last election, but who have not transferred their voter registration to their new address, may do so on Election Day by going to vote at the polling place where their registration has been in the past. While voting, they may fill out a form instructing the County Election Board to transfer their registration to the new address before the next election.

- Those who became physically incapacitated after 5 p.m. February 25 still can request an emergency absentee ballot. Those who might qualify for an emergency absentee ballot should contact the County Election Board office at 405-527-3121 as soon as possible for more information.

- Any violation of election law will be reported to the proper law enforcement authorities.

Electioneering is not allowed within 300 feet of a ballot box. It is also unlawful to remove a ballot from the polling location, possess intoxicating liquors within half a mile of a polling place or to disclose how you voted while within the election enclosure.

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

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Sentence explained

Agreement spared Glasgow children

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 The Purcell Register

Suspended sentences for a former Purcell police officer charged with six counts of child abuse by injury were agreed to by both sides, the assistant district attorney prosecuting the case said last week.

Lesley March said the difficult decision was made to spare Glasgow's young son who would be the sole witness against him.

Glasgow's former wife and her attorney were present and District Judge Leah Edwards questioned both about the terms in the agreement and the impact a trial would have on

the young boy.

The judge also had questions for March before she accepted the plea agreement.

Glasgow, 40, received concurrent 5-year suspended sentences on each count and was fined \$3,000. He will be supervised by the Oklahoma Department of Corrections for one year and must perform 100 hours of community service.

Each of the counts was punishable by up to life imprisonment and/or a fine of \$500 to \$5,000.

March said the agreement and avoiding a trial was in the best interests of the young victims.

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NEWS In Brief

Girl Scout

Food Drive

Purcell Girl Scout Troop 298 will be hosting a drive through food drive and cookie booth in Purcell.

Girl Scouts will be collecting canned food and non-perishable food items Saturday, February 29, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Cash Saver, 1600 N. Green.

All donations go to the Little Dragons Food Pantry.

Prom Dress

Giveaway

The Lexington High School National Honor Society is holding a prom dress giveaway.

The giveaway will be held Saturday, March 14, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the high school commons.

For more information call 527-3810.

Rotary

Chili Lunch

The Purcell Rotary Club

will hold its annual Rotary Chili Lunch Wednesday, March 25, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall of Trinity United Methodist Church.

Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased from any Rotary Club member or at the door.

Proceeds help support Rotary's local projects.

Daylight

Saving Time

It's almost time for Daylight Saving Time! Time to spring forward.

Don't forget to turn your clocks forward one hour when you go to bed Saturday, March 7.

Lex Senior

Citizens Lunch

The Lexington senior citizens serve lunch from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays for a \$7 donation. To-go orders are \$8.

The lunch is open to the public and home cooked and served by volunteers of the Lexington Senior Citizens center.

The Lexington Community

Center is located at 131 S. Main.

Museum News

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

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

Door of Hope

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

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

For more information call (405) 595-1337.

Purcell

NA Group

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

The group meets at the First Baptist Church in Purcell.

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



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Grand Ewe

Hailey Carpenter showed the Grand Champion Ewe at the Purcell Livestock Show. Her ewe brought a \$750 premium at the Bonus Auction last Tuesday night from Allen Sod Farm.

Applications accepted for Leadership Oklahoma Class 34

Leadership Oklahoma, a statewide leadership program in its thirty-second year, is now accepting applications for its 2020-2021 adult class.

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

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

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

"Leadership Oklahoma and its graduates are working to

create and implement the positive changes necessary to make Oklahoma a better state," said Mark Williams, current program chair and President, Research Institute for Economic Development.

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

Approximately 1,600 people have completed the program and remain active.

"Leadership Oklahoma is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," said Kimmy Loggins, Quality Manager, HSI Sensing, Inc,

and third term member of the Chickasha City Council. "Seeing all that makes this state unique and learning first-hand its incredible strengths along with unique challenges, is one of the most rewarding experiences I've had.

"The friendships and professional network I have developed with classmates is priceless. Leadership Oklahoma is helping me grow as a person and to be better equipped to serve my community and our great state! It is definitely a life-changing experience," she concluded.

Applications may be downloaded from the Leadership Oklahoma website at www.leadershipoklahoma.com. Completed applications must be received in the Leadership Oklahoma office no later than April 1, 2020 at 5 p.m.

Stolen vehicle located in Purcell

Purcell Police solved a stolen vehicle case and arrested the suspect in short order last Wednesday evening.

Captain James Bolling reported he was dispatched to the 200 block of West Main just after 5 p.m. to investigate a mysterious white box truck parked in a parking lot downtown.

Bolling ran the vehicle identification number on the front and was advised by dispatch the truck was stolen out of Oklahoma City.

Bolling and Officer Dakota Norman were told of a possible description of the driver of the white box truck and were told he was heading to Get Loose Bail Bond.

The officers went inside the Main Street business and found Joseph McBride, 54 of Oklahoma City.

McBride didn't have a key to the truck that was later determined to have been hot wired.

After McBride was taken into custody police found a pipe with residue later to be determined to be methamphetamine.

McBride was booked into the McClain County jail facing charges of possession of a stolen vehicle and possession of paraphernalia.

Police said the rightful owner of the truck was Ernie McEntire.

Wayne Senior Citizens

By John Webb

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

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

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

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

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

"Spread the Love" peanut butter, jelly drive in February

Delta Community Action Foundation, Inc. is calling on the public to help "Spread the Love" during the month of February.

Delta is having a peanut butter and jelly food drive to help "Spread the Love" to local citizens in need of food.

The agency's 2017 Community Needs Assessment revealed the need for food ranked fourth in overall need. The Spread the Love Peanut Butter and Jelly Drive, sponsored by Delta Community Action Foundation, Inc., will continue through

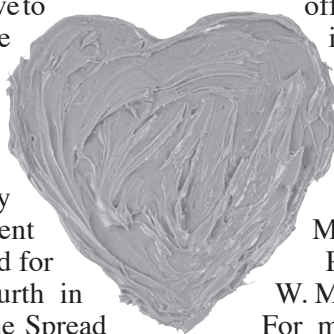
the end of February.

Delta Community Action Foundation, Inc. is under the direction of Karen Nichols, Executive Director.


Donations can be dropped off at the following Delta Community Action locations:

Lindsay: 308 SW 2nd; Purcell: 122 W. Main; and Pauls Valley: 225 W. McClure.

For more information about services provided by Delta Community Action Foundation, Inc., please visit deltacommunityaction.org




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Successful chamber banquet

Congratulations to all the winners of awards at Monday night's chamber of commerce banquet.

A record crowd of around 300 were in attendance at the Riverwind Casino Show Place Theatre.

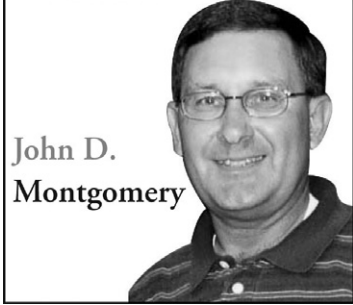
Guardian winners included Cody Barton, Ted Cox, Alan and Lisa Eubanks and Amy Tolle.

John and Pam Hobbs were named Purcell Citizens of the year. Harry Grider was tabbed as the Lexington Citizen of the year and the Goldsby Citizens of the year were Donnie and Ronnie Beller.

Kesha Montgomery was selected as the Purcell Non Rotarian Paul Harris Fellow award winner.

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Heart of Oklahoma Chamber

Editor's Notebook



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of Commerce Chief Executive Officer Elisabeth Baker deserves some kudos as well putting together her first banquet.

The new venue allowed for a larger crowd and most everyone we talked to enjoyed the food and the entire banquet.

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On our recent trip to Kansas City it seemed like there was

a college in nearly every town along Interstate 35.

Come to find out there are 39 colleges and universities in Kansas, which seems like a lot until you count all of them in Oklahoma.

The Sooner State has 45 colleges and universities.

jdm
Let's see a show of hands who remember we used to get a couple of years off after a presidential election.

Now it's presidential election 24/7.

Plus, you throw in a Democratic controlled Congress who are mad at the Republican President and it gets to be more than many can stomach.

At least now when we are talking presidential politics we are actually in an election year.

jdm

On the health front

Good nursing, food & strong antibiotic beat bronchitis

Bill was a little raspy last Thursday.

Looking back, he probably tempted fate when he told me between sneezing fits, "I hope I'm not getting sick."

That was all it took.

It was like throwing open the gates and telling the pestilence hoard outside, "Come on in. You can set up in my upper respiratory tract."

And set up they did.

He was a little off Friday morning. But when I got in from work things were definitely going south.

I'd shopped for groceries that day. I made chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, salad

MUCH ADO



Jeanne Grimes

and steamed vegetables for our supper.

Saturday got off to a slow

start and Bill napped until time to leave for Kaiser's swim lesson at 3:30 p.m. He wanted to go with me.

Well, after the lesson we dropped the dog off at home and drove straight to urgent care. Leaving there with prescription in hand we stopped to eat and then drove into Norman to a 24/7 pharmacy where a projected 15-minute wait turned into an hour.

It was 10:30 p.m. before we got back home and the hours spent running around had taken their toll.

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NEWS FROM CAPITOL HILL

Ready to combat coronavirus

Congressman Tom Cole

The worsening spread and global impact of the coronavirus continues to be at the center of news coverage. While there is certainly cause for concern, I am encouraged that the United States is better prepared than it has been in recent memory to combat this mysterious infectious disease.

And that is thanks to the bipartisan foresight of Congress and preparations made over the last five years to ensure our public health defenders are equipped and ready to respond at a moment's notice.

Also known as COVID-19, this new strain of the coronavirus originated in Wuhan, China. Though the majority of those infected with the disease are in China, cases have been confirmed in other countries around the world, including 15 people in the United States.

This isn't the first time an infectious disease somewhere else in the world has posed a public and global health threat. In recent years, our dedicated public health defenders have been on the front lines of rapidly monitoring and responding to disease outbreaks of the Ebola and Zika viruses.

It was amid such outbreaks that Congress began shaping policies and prioritizing investment in public health readiness and infectious disease response resources, including consistently boosting overall funding each year for the National

Institutes of Health (NIH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Strategic National Stockpile.

It's worth noting that the very weapons that were immediately deployed last month by the CDC to defend the public health against the coronavirus were the result of bipartisan congressional collaboration with those on the front lines.

