

The holiest week

Area churches plan Easter observance

As Christians enter the holiest time of year, area churches prepare to observe the miracle of Easter.

Holy Week services at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church will include bilingual Masses to observe Holy Thursday at 7 p.m. today (March 29), Good Friday at 6 p.m., Easter Vigil at 8 p.m. Saturday and Easter services at 11 a.m. Sunday.

“What a Savior – the Crucified and Risen Christ” will be the Easter sermon at Trinity United Methodist Church at 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

At First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), there will be a Maundy Thursday

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Easter's meaning

Beyond space and time

Rev. Jim F. Chamberlin
Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

Jesus was a popular healer, a good rabbi, and a faithful friend to the many people who followed him as he walked through the villages of Galilee. But when he was carried away to his death by the Roman soldiers, his most loyal friends ran away and hid in fear. The experience with Jesus was over and he was just another good rabbi who would die, even worse, like a criminal. The disciples of Jesus would try to remember his teachings and forget his death. And they would go back to