When Republicans controlled the House, the House Appropriations Subcommittee responsible for funding the Department of Health and Human Services led the way in anticipating future needs and investing in resources for disease readiness.

I am proud that lawmakers worked across the aisle and across the Capitol to deliver both policy and funding solutions. Of critical importance in the wake of the coronavirus was the establishment of the Infectious Disease Rapid Response Reserve Fund – to be ready and available for the CDC to quickly respond to a future or imminent infectious disease crisis that could endanger American lives.

During my tenure as Chairman, I was proud to advocate for the start of this fund, first proposing its creation in fiscal year 2017 with an initial investment of \$300 million.

Within a couple of years, the fund was ultimately approved by Congress in fiscal year 2019 to the tune of \$50 million and with the ability for unspent

funding to accumulate over time like an emergency fund.

In the most recent full-year funding approved by a politically divided Congress and signed into law at the end of December, I was greatly encouraged that an additional investment of \$85 million was made to replenish and bolster the fund, reaffirming lawmakers' bipartisan and bicameral commitment to disease readiness and emergency response.

Because of this fund, the CDC had more than \$100 million immediately available to rapidly respond in the critical first days.

As we continue to monitor the coronavirus and determine the additional needs for resources to protect American lives and ultimately help eradicate the disease worldwide, I greatly appreciate the Trump Administration keeping Congress informed and leading America's public health response – including formation of the President's Coronavirus Task Force.

During a congressional briefing last week with Administration officials, I was encouraged to hear that there are still resources available for our public health defenders to do their work and that the NIH is rapidly working to develop a vaccine to protect lives.

As additional funding resources are needed, I am confident Congress will move quickly to provide them.

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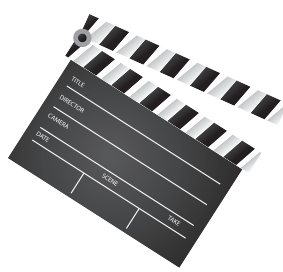
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Our Views

MOVIES WITH DAVE



By David Stull

Just a couple new releases this time around. One of which prompted me to go on a bit of a tangent about movie remakes, and why I don't necessarily mind them.

Apologies for that, but I promise it's not as long-winded as the diatribes that seem to come about whenever a new Star Wars, or live-action reimagining of a classic Disney animated film, releases.

Anyway, this past week I saw a retelling of a classic adventure tale starring a grizzled Harrison Ford and a computer animated dog, plus a sequel to a film about a creepy antique doll who terrorizes all who are unfortunate enough to come across it. No, not "Annabelle,"

another one.

Let's get to the reviews.



First up is "The Call of the Wild." Based on the classic novel, this film follows Buck, a big-hearted dog whose blissful domestic life gets turned upside down when he's suddenly uprooted from his California home and transplanted to the exotic wilds of the Alaskan Yukon in the

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Your Views

News from District 16

• Senator Mary Boren •



Halfway through the first month of the Session

We're halfway through the first month of session. Last week was extremely busy with nearly 100 bills getting passed out of Senate committees and we also heard the first bills of the session on the Floor.

Solar power advocates held a press conference at the Capitol to remind lawmakers that solar energy creates jobs. During my time to speak, I answered questions about barriers the industry faces.

Billing transparency is a major roadblock that is keeping companies from locating and doing projects in the state. Unless a solar panel business owner knows the value of energy in an area, it is almost impossible to plan a project and accurately calculate risk in order to make a profit.

I've authored SB 1229 to improve electricity bill transparency throughout all Oklahoma. I hope SB 1229 will cause electricity providers to separate charges for energy from delivery and customer charges and clearly label those charges on the face of all electric utility bills.

Many Oklahomans are very concerned about HB 2336 that passed off the Senate Floor this week. This bill allows school boards to adopt policies to

authorize school personnel to carry handguns onto school property.

A large majority of administrators, teachers, and parents in Senate District 16 want students to feel safe without arming teachers by using proven security plans. These include security resource officers, cameras, locked entries, and advocating for safe school climates where "see something, say something" is the norm.

These plans are proven to be the best way to prevent violence and have already prevented tragic events in many schools.

My unresolved concern about HB 2336 is that it doesn't address negligence or carelessness, or accidental shootings. It also disrupts the duty of care and opens the door for plaintiffs to argue that the district didn't provide adequate safety through sufficient oversight and training.

Also, in the unfortunate event that a school shooting occurs in a school where the school did not permit school personnel to carry firearms, plaintiffs could argue that the school failed to meet a duty of care.

Several events and visitors

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Vision Guardian award

Amy Tolle was awarded with the Vision Guardian award Monday night at the Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce Banquet. The Vision Guardian award is given annually to an individual who exemplifies distinguished leadership in education. Pictured with Tolle are Chamber president Jason Midkiff (left) and Purcell City Manager Dale Bunn (right).



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Cornerstone Guardian award

Allen and Lisa Eubanks with Purcell Ace Hardware were awarded the Cornerstone Guardian award Monday night at the Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce Banquet. The Cornerstone Guardian award is given annually to honor distinguished corporate leadership. Pictured with the Eubanks are Chamber president Jason Midkiff (far left) and Purcell City Manager Dale Bunn (far right).



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Gateway Guardian award

Ted Cox was awarded the Gateway Guardian award Monday night at the Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce Banquet. The Gateway Guardian award is given annually to a person who demonstrates leadership in government. Pictured with the Hon. Mayor Cox are Chamber president Jason Midkiff (left) and Purcell City Manager Dale Bunn (right).



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Spirit Guardian award

Cody Barton was awarded the Spirit Guardian award Monday night at the Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce Banquet. The Spirit Guardian award is given annually to a person or organization who demonstrates distinguished human services. Barton is active with Purcell Rotary and Landmark Church. Pictured with Barton are Chamber president Jason Midkiff (left) and Purcell City Manager Dale Bunn (right).

NEWS
from the
City of Purcell

Heritage: Strength, Vision
Performance: Loyalty, Integrity

Maintaining Alleys

From: Code Enforcement

We will now be enforcing the City of Purcell Ordinances in regards to maintaining the alleys.

It is the responsibility of the homeowner and or renter to maintain from the curb to the center of the alley. You are required to keep mowed any grass, weeds or similar vegetation from the curb or edge of the roadway to the center of the alleyway.

This includes keeping trees trimmed, brush and limbs removed. Vehicles, trailers, tractors etc. are not allowed to be parked in the alley.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 527-6561 or 527-4656.

2018 traffic death

Jury finds Marilyn McReynolds guilty

A 3-man, 3-woman jury found Marilyn McReynolds guilty Friday of negligent homicide with a motor vehicle.

McReynolds, 86, was charged with the misdemeanor in McClain County District Court. The conviction carries a \$4,000 fine.

The charge stems from an accident on Sept. 1, 2018, in

which a 3-year-old girl was struck and killed.

McReynolds was driving the vehicle.

According to an affidavit, the youngster was stationary on her bicycle and was south of the corner of Arbor Drive

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Protect yourself from identity theft during tax season

Brenda Hill
Extension Educator

It is tax season again, that time of year that almost everyone divulges personal information about their financial life to outsiders. It is a perfect time for scammers and thieves to take your information and wreak havoc on your financial well-being.

The IRS pays out billions in refunds yearly to identity thieves, according to a report from the General Accounting Office. Being aware of some of the tricks the scammers use can reduce your chances of becoming a victim.

It's important to remember the IRS does not send unsolicited emails to taxpayers. Unfortunately, that doesn't stop people from impersonating the IRS via email to steal your identity in a practice called

'phishing'.

Phishing works this way—consumers receive an email with the bait such as a fake refund. The email directs the consumer to open an attachment or click on a link to a form to claim the refund.

But first, you have to divulge personal financial information such as credit card numbers, personal identification numbers or your Social Security number.

Consumers can avoid this scam by remembering the IRS will never send you an email requesting this information. However, if you find such an email in your inbox, follow these steps:

- Compare it to a sample of real-life phishing tax scams (<https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/phishing-and-other-schemes-using-the-irs-name>)

and forward the email to: phishing@irs.gov.

- Don't open attachments and avoid clicking on links, as they may contain harmful codes that infect your computer, potentially exposing your personal information.

- Never volunteer your personal financial information in response to, or to the sender of, an unsolicited email.

- Check your refund status with this on-line tool (<https://www.irs.gov/refunds>) from the IRS.

Another tax scam is the Refund Anticipation Loan or RAL. A tax preparer might offer a loan that is backed by your projected refund. A RAL lasts one to two weeks or until your refund check arrives and

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Goldsby Citizens of the Year

Ronnie and Donnie Beller were honored as co-Goldsby Citizens of the Year Monday night at the Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce Banquet. Pictured with the Beller brothers is Goldsby Mayor Glenn Berglan.



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Lexington Citizen of the Year

Harry Grider was honored as the Lexington Citizen of the Year Monday night at the Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce Banquet. Grider was presented the award by Lexington Mayor David Adams (right).

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 February 13-19, 2020.

Traffic

Larry J. Cox, overweight - over 10,000.
 Larry J. Cox, overweight on interstate (bridge formula).
 Bobby R. Fanning, unsafe lane change.
 Roger B. Holder Jr., no seatbelt.
 Matthew S. Sabatino, speeding, 85/75.
 Senoh Boldoe, speeding, 92/70.
 Jose L. Pulido, improper backing.
 J. Carlos Varcenas-Ovieda, failure to stop.
 Jeffrey L. Gibson, speeding, 85/75.
 Kaylee M. Knight, speeding, 70/65.
 Peter A. Candello III, speeding, 80/70.
 Deborah P. Johnson, speeding, 85/75.
 Floyd D. Samilton, Jr., speeding, 85/75.
 Karlie N. Long, speeding, 85/75.
 Christian Morren, speeding, 85/75.
 Melanie N. Lindsay, speeding, 75/65.
 Librado Martinez, speeding, 75/65.
 Joshua L. Ashlock, speeding, 75/65.
 Trevor J. Chelewski, operate vehicle without license plate.

Misdemeanors

Bretta L. Gooley, petit larceny.
 Daniel E. Ramirez, knowingly concealing stolen property.
 Leah D. Mueller, possession of CDS.
 Caylan E. Biddy, larceny of merchandise from a retailer.
 Joseph W. Streetman, resisting an officer.
 Julie M. Bloxham, possession of drug paraphernalia.
 Sean C. Carpenter, trespass after being forbidden.

Douglas D. Choate, possession of CDS.
 Devan A. Matthis, possession of CDS.
 Christopher M. Tramel, possession of CDS.
 Cheyenne L. Kilmer, possession of drug paraphernalia.
 Marquette D. Dobbins, possession of CDS.
 Casey A. McNeese, possession of CDS.
 Jacob B. Speaks, trespass after being forbidden.
 Buddy L. Anderson, obstructing a police officer.
 Staci R. Baumann, possession of CDS.
 Derek R. Travelstead, trespass after being forbidden.
 Billy D. Grissom, possession of drug paraphernalia.
 Kailona E. Smith, possession of drug paraphernalia.
 Tiffany S. Gray, possession of CDS.
 Larry J. Gamble Jr., possession of CDS.
 Brandon N. Simon, possession of CDS.
 Derrick L. Nickell, possession of CDS.
 Nolan K. Winkler, trespass after being forbidden.

Felonies

Edward L. Moore III, possession of stolen vehicle.
 Michael C. Bullock, burglary - 3rd degree.
 Jorge D. Beltran, rape, first degree.
 Jeremy C. Haynes, rape - 1st or 2nd degree.
 Jarvis B. Scroggins, possession of firearm after former felony conviction.
 Calvin W. Mize, possess/use/manufacture/telephone threat of incendiary explosive.

Small Claims

Tower Loans vs. Jordan L. Redus, small claims under \$5000.

Joy Property Management vs. Erin Anthony, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000.

Civil

Midwest Regional Medical Center vs. Jeff Barnes, civil action \$10,000 or less.
 Synchrony Bank vs. Randy Harrington Jr., civil action \$10,000 or less.
 Portfolio Recovery Associates vs. Tanya Anderson, civil action \$10,000 or less.
 LNVN Funding LLC vs. Charles L. Bromlow, civil action \$10,000 or less.
 LNVN Funding LLC vs. Roger L. Seger Jr., civil action \$10,000 or less.
 Baker Hughes Oilfield Operation vs. Kybenco Disposals LLC, civil action \$10,000 or more.
 Carrington Mortgage Services vs. Joseph C. Pondrom, civil action \$10,000 or more.
 US Bank National Association vs. Micah S. Thomason, civil action \$10,000 or more.
 Arvest Bank vs. Donna Langfitt, civil action \$10,000 or more.
 Baytide Petroleum, Inc. vs. F&F Tool Company, civil action \$10,000 or more.
 Soilchem LLC vs. Tripp Construction, civil action \$10,000 or more.
Marriages Filed
 Nicholas G. Shea, 31, and Karen D. Barnes, 34, both of Wichita Falls, Texas.
 Keanu C.L. Phillips, 21, of Sapulpa and Kristen T. Hamm, 22, of Lexington.
 Charles G. Clark, 59, and Kelly A. Evans, 60, both of Purcell.
 Coltin A. B. Taylor, 25, and Troi L. M. Hornbuckle, 25, both of Washington.
Divorces Granted
 Tasha N. Bradley vs. Kenneth M. Bradley.
 Hunter T. Hunter vs. Leia S. Hunter.
 Tara Smith vs. Chad Smith.

Courthouse News

Select a quality potting mix for gardening success

By Melinda Myers

Improve your indoor and outdoor container gardening success with a quality potting mix. This can be more difficult than it sounds since you can't see or feel the product you are about to buy.

Ask your gardening friends for recommendations and once

at the garden center, check the package, and compare label information before making a purchase.

You'll find a variety of bags labeled as planting mix, potting mix, container mix and more. Check the label to see what the bag contains and recommendations for its use.

Look for mixes, we'll refer

to as potting mixes, blended for growing indoor, ornamental and edible plants in containers.

They are a mix of organic and inorganic materials that retain moisture while draining well. Some mixes include sand and mineral soil while many are

Please see **Mix**, page 9A

Non Rotarian Paul Harris award

Kesha Montgomery was awarded the non Rotarian Paul Harris Fellow award Monday night by Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce President-elect Trent Mitchell. Montgomery was instrumental in bringing the Beautiful Day program to Purcell schools.



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Jury:

and Bluestem Court when the accident occurred at 7:18 p.m. McReynolds turned onto Arbor Drive from North 9th Avenue and then turned left on Bluestem Court.

She told investigators at the time it was difficult to see into the setting sun and witnesses reported she cut the corner onto Bluestem Court and was southbound in the northbound lane when she struck the child.

Oklahoma 529 College Savings Plan reduces fees

The already low fees for the Oklahoma 529 College Savings Plan are getting even lower, State Treasurer Randy McDaniel announced.

Effective this month, the management fee for Oklahoma's official college saving plan is being reduced by more than 16 percent. The new management fee will be 0.25 percent on account balances, down from 0.3 percent.

The fee reduction could save

OCSP account owners a combined total of approximately \$500,000 per year.

Treasurer McDaniel, chair of the plan's board of trustees, said the fee reduction is only one of many positive changes that are on the way for the OCSP's almost 31,000 account owners.

"The state's 529 plan is already the best option for Oklahoma families to save for educational costs, but we are making it even better," said Mc-

Daniel. "In the coming months, we will be announcing several additional improvements that include enhanced investment options and upgraded online account management."

McDaniel attributed the changes to the outgrowth of a recently completed competition for management of the \$1 billion savings plan for the next five years. Several well-qualified companies offered proposals for administration of the plan.

"The proposals were very competitive," said McDaniel. "In the end, the best proposal was made by TIAA, which has managed the plan since its inception in 2000. The company's strong track record and innovative plans for the future will be a great benefit for Oklahoma families."

The Oklahoma 529 College Savings Plan is the only direct-sold 529 plan with an Oklahoma income tax deduction for contri-

butions of up to \$20,000 per year. Contributions made by April 15 of this year can be deducted from 2019 state tax returns.

The plan has more than 57,000 active accounts. Since inception, more than \$618 million has been used from the plan to pay for educational expenses of almost 28,000 students.

You can open and manage an Oklahoma 529 College Savings Plan account by going to www.ok4savings.org.

Obituaries

Phyllis Jean Miller

Phyllis Jean Miller died February 21, 2020 at her home in Norman at the age of 67 years 3 months 27 days. Funeral Services were held Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at Wadley's Funeral Chapel with Pastor Steve Lance officiating. Interment will follow at Hillside Cemetery, entrusted to the care of Wadley's Funeral Service. Online condolences may be made at www.wadleysfuneralservice.com.

Phyllis was born October 25, 1952 in Slaton, Texas, to Rayburn and Francis L. (Edwards) Hodges. She was raised in Lexington, graduating in 1970.

Phyllis worked in communications at Riverwind Casino for more the 20 years, retiring in 2017. She and Bryan Miller were married October 4, 2001 and made their home in the Goldsby area.

Phyllis enjoyed fishing and playing bingo with Bryan, spending time with her family, especially her favorite daughter, Karissa and son, Chad. She loved singing in church with her siblings. Phyllis had a special place in her heart for her extended bonus family, going to El Chico's, drinking Coca-Cola, and her pup, Sadie Jean. Phyllis was a member of Memorial Assembly of God in Purcell.

Phyllis was preceded in death by her father, Rayburn Hodges; maternal grandparents, Clyde and Willie Edwards; paternal grandparents, J.H and Annie Jewel Hodges.

Survivors include her husband, Bryan Miller; mother, Francis L. Hodges; daughter, Karissa Larson and husband, Brad; son, Chad Reid; grandsons, Cameron Larson and Shane Reid; sisters, Vicki Hall and Lorenda Pitts; brothers, Royce Hodges and Michael Hodges; bonus family, Heather Barnes, Summer Buchanan, Brian Miller, Chad Miller and Brian Heath; and many other relatives and friends.

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Edmond Lee Edwards

Funeral services for Edmond Lee Edwards, 64, of Purcell were held Friday, February 21, 2020 at the Wilson-Little Funeral Home Chapel. Interment was at the Lexington Cemetery under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Edmond Lee Edwards passed away at his home in Purcell, Okla., on February 17, 2020.

Edmond was born in Harrison, Arkansas, on October 20, 1955 to Bennie Bruce Edwards and Ester Laverne VonUbe.

Edmond was raised in military school and served in the Army during Vietnam, as a Green Barrett. He has a master's degree in English, which he taught in college.

He had many careers in his life. He served as an ambulance driver, a deputy sheriff and a butcher. He was a master of the etched weapon. He was also a Tai Chi/Tai Song Master. He enjoyed visits from his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He also loved to tell stories, lots of stories.

He is survived by his wife, Ida Renee Edwards of the home; two stepsons, Eddy Williamson and his wife, Tara Stover and James Williamson and his wife, Mandy Stricklin, of Wanette and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Online condolences may be made at wilsonlittle.com.

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Lexington Community News By Hazel Shockey Daniels

It is hard to believe that March is already here next week. Hope Old Man Winter doesn't come with the windy month. We older Oklahoman's can remember some of the largest snow storms in March. er wanted everyone to know that something new is coming to the Center. Beginning in March, the first Saturday night of each month will be game night.

In addition to the programs already in place, it will be good to see this place filled again with neighbors meeting neighbors and enjoying, food, games and fun. There was a time when the Lexington Senior Center rocked on Saturday nights playing the favorite card game, Hand and Foot, and sometimes a domino game.

Mark your calendars for March 7 at 6 p.m. and bring your favorite snack and meet some friends and neighbors for a time of good clean fun. Some have mentioned different domino games. Just show up, and if you are new in town this will be a good place to get to know some very nice people.

Attendance has been good for the good home cooked meals weekly on Wednesdays and Thursdays. See our menu in **The Purcell Register**.

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

All menus are subject to change.

Menu for February 27, March 4 and 5:

Thursday, February 27—

Hamburger steak with fried onions, mashed potatoes and gravy, fried okra, peas and carrots, rolls, salad bar, banana pudding.

Wednesday, March 4—Chalupas, ground beef, beans, cheese, onions, lettuce, tomato, peppers, coconut cake.

Thursday, March 5—Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli with cheese sauce, okra, rolls, salad bar, bread pudding.

Eastern Red Cedar control workshop set for March 11

Justin McDaniel
Extension Ag Educator

McClain County OSU Extension will be conducting an Eastern Red Cedar Control workshop Wednesday, March 11, at 10 a.m. in Purcell.

Topics to be covered will include Chemical Control, Prescribed Burning, Alternate Uses of Cedars, Potential Funding Sources for Cedar Control and Mechanical Control.

A representative from Great Plains Kubota will be demonstrating mechanical control methods.

The workshop will be held at Hwy 74, 1.5 miles west of Green Avenue on Hwy 74. Lunch will be provided.

RSVP to the OSU Extension Office at 527-2174

Winter Is A Good Time of Year for Cedar Control

The bright green of eastern red cedar can certainly brighten up the dull landscape of winter. In their place, they can be a welcome addition to the scenic landscape of a home or farmstead.

However, they also have become a huge problem in pastures, rangelands and hardwood forests.

Cedars are native to all of Oklahoma, but historically they were limited to steep bluffs along river systems where they were protected from naturally occurring fires.

Today, after many years of suppressing wild land fires, cedar trees have become insidious invaders of native habitats where they do not belong. Given a chance cedar trees will take over and dominate a pasture in as little as 10 to 20 years.

Winter is an excellent time of year to practice mechanical control of cedar, since its ev-

ergreen color stands out in the brown winter vegetation. This makes small cedar trees easy to identify and then to cut down.

Trees less than three feet tall can easily be cut with an axe or pair of hand held loppers.

Many producers will cut down 30 or 40 trees every time they go out to feed their livestock.

Over a winter-feeding period, this can mean the destruction of many unwanted cedars in a fence line or pasture.

On warmer days, a sturdy brush hog behind a tractor can be utilized to control cedars of up to six feet in height.

The producer can drive around the pasture until a cedar is encountered, the mower can then be engaged, and the offending tree backed over and chopped up. If all the green growing points are removed from above ground the tree will not have the ability to grow back.

Commercial mechanical cutters can also be utilized at this time of year, without the worry of yellow jackets, snakes and hot temperatures making the operator feel uncomfortable. These trees can then be piled and burned when snow or light winter rains are falling.

This allows for the safe removal of the downed trees without the worry of uncontrolled pasture fires starting.

Cedar trees have their place in Oklahoma's landscape, but that does not mean we should allow them to continue to take over all of Oklahoma's prairie habitat.

Next time you feel like you're getting the winter doldrums, go out and cut down a few cedars. Maybe it will improve your mood on one of those gray winter days.

Nathan "Bat" Masterson

Nathan "Bat" Masterson, 80, of Arkansas City, Kan., passed away Sunday, February 16, 2020, in Round Rock, Texas. Cremation has been effected. A Celebration of Life is scheduled for 2 p.m. Friday, February 28, 2020, at the First Baptist Church in Arkansas City. Pastor David Stanley will officiate.

Bat was born March 11, 1939, to Ralph and Carmen (Pulliam) Masterson in Washington, Okla. He was raised and educated in Washington, graduating from Washington High School in 1957. After high school Bat attended Oklahoma State University.

On May 26, 1962, Bat married Ramona Melton in Purcell, Okla., where the couple made their home before moving to Arkansas City in 1976. Bat worked as a conductor for Santa Fe (BNSF) for 39+ years until his retirement. Bat had a passion for working on and restoring tractors. He also cherished spending time with his family. He was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Ramona of the home; children, Todd Masterson and wife, Debbie, of Pflugerville, Texas, Toni Baughman and husband, Gene, of Arkansas City, Kan., Travis Masterson and wife, Jessica, of Pflugerville, Texas, and Tracy Masterson and wife, Angela, of Wichita, Kan.; brother, Jerrald Masterson and wife, Karen, of Wayne, Okla.; nine grandchildren, Stefan Pulliam, Alli Pulliam, Kelsea Pulliam Jenkins and husband, Chance, Nathan Masterson, Natasha Masterson, Zac Masterson, Declan Masterson, Alex Masterson and Connor Masterson; two great-grandchildren, Hadley Jenkins and Willow Masterson, and the world's greatest cat Chewey, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Bat was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial has been established for the American Heart Association. Contributions may be made through the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Rindt-Erdman Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences may be made at www.rindt-erdman.com.

David Morehead

Funeral services for David Morehead, 72, of Oklahoma City will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28, 2020 at the Wilson-Little Funeral Home Chapel. Services will be under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home.

Mr. Morehead died Feb. 24, 2020.

Online condolences may be made at wilsonlittle.com.

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Woody Guthrie's national anthem turns 80

*This land is your land,
this land is my land,
From California to the
New York Island,
From the Redwood Forest,
to the gulfstream waters
This land was made
for you and me.*

—Woodrow Wilson
"Woody" Guthrie,
Feb. 23, 1940



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Woody fought fascism in World War II's Merchant Marine and Army, first recording the song during a brief April 1944 leave. Released in 1949, it's now the shining symbol of his prolific work.

He wrote "This Land" at 27, and thousands more songs until failing health slowly silenced his pen and guitar. He died in 1967. His 108th birthday is July 14.

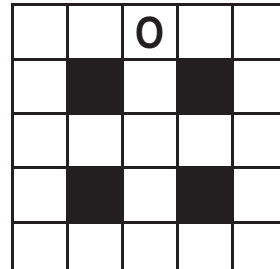
His work celebrated natural beauty and fought for a better life for the poor and low-income workers.

"I hate a song that makes you think that you are not any good," Guthrie said, words recalled by Geer (now famous as Grandpa Walton of the classic TV show).

"I am out to sing songs that will prove to you that this is your world...no matter what color, what size you are..."

Cross Five

Place these six words in the crossword grid: Reedy, Ocean, Songs, Woody, Words, Yayas



Activity: Find words in your newspaper that describe your image of This Land we call home. Visit the Woody Guthrie Center in Tulsa.



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Rape charges filed against Purcell man

Jeanne Grimes
The Purcell Register

One year to the day after Purcell police began investigating the reported rape of a girl, then-14, McClain County prosecutors have charged a 53-year-old Purcell man.

An arrest warrant is outstanding for Jorge D. Beltran. He also uses the name Leonard J. Beltran.

He is charged in McClain County District Court with four counts of first-degree rape and two counts of lewd or indecent acts to a child under the age of 16.

The charges were filed after a former felony conviction.

The reported victim was 14 when the incidents occurred between June 1 and

Oct. 31, 2018.

According to an affidavit, the girl told someone in a telephone conversation that Beltran repeatedly raped her when she went to his house to babysit his children.

The girl's parents filed a complaint with Oklahoma City police about Beltran sending their daughter lewd pictures on her cell phone and harassing her.

On Feb. 25, 2019, the girl was taken to Mary Abbott Children's House for a forensic interview where she recounted four specific rapes.

She said Beltran threatened to kill her, everyone she cared about and her animals.

In 2019, Beltran denied the allegations.

Eighteen felonies

Sentencing April 23 for Regina Clark

Jeanne Grimes
The Purcell Register

The former co-owner of now defunct Sooner RV was in McClain County District Court last week to plead guilty to 18 felony counts.

Regina K. Clark, 53, of Euliss, Texas, waived her right to a jury trial in an appearance before Special District Judge Leland Shilling.

The blind pleas mean there is no plea agreement.

Sentencing will be at 9 a.m. April 23.

Clark was initially charged in late 2014 with shooting with intent to kill. The charge was amended in October 2015 to four counts of assault with a dangerous weapon and one count of second-degree burglary.

Her husband, Brett Clark, had filed for divorce when

she threatened him and three employees with a .357 revolver, firing several shots at them as they fled through the lot at Sooner RV in December 2014.

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

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

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

In addition to the criminal complaints, several Sooner RV customers filed civil suits against Clark.

She remains free on bond.

WAYNE SCHOOL MENU

Week of March 2

MONDAY BREAKFAST

Pancake on a stick, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Sausage roll, roasted potato, spinach, peaches, juice, milk.

TUESDAY BREAKFAST

Cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Chicken strips, tater tots, green beans, applesauce, juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST

Sausage biscuit, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Chicken fajita, pinto beans, Spanish rice, mandarin oranges, juice, milk.

THURSDAY BREAKFAST

Cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, fruit cocktail, juice, milk.

FRIDAY BREAKFAST

Muffin, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Goulash, corn, carrots, garlic bread, banana, juice, milk.

PURCELL SCHOOL MENU

Week of March 2

MONDAY BREAKFAST

French toast sticks, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Chicken spaghetti, garlic breadstick, green beans, salad bar, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY BREAKFAST

Muffin, yogurt, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Grilled cheese, tomato soup, baby carrots, salad bar, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST

Biscuit and gravy, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Chicken fajita, tortilla chips, salsa, refried beans, salad bar, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY BREAKFAST

Kolache, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Pulled pork sandwich, french fries, salad bar, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY BREAKFAST

Toast, breakfast scramble, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Calzone, marinara, Italian salad, salad bar, fruit, milk.

From page 4A

Health:

He took his antibiotic and went straight to bed.

He slept probably 20 of the following 24 hours.

In a fit of domesticity, I made a large pot of stew on Sunday. I threw in everything good I could think of. Carrots, celery, potatoes, stewed tomatoes, onion, bell pepper, two kinds of green beans, peas, corn and of course stew meat, lovingly seasoned and

browned before going in the pot.

This was left to simmer all day in a blend of vegetable stock and vegetable juice.

My home smelled wonderful and Bill thought it tasted great, as well. In between his long naps, he ate four bowls along with crackers.

He also had three or maybe four cuties. He was still hungry that night so I made him

a grilled sandwich with four slices each of cheese and ham.

By Tuesday my nursing and the antibiotics were besting

the bronchitis.

And that's good. Because I don't want to wake up and say, "I hope I'm not getting sick."

The Horseman's Corner
by Nova Boyd

Former Purcell Horsewoman Primrose Cockrell Dunn Inducted into Oklahoma Quarter Horse Hall of Fame Receiving the Bud Breeding Oklahoma Spirit Award

Primrose Henderson Cockrell Dunn was born in Yale, Okla., on June 24, 1945. The second of seven children, she was raised on a working farm. In her teen years, she was active in 4-H and showed registered Hampshire sheep.

She attended Central State College in Edmond where she studied elementary education. This is where she met the first love of her life, Andy Cockrell. Soon their first daughter, Laurie, was born.

Longing to have horses, in 1968 Prim and Andy purchased their first acreage in Edmond and bought their first quarter horse. Under the guidance of Prim's uncle Roy Lee in Roswell, NM, they purchased a filly named Patsy Chick, an own daughter of Three Chicks from James Thomas (Jimmie) Randals in nearby Montoya, NM. Patsy Chick had outstanding breeding, and the mare had confirmation that provided consistent wins in the show ring.

In 1972, their second daughter Ninya was born. Their love of horses was contagious! Prim's obstetrician agreed to trade the baby's delivery fee for a horse! In these early years, there were many friends who advised and mentored Prim and Andy including Helen and Dick Roby, Don Wilcox, Jim Nance, Dick Cox and Lynn Salvatore Palm.

Prim and Andy's hobby soon turned into a very successful training, showing and brokering business. Throughout the 70s, the duo trained and showed professionally and hauled youth and amateur riders with their horses to shows across Oklahoma and the Midwest into the winner's circle showing in both OQHA, AQHA and PHBA.

Needing more ranch space, in 1979 Prim and Andy purchased 50 acres off I-35 near Purcell and built a larger training operation. With the Oklahoma oil boom then bust in the early 80s, they moved their training business further south to Forney, Texas. Sadly, Andy passed away in 1989 after battling leukemia for several months.

An AQHA Professional Horseman, Prim continued to compete professionally and trained numerous amateur and novice riders and their horses to circuit wins and World Championships. In 2004, Prim came back to Oklahoma to be near her daughters and her grandchildren.

Longing to use her God-given gifts and talents for a higher purpose, she founded the Equine Therapy Center in Guthrie, a non-profit, foundation that assisted at risk youth with retired show horses using Equine Assisted Growth and Learning. Later the name was changed to Reason to Believe Therapeutic Riding Center.

In 2010, Prim met and married the second love of her life, David Dunn. David joined Prim in the ministry bringing many hurting people to Christ using the horses. Sadly, on Christmas Day 2013, David passed away after a short cardiovascular illness. Prim continued the ministry with the help of many volunteers and great retired show horses until 2016 when she decided to retire officially.

Active in her church, Prim now teaches two and three year olds in the Mother's Day Out program, leads a team who cooks for seniors and the homeless and leads a women's Grief Share class. Prim is blessed to have five grandchildren.

Primrose Cockrell received the Bud Breeding Oklahoma Spirit Award at the Oklahoma Quarter Hall of Fame ceremony Jan. 24, 2020.

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States in which Republicans have cancelled their presidential primaries in support of Trump include Alaska, Arizona, Kansas, Nevada and South Carolina.

Registered Democrats and independent voters will find 14 names on their ballot.

However, three of those candidates have already dropped out of the run for president.

They are Cory Booker, Deval Patrick and Marianne Williamson.

The candidates still in the running are Joseph R. Biden, former vice president and U.S. senator from Delaware; Tom Steyer, New York hedge fund manager; Amy Klobuchar, U.S. senator from Minnesota; Michael Bennet, U.S. senator from Colorado; Bernie Sanders, U.S. senator from Vermont; Julian Castro, former San Antonio mayor and secretary of Department of Housing and Urban Development; Andrew Yang, corporate lawyer and political commentator; Pete Buttigieg, former mayor of South Bend, Ind.; Tulsi Gabbard, U.S. Congresswoman from Hawaii; Michael R. Bloomberg, former New York City mayor, and Elizabeth Warren, U.S. senator from Massachusetts.

Polls across Oklahoma will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Super Tuesday.

McClain County voters who want to vote early may do so at the McClain County Election Board from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. today (Thursday) and Friday and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.



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Window swap

The McClain County Courthouse got a facelift last week when workers installed new windows on the building's south side.

From page 1A

Assault:

Owens sitting in the living room. He reportedly said he was in the house to do laundry and because he wanted to see his children.

When the woman told Owens he could see his children when he had his own place, Owens became upset and began yelling, according to the affidavit.

He allegedly accused her of cheating and refused to leave the house, according to the affidavit.

He also picked up their 4-year-old daughter and was holding her when he backed the woman up against the bathroom sink.

The woman said she pulled out her phone to call police and Owens struck her hand and punched her in the jaw with his closed fist.

He then set the child down and left.

The woman told police Owens has strangled her in the past and she fears he will kill her and the children. Police later arrested Owens outside of Love's.

From page 1A

Bomb:

his daughter and that he would cooperate with police on his return to Oklahoma.

Units of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol and Norman and Blanchard police departments arrived to assist Dibble police.

After two hours of negotia-

tion, McClain County Sheriff's Deputy Billy Scott was able to get within an arm's reach of Mize.

Mize became "extremely combative" when Scott attempted to take him into custody, according to the affidavit.

Jones tasered Mize three times before he could be subdued.

The backpack was found to contain a battery connected to red, gray and black wires. Also there was a wrench and part of a cell phone charger.

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Accidents:

Wayne on SH 77.

The other accident occurred February 20 on SH 77 just south of Slaughterville.

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Purcell Citizens of the Year

Pam and John Hobbs were awarded as co-Purcell Citizens of the Year Monday night at the Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce Banquet. They were honored for their work with the Lil' Dragons Food Pantry and a host of other civic volunteer activities.

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District champs

The Lexington Bulldogs defeated Marlow 45-26 Friday night to claim the District championship. Pictured are Anna Sample, Amanda Graddy, Lauren Beason, Emilee Jenks, Harley Salisbury, Janelle Winterton, Carol Lair, Leslie Barber, Natalie Clegg, Maddison Manuel, Rylee Beason, Jaci Idlett, head coach Derek Clark and assistant coach Ashton McMahon.



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District Victors

The Purcell Dragons claimed the District Championship with a 49-43 win over Marietta last Friday night. In front, from left, are Ruth Solis, KK Eck and Yoselin Estrada. Second row, from left, are Anoli Billy, Leslie Thompson, Jaiden Avila, Sandra Del Toro, Chelsea Spain, Alicia Baker, Kora Keith, Karolina Sikes and Coach David Sikes. In the back row are, from left, Coach Mandy Clay, Coach Robin Hamilton, Coach Selma Tolson, Lauren Holmes, Natalie Auz, Haleigh Smith and Emily Madden.

Bridge Battle 2.0

Lex faces Purcell in Regional pairing tonight (Thursday)

Todd Newville
The Purcell Register

After a thorough search, there doesn't seem to be any Lexington girls' team that has ever won 20 games in a season.

That might change tonight when the Lady 'Dawgs take on the Purcell Lady Dragons (15-8) at 6:30 p.m. tonight at Purcell's Lee Reimer Center.

Lexington is 19-4 and ranked No. 15 in Class 3A.

The Lady 'Dawgs got to this point thanks to a solid 45-26 win over the Marlow Lady Outlaws (13-11) last Friday night.

Lex never trailed in that game.

The Lady 'Dawgs were up, 16-7, after the first quarter. They upped the advantage to 23-16 at halftime.

After the third quarter, it was Lexington over Marlow, 31-18.

Amanda Graddy led all scorers in the contest with 15 points. She was followed by Lauren Beason (10), Anna Sample (9), Emilee Jenks (7), and Jaci Idlett (4).

Marlow's many turnovers probably spelled their doom. But, the Lady 'Dawgs took advantage. Lexington used nice ball control most of the game

Please see **Lex**, page 4B

District Champions x2

Purcell boys and girls host Lexington in sub regional

John D. Montgomery
The Purcell Register

Purcell improved to 19-4 and tucked away the District Championship with a 44-30 victory over Marietta last Saturday night at The Reimer Center.

David Sikes' Dragons also took care of business and won the District Championship with a 49-43 victory over the Lady Indians.

Alicia Baker led all scorers with 16 points and was joined in double figures by Kora Keith who cut the

strings for 10 points.

Marietta led by a point 39-38 as the fourth period began.

Baker, who had been shut out in the second and third quarters, scored seven of her 16 points in the final stanza leading Purcell to a 11-4 quarter and the victory.

Madden added a pair of charity tosses and Keith scored an important bucket hiking Purcell's record to 15-8 on the season.

Sikes' club has won eight of their last nine games.

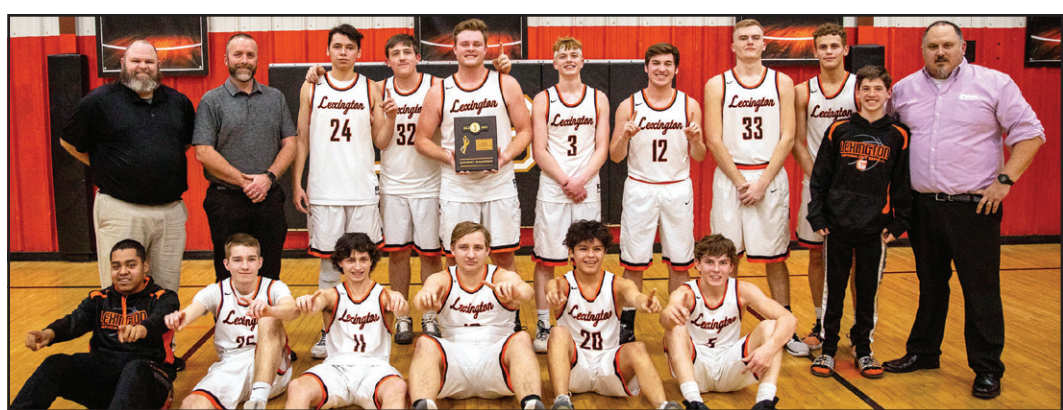
"We looked like a team that hadn't played in a week," Sikes said. "Marietta came out and hit us in the mouth."

"I am proud of the resilience my team showed. We stayed the course and fought our way back," he said.

Gavin Nation led all scorers with 18 points in Purcell's victory over the Indians.

Normally a fast starting

Please see **Dragons**, page 4B



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District title

The Lexington Bulldogs defeated Marlow 56-37 Friday night to claim the District title. Pictured are Josue Calixto, Zachary Johnson, Coby Bear, Kolbe King, Emanuel Ocampo, Heath Winterton, Jeremiah Muniz, Logan Becker, Colton Penner, Teagin Pruitt, Carter Moore, Josiah Dawley, Jaylen Cottrell, assistant coach Ryan Perry, assistant coach Kyle Wells and Lexington Head Coach J.D. Beck



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District Champions

The Purcell Dragons picked up a 44-30 win over the Marietta Indians Friday night to claim the District Championship. Pictured are, front, from left, Kevin Garcia, Cache Barrett, Quentin Goforth, Gavin Nation, Adolfo Vasquez, Grant Smith and Lincoln Eubank. In back, from left, are Coach Jim Bohnstedt, Ed Reyes, Misael Duque, Gammy Solis, Mojo Browning, Nate Willis, Brody Galyean, Jorge Sotelo, Kyle Ginn, Hayden Renfro and Coach Roger Raper.

Regional tournament time for Washington Warriors

Headed to Jones for next leg of 2020 Playoffs

John Denny Montgomery
The Purcell Register

Rocky Clarke's Washington Warrior girls team has had an incredible season of growth.

After losing seven of nine games to start the season they have won eight of their last eleven and just capped things with a District championship win over Star Spencer, 46-42.

Washington will play Jones in the Regional tournament today (Thursday) at 6:30 p.m. at Jones High School.

Jones is the No. 2 ranked team in Class 3A with a 23-1 record. Their only loss this season is to Class 3A No. 1

Sequoyah-Tahlequah.

Washington is 12-12 this season.

Boys

Washington's boys team ran into a buzz saw in No. 3 ranked Star Spencer Friday night.

Washington turned the ball over 35 times against Star Spencer's intense press.

"We weren't able to simulate the Star Spencer pressure in practice," said Warrior Head Coach TJ Scholz. "We had a game plan to execute that was similar to what we used against Kingfisher last year and had some success."

Washington came out with a

solid opening to the game and had a 10-8 lead late in the first quarter while holding the ball for the last shot.

But two steals for layups by Star Spencer before the buzzer put the Warriors down 12-0 to open the second quarter.

The Bobcats outscored Washington 21-4 in the second and the Warriors never recovered.

The final two quarters were more easily matched but the damage had been done.

"We never could get over the

Please see **WHS**, page 2B



Ron Ladlee • The Purcell Register

District hardware

The Washington Warriors defeated Star Spencer 46-42 to claim the District title Friday night. Pictured are Karlee Trammell, Madisson Myers, Kamy Johnston, Kyndall Wells, Laylin Scheffe, Karlee Kilcrease, Makeigha Idlett, Mattie Richardson, Tinley Lucas, Katie Adams, Courtlyn Macmahon, Kaytin McKay, head coach Rocky Clarke, Case Clarke and Brad Beller. Washington travels to Jones Thursday and plays Jones at 6:30 p.m.

WHS:

hill,” Scholz said. “We didn’t get enough shots up.”

Star Spencer meanwhile shot upwards of 30 shots near

the rim.

One of the bright spots for the Warriors was the defense of Hector Quinonez.

“Hector shut down their best player and held him to three points,” Scholz said. “He ruined his day.”

Holdenville

Washington plays Holdenville today (Thursday) at 3 p.m. at Jones High School.

“Holdenville gets the most out of what they have,” Scholz said. “Their kids play extremely hard and they’re coached well.”

The Wolverines are 3-18 on the season but are still getting plenty of respect from the Warriors.

“A team like that scares you because they are hard workers,” Scholz said. “They have some guys who hit shots and they play a pressure zone.”

Scholz said his players had good practices this week and are still looking to make a run in the Playoffs.

“Guys act like they want to be here,” Scholz said.

Washington is 10-14 this season.



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2/21 Boys

Star Spencer 63
Washington 37

Star Spencer . 12 21 17 13—63
Washington 10 4 13 10—37

Player	Points
Luke Hendrix	10
Jax Sanchez	6
Aden Hyde	4
Kobe Scott	4
Kelton Schultz	4
Graham Schovanec	4
Hayden Hicks	2
Hector Quinonez	3

Easy post work

Mattie Richardson puts up a jumper over a Star Spencer defender Friday night during the District tournament at Washington. The Warriors won 46-42. They travel to Jones Thursday and play Jones at 6:30 p.m.

Lady Bulldogs still alive

Regional play in Wilburton today (Thursday)

Emily Montgomery
The Purcell Register

The Wayne Lady Bulldogs will head west to Wilburton today (Thursday) for Regional play with the Lady Diggers at 1:30 p.m.

Last Friday in Vanoss for District action, Josh Trent and his cage team whipped up on ECP, beating the Lady Badgers 65-31.

Led by McKenzie Fisher’s 14 points and Lorensa Martinez’s 13, Wayne outscored ECP in each quarter to send them to Saturday’s game with No. 1 Vanoss.

Haiden Parker was also in double figures with 10. Kaylee Madden and Shyleigh Mantooth had nine each.

“The girls won big Friday night. I’m proud of the girls getting the win to send them on to play Vanoss,” Trent said.

Saturday, Wayne faced an uphill battle with 2A No. 1 Vanoss.

With only two losses this season, Vanoss took control early in the game and never looked back defeating Wayne 72-25.

Mantooth was once again the leading scorer for Wayne with nine points. Five Lady Bull-

dogs (Fisher, Parker, Abby Lee, Kaylee Madden and Mayce Trejo) added three points each.

Last Tuesday, in their final regular season matchup, Wayne notched a 40-34 win over Rush Springs.

Even without junior Allie Walck (broken hand), Wayne was led by Mantooth’s 21 points in the win.

“This was a good momentum builder heading into the playoffs. Shyleigh was hot tonight and played well for the win,” Trent said.

Boys

Last Friday night, the Wayne Bulldogs ended their season with a 10-14 record after falling to ECP 65-57 in District play.

The Bulldogs kept it close through two quarters, holding a one point, 22-21 lead going into the break.

But, ECP heated up in the final two stanzas to pull away for the eight-point win.

Brannon Lewelling led the way for Wayne with 16 points. Ethan Mullins and Kris Welch each had double figures with 14 and 12.

“The boys played hard and I’m proud of their hustle, but they just couldn’t make shots

when they needed to,” Trent said.

Last Tuesday, in their final regular season game, Wayne bested Rush Springs 53-46.

Even with Lewelling out due to injury, Wayne still pulled out the win.

“The boys played well as a team and we had guys stepping up with Brannon out,” Trent said.

Down by two at halftime, Wayne outscored the Redskins in the third and fourth quarters to pull away for the win.

Mullins and James Spencer both scored in double figures with 19 and 11.

Four seniors, James Spencer, Ethan Salsman, Kris Welch and Austin Box, will be lost to graduation.

“This season we battled through some injuries and had young guys who got valuable minutes. We didn’t have the season we wanted, but the future is bright.

“We will miss our four seniors but look forward to building on the play we established this year. We will return our two leading scorers in the winter, so we should be ready to go next year,” Trent said.

2/18

Wayne 40
Rush Springs 34

Rush Springs 8 9 11 6—34
Wayne 9 7 15 9—40

Player	Points
Shyleigh Mantooth	21
Kaylee Madden	8
Lorensa Martinez	6
McKenzie Fisher	3
Mayce Trejo	2

2/21

Wayne 65
ECP 31

ECP 10 0 12 9—31
Wayne 16 14 15 20—65

Player	Points
McKenzie Fisher	14
Lorensa Martinez	13
Haiden Parker	10
Kaylee Madden	9
Shyleigh Mantooth	9
AJ Gray	4
Abby Lee	4
Mayce Trejo	2

2/18

Wayne 53
Rush Springs 46

Rush Springs ... 13 12 7 14—46
Wayne 10 13 9 21—53

Player	Points
Ethan Mullins	19
James Spencer	11
Ethan Salsman	9
Kris Welch	6
Andy Lee	5
Kaleb Madden	3

2/22

Vanoss 72
Wayne 25

Wayne 3 4 11 7—25
Vanoss 21 16 22 13—72

Player	Points
Shyleigh Mantooth	9
McKenzie Fisher	3
Abby Lee	3
Kaylee Madden	3
Haiden Parker	3
Mayce Trejo	3
AJ Gray	1

2/21

ECP 65
Wayne 57

Wayne 9 13 17 18—57
ECP 8 13 23 21—65

Player	Points
Brannon Lewelling	16
Ethan Mullins	16
Kris Welch	12
Ethan Salsman	6
Jr. Perez	3
James Spencer	2
Kaleb Madden	2

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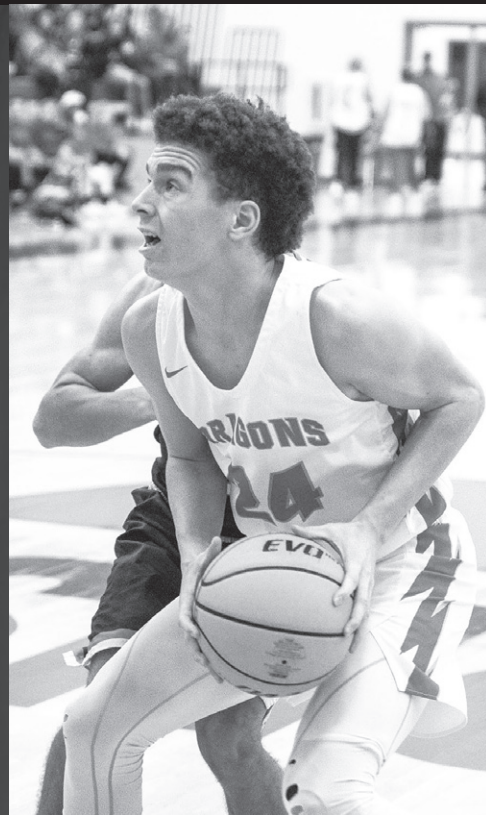
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Will to win

Amanda Graddy is determined to get to the basket Friday night as Lexington defeated Marlow 45-26. Lexington travels to Purcell Thursday night and play the Dragons for the third time this season. Tip off is set for 6:30 p.m.

From page 1B

Lex:

to force Marlow into several turnovers.

Lexington girls' head coach Derek Clark was proud of his girls on Friday.

"Our aim was to pressure up on them out of our '2-3' defense," Clark said. "When we needed to press, we used it. With our depth, I didn't want to wear us down early. In the first half, and early in the second half, they kind of started getting us on some high and low stuff."

But, Lexington persevered. "We didn't have a great shooting night," Clark said. "But, like I told our team, we don't have to shoot 40-percent or 50-percent to beat some teams we should beat. Our girls played excellent on defense — excellent! We did a good job of attacking the rim and I thought we really controlled the game."

Clark was happy to see his team play with authority. On a couple of occasions, Lexington tried the fast break and made a couple of quick shots.

"We played a lot more on our end of the floor than we were on their end," Clark said. "We want to get out and run and we tried that a few times. But, we showed if someone wants to try to slow us down like Marlow did, we can play a good half-court game."

"We showed we could defend and execute on offense. Everybody chipped in for us tonight. But, the big thing tonight wasn't how we played offensively. It was on defense and we were in position all night. We didn't allow them very many second-chance op-

portunities."

Boys

The Lexington boys improved to 10-13 last Friday night with a nice 56-37 victory over the Marlow Outlaws (13-11).

Now, the 'Dawgs will face Purcell once again tonight (Thursday) at 8 p.m. as they take on the Class 3A No. 15 Purcell Dragons (19-4) at the Reimer Center.

The 'Dawgs were able to win the "rubber match" against Marlow. Back in January, Lexington lost to Marlow, 41-35. But, the 'Dawgs won a tight one, 32-31, at home on Feb. 8. After winning just three of its first 12 games, Lexington has now won seven of eight. The 'Dawgs seem to be peaking at the opportune time.

"The games that we've played against Marlow have been slugfests, so to speak," said Lexington head coach J.D. Beck. "They went back and forth. The difference between this one and the others was both teams were scoring a little bit more. They tried to play a more up-tempo game and put some pressure on us."

"But, Heath Winterton, Teaguin Pruitt, and Jaylen Cottrell all did a good job of finding the ball and responding to the pressure. We kind of made them pay for doing that to us."

Colton Penner down low in the post had 14 points for the 'Dawgs. Pruitt also had 14 from outside. Winterton responded with 11 big points and played outstanding defense. Cottrell had 10 points and had three ath-

letic blocks in the second half.

"I am proud of our team because we knew that Marlow was going to come into our gym and throw everything they had at us," Beck said. "Jaylen is just a really good athlete. He got into a little bit of foul trouble in the first half. We challenged him at halftime and said, 'You have to bring it now.'"

"That's what he did. We knew he could do that. When he uncorks it and let's that athletic ability of his come to forefront, it's pretty good and fun to watch."

2/21

Lexington 45 Marlow 26

Marlow 7 9 2 8—26
Lexington 16 7 8 14—45

Player	Points
Amanda Graddy	15
Lauren Beason	10
Anna Sample	9
Emilee Jenks	7
Jaci Idlett	4

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Lexington 56 Marlow 37

Marlow 7 12 14 4—37
Lexington 8 12 17 19—56

Player	Points
Colton Penner	14
Teaguin Pruitt	14
Heath Winterton	11
Jaylen Cottrell	10
Jeremiah Muniz	4
Josiah Dawley	2
Emanuel Ocampo	1



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Balling out

Luke Hendrix and the Washington Warriors play Holdenville at 3 p.m. today (Thursday) at Jones High School.

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Dragons:

team, the Dragons led only 8-7 at the end of the first quarter.

But the Dragons caught fire scoring 31 points in the second and third frames to forge a 39-19 lead as the fourth quarter unfolded and coach Roger Raper went to his bench.

Raper called his team's victory, "A little bit rusty."

"We hadn't played for a week and a half but we played well enough to win," the coach said.

"We'd better play a lot better against Lexington this week. They are very confident and it showed against Marlow last weekend in their district game," Raper continued.

"Lexington's size is such a problem because of just how big they are in that zone. We're going to have to be sharp and take care of business."

The Dragons have won nine of their last 10 games and are on a seven game winning streak.

Purcell will host Lexington in the sub regional tonight (Thursday). Victories will pit the Dragons in the winner's bracket on Saturday night at Jones.

Losses will force Purcell to play Friday night at Jones.

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Marietta 43 Purcell 49

Marietta 14 10 15 4—43
Purcell 12 15 11 11—49

Player	Points
Alicia Baker	16
Kora Keith	10
Emily Madden	7
Jaiden Avila	5
Leslie Thompson	5
KK Eck	3
Chelsea Spain	3

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Marietta 30 Purcell 44

Marietta 7 3 9 9—30
Purcell 8 15 16 5—44

Player	Points
Gavin Nation	18
Jorge Sotelo	9
Nate Willis	6
Mojo Browning	5
Lincoln Eubank	3
Kyle Ginn	2
Cache Barrett	1



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Above the fray

Nate Willis rises above the Marietta defense during Purcell's 44-30 win over the Indians during the District tournament. Purcell hosts Lexington in the first round of the Regional tournament Thursday at 8 p.m.



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Floor general

Alicia Baker attacks the Marietta defense during Purcell's 49-43 District championship win over the Indians. Baker scored a team-high 16 points.



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Crossover

Teagin Pruitt gets Lexington into their offense during the Bulldogs' 56-37 win over Marlow. Lexington plays Purcell Thursday night at 8 p.m. in the Regional tournament.

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Washington Elementary Students of the Week

Angie Steele
Washington Correspondent

Congratulations to Washington Elementary Students of the week. Tynley Wood, Karter Jones, Gentry Crawford, Hattie Castle and Courtney Mitchell represent their second-grade classes for the week of February 24-28.

Tynley Wood represents Mrs. Bates' class. Her favorite colors are the rainbow and she likes to eat cake. When Tynley grows up she would like to be a teacher.

Gentry Crawford is in Mrs. Burch's class. His favorite color is blue, and his favorite food is pizza. He likes to read the book "Roblox" and wants to be a fisherman when he grows up.

Karter Jones is in Mrs. McPhearson's class. He likes to eat Fruity Pebbles and read shark books. His favorite color is red and when he grows up, Karter would like to be a scientist.

Mrs. Talley's class is represented by Hattie Castle. Her favorite food is shrimp and she enjoys reading the book "My Heart." When Hattie grows up she plans to be a singer.

Courtney Mitchell is in Mrs. McPhearson's class. She likes to eat peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and read books about science. Her favorite color is black. When Courtney grows up she plans to be a scientist.

Washington Elementary PTO Bingo Night

Come join in on the fun at Washington Elementary PTO's Annual Bingo Night Monday, March 9. Doors open at 6:10 p.m. and first bingo call is at 6:30 p.m. Bring the whole family!

Pizza slices and drinks will be available for purchase. A bake sale with \$0.50 - \$2 goodies will also be available. \$5 per Bingo Player - Pay at Door.

A whole lot of fun and prizes to be won all in support of the Washington Elementary PTO.

Washington Senior Center Lunch

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

Washington School Calendar of Events

February 27—HS Basketball Regionals, at Jones.

March 2—JH Baseball at Little Axe, 4:30 p.m.; HS baseball, home vs. Little Axe (district game), 4:30 p.m.

March 3—HS baseball at Little Axe (district game), 4:30 p.m.

March 3—JH baseball, home vs Little Axe, 4:30 p.m.

March 3—FFA - Premium Sale.

March 4—Boys JV Golf at Guthrie.

March 5—HS Basketball Area, at Chickasha.

March 5—Class 4A Area (basketball) in WEC.



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Academic team places fourth

Congratulations to the sixth and seventh grade academic team. They placed fourth at regionals, after beating out some tough competition. They will find out next week if they qualified for state. This is the first year for a sixth and seventh grade academic team, and our school is so proud to have these brilliant students represent WPS at meets. Team members include Zennon Hendrix, Zeke Wilson, Micah Dunn, Owen Andrews, Miller Orr, James Higdon, Colt Stinnett, Xander Portillo and Noah Price.

March 9—JH Slow Pitch, McCloud Tourney.

March 9—HS baseball at Lexington (district game), 5 p.m.

March 9—HS baseball, home vs. Lexington, 5 p.m.; HS Slow Pitch, home vs Moore, 5 p.m.; Elementary PTO Bingo Night, 6:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church of Cole

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

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

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

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

Washington United Methodist Church

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

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

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

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

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

First Baptist Church Washington

Weekly Worship Service Times:

Sunday—10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Weekly Small Group Opportunities:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bible Study, Sunday, 5 p.m.

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

Dale K. Graham Veteran's Foundation

Our Veteran of the Week, Edward Factor, served our country as a member of the United States Army and served during the Vietnam War. He makes his home in Wewoka.

The Foundation is excited to partner with the Oklahoma Dental Foundation in providing free dental care for veterans. The mobile dental clinic will be onsite and will see patients on April 20, 21, 22, and 23. Appointments start at 9 a.m. and they can assist 10 veterans per day. Please call 405-550-8806 Ext 101 and ask for Paige to schedule an appointment.

Join us March 6-8 at the Oklahoma City Auto Show at the Bennett Event Center located at the Oklahoma City Fairgrounds. Come check out all the new 2020 vehicles and play mini-golf to benefit our Foundation.

Last week I was in Norman on Wednesday evening, picking up a few items at the ice cream store located near our Foundation. When I left, we drove by our building to check on things, and there were already people in line waiting at 6 p.m. I guess our reputation for helping a lot of veterans and surviving spouses to receive the VA benefits they are eligible for is growing.

When I arrive each Tuesday and Thursday morning at 3:30 a.m. to start helping them, there are usually more in line than we can accommodate that day. We are limiting the number seen to one 150 each day we are open.

There are far too many people who are supposed to be helping veterans and surviving spouses to apply for VA benefits and are only submitting the application for benefits, usually a VA Form 21-526EZ with no VA Disability Benefits Questionnaire from the veteran's medical provider.

Submitting evidence with the application for benefits is the reason that the men and women veterans who we are helping to apply for benefits or for a reevaluation are approved at a much higher percentage than when they work with most other organizations.

From the increased number of decisions that we are receiving, it looks like 2020 is going to be another record year for the veterans who receive a one

hundred percent rating and for the number who receive ratings from 10-90 percent for their service-connected disabilities.

Last week 36 veterans received the 100 percent rating and will receive a combined annual \$1,145,740. Fifty-nine veterans were rated at 10-90 percent and will receive a combined annual \$1,034,954. One surviving spouse was awarded benefits and will receive \$16,082 a year.

There are certainly a lot of lives changed for the better when deserving veterans are approved for compensation for injuries that occurred while they were in the military. Our volunteers are passionate about the belief that the men and women who served in the military deserve the VA benefits they are eligible to receive.

If you would like to help us make a difference, we welcome your support. We spend over \$30,000 each month in direct support of the veterans and family members we serve. We are transporting many homeless veterans to our Norman location each week to begin the process of making a difference in the lives of the men and women who have served in the military. As you know, we are a 501(C)(3) non-profit and are wholly dependent on donations from the people we serve and local grants.

We accept donations of vehicles that can be given to veterans in need or sold to raise funds to continue our mission.

You can shop items from our Amazon charity list to stock our food pantry and shop Amazon-Smile with us as the charity - we will receive .5% of your eligible purchases. If you are interested in including us in a gift, please contact Lora at 405-550-8806, ext. 101. Monetary donations can be made online or mailed to PO Box 592, Washington, OK, 73093.

Food sacks are available for those who need them. If you need a ride to and from a VA medical appointment or our Foundation, please contact 405-

550-8806, Ext. 105 for Clayton or Ext. 106 for Louie.

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

Visit our website at dalekgrahmveteransfoundation.org. 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 angiesteele73@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 that you would like to share with our community.

Angie Steele



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Veteran of the Week

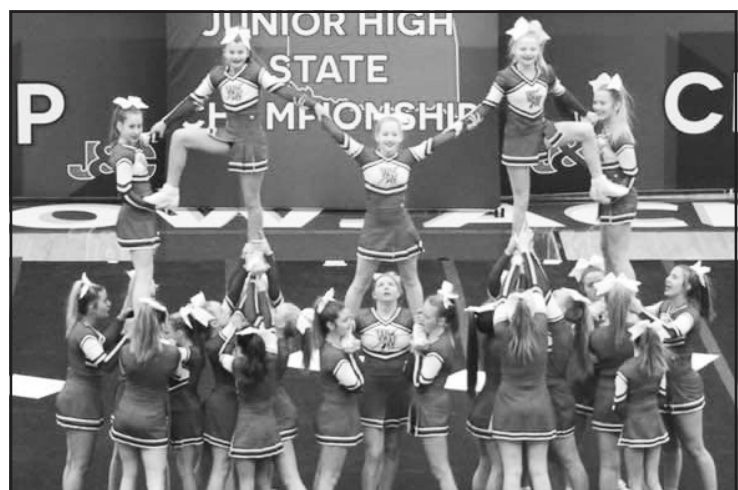
Dale K. Graham Veteran's Foundation Veteran of the Week is Edward Factor, a United States Army Veteran during the Vietnam Conflict. He got to ring the bell last week to commemorate his 100 percent rating decision after navigating the VA forms and processes with the Foundation throughout the past year.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



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Washington Livestock Show

Presley Strickland won Breed Champion Spot, second place Hamp, second place Cross and Champion Showmanship ages nine-13 at the 2020 Washington local show.



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State champions

Washington Middle School Cheerleaders earned the class 3A Junior High State Championship last Saturday.



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District Title winners

Washington's Lady Warriors Basketball team took home the District Title last weekend! Congratulations and good luck to the girls as they head into the playoffs for the state title.



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Students of the Week

Tynley Wood, Karter Jones, Gentry Crawford, Hattie Castle and Courtney Mitchell represent their second grade classes at Washington Elementary School as Students of the Week for February 24-28.

Religion

Church Directory

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
2nd & Washington, Purcell
Rev. Bill Crawford
405-820-8184
Sun. Worship: 10:45
Wed. Events:
Adult Studies: 6 or 7pm
Chalice Kids and Kiddos:
5:45-7 (experiential)
(Light meal at 6-ish - all)

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

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

newlife TABERNACLE
715 W. Harrison, Purcell
Sunday Morning - 10 a.m.
Revival Service - 11 a.m.
Wednesday Evening - 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Mark A. Stacy
Office Ph. 405.527.3045

Westside Church of Christ
401 W. Broadway
Lexington
Sunday Morning 10:30 am
Sunday Evening 3:00 pm
Wednesday Evening 7:30 pm

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Upward • Senior Activities
Sunday School 9:45
Morning Worship 8:30 • 10:45 • Evening 6:00
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Johnson Road Baptist Church
4 mi. N. of Purcell on I-35
Pastor Wayne Brown
9:45a.m..... Sunday School
11:00a.m..... Worship Service
6:30p.m Sunday Evening
6:30p.m Wednesday
527-7155 • 447-9709

CHRISTIAN LIFE
sunday 10:30AM
www.christianlifeok.com

CALVARY Holiness Church
Pastor David Bittle
403 N. 4th, Purcell
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:50 a.m. Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. Sunday Night
7:00 p.m. Wednesday Night
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Memorial Assembly of God
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Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
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LANDMARK CHURCH
Pastor: Justin Blankenship
1106 W. Grant • Purcell • 527-3342
Sunday Worship..... 9:15 & 10:55 a.m.
Sunday Night..... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday..... 7:00 p.m.

Lighthouse Worship Center
Rev. Jeff Pierce
527.6214
2726 N. 9th, Purcell
Sunday Morning - 10:30 am
Sunday Evening - 6:00 pm
Wednesday Evening - 7:00 pm
www.lighthousechurch.tv

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church
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Sunday - 11 am (English)
1 pm (Español)
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Priest House/Padre Jim: 527-4242

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118 W. Broadway/Hwy 39 Downtown
Post Office Box 1028
Lexington, OK 73051
Sunday - 10:00am/6:30pm
Wednesday - 7:00pm
Pastor Charles Barton
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Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.
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Goldsby Baptist Church
153 W. Center Road
Goldsby, OK 73093
288-2514
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Worship - 10:45 a.m.
Evening - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening - 6:30 p.m.
Steve Roach, Pastor

Trinity United Methodist Church
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Rev. Dr. James Kim
Pastor
211 N. 2nd, Purcell
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Wednesday Evening 6:30

9th & Pierce Church of Christ
1207 North 9th
Purcell, OK 73080
405-527-3176
Sunday Bible Class 9:45 a.m.
Worship 10:45 a.m.
Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Class 7 p.m.
Search Ministries Sunday 7:30 a.m. Channel 34
www.searchtv.org

SUNRAY BAPTIST CHURCH
2223 N. 9th, Purcell, OK 73080
Pastor Dennis Clark
527-6808
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship: 10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship: 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.



Green Avenue Church of Christ

Inspired by the song "Higher Ground," the Wednesday evening auditorium class explored ways to attain higher spiritual ground.

The class looked first at the importance of strengthening faith then at the apostle Peter's admonition to supplement faith with goodness, knowledge, self-control, endurance, godliness, brotherly affection and love in the first seven verses of First Peter One.

The Sunday morning adult Bible class looked at God's intrinsic authority due to His position as creator and the acquired authority He has granted man through His word.

Taking note of the extra day on our calendar this week due

to leap year, Keith Shackleford brought a lesson on how we should use what time we have during the Sunday morning assembly.

He first eluded to how King Hezekiah wasted the additional 15 years God granted him when he had an infectious boil as recorded in the first 11 verses of Second Kings 20. Then he went on to elaborate on how Joshua made good use of the extra time God gave him when the Israelites needed more time to defeat the Amorites as found in Joshua 10:12-14.

And finally he noted how God blessed Job with more time to enjoy life with his family after he had endured

so much suffering from the trials He had allowed Satan to inflict on him to test his faith as seen in the final chapter of the book of Job.

The Sunday evening sermon began with a look at the cities of refuge God provided for those innocent of intentionally inflicting harm on others under the law of Moses and went on to explore Jesus' role as our spiritual refuge through His blood beginning with the reading of Deuteronomy 19:2.

Bible classes begin at 9:45 a.m. Sunday morning and 7 p.m. Wednesday evening, with worship at 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday. For more information call the church office at 527-4052.

Lexington Westside Church of Christ

The Holy Spirit's not going to argue!

Have you ever noticed that the Lord never goes about proving His existence? He just declares it. Profoundly, emphatically.

"In the beginning God created ..."

And should a man choose to question the great truth, the Spirit offers the ultimate rebuttal—"The fool hath said in his heart," He says, "there is no God."

In other words: "I'm not going to argue with you about it."

A couple of years ago, a news show reminded me how foolish men can be. I happened

upon a panel discussion on one of the national news stations where the host asked several guests to share a great scene in history they would go back and witness if possible.

One by one the panelists recounted some great American moments they would re-visit, such as Kennedy's "Ask not what your country can do for you ..." speech - or to Martin Luther King's grand recitation at the historic Lincoln Memorial.

But one panelist surprised the rest of the group when his turn came to speak. He said, "I

think I'd go back to the resurrection."

The panel could not have laughed any louder.

At that moment, I thought: What a sad thing for a man or woman to live such a faithless life!

But it gets worse. The host of the show steps up and ridicules even further with a, "Well, I think I'd go back to the big bang" rebuttal. The group liked that witty response and chattered about

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Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

By Fr. Jim Chamberlain

Becoming a Christian in More Than Name Only

It is not surprising that people today do not really know what it means to be a Christian.

Earlier this month, over 3,000 people gathered for the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C. They all claimed to be Christian. President Donald Trump was there and so was Sr. Rosemary Nyirumbe who was an invited speaker. Christianity in that group of people - mostly lawmakers and invited guests - included everyone from Donald Trump to Sr. Rosemary.

It is not surprising today that young people choose not to be religious. They ask, "What difference will it make in my life to be a Christian? How does the Christian faith change the way I really live?"

Perhaps it is too easy to become a Christian. It is too easy to receive baptism and to become a member of the Church. It is not so easy to live an authentic Christian life, however. How does my Christian faith have an impact in the way I really live?

In the fifth chapter of the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus gives his answer to that question. He gives a sermon that paints a picture of what it is like to live in the kingdom of God, to live in such a way that your faith matters, to live as true Christians, and not just in name only.

In this sermon, Jesus tells us that the Ten Commandments are not enough. What if a married couple said to you, "We have a good marriage. We don't kill each other. We don't steal from each other. We don't tell big lies to each other." That's not an ideal marriage. You might stay out of jail, but you won't have an ideal marriage! Jesus says that it is not enough to only do the minimum. He calls for us to do much more. These are the words of Jesus: "You have heard it said 'Eye for an eye and tooth for a tooth'. But I tell you, offer no resistance to the one who is evil." (Mt. 5:38-39)

In other words, the violence must stop now - with you. If you are being hurt, you must not respond with retaliation. If you are being bullied, you must not bully back. If you are being scorned with words,

you must not give scorn back. Instead you stop and pray for the other person, that God may change his heart. You hate the sin, but you love the sinner. The violence must stop now - with you.

These also are the words of Jesus: "You have heard it said 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy'. But I tell you, Love your enemies and pray for those who hate you." (Mt. 5:43-44) Why? Because God continues to love all of His children, all whom He has created. With our help, God can change the hearts of all sinners.

When we begin to do these things, our lives will be different. We will become Christian - not in name only, but in actions. "Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect." As always, Jesus expects a lot from us.

This season of Lent choose to follow a discipline that will make you more perfect in the eyes of God. For example, pick a few people in your life who are mean to you. Pray for them. Do something positive for them in their lives - a favor, an act of

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Open Bible Study at Lexington Westside Church of Christ

Lexington Westside Church of Christ, 430 W. Broadway, will hold an Open Bible Study of topical studies. The study will be held each Thursday at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend. For more information call Tim at (405) 226-6786.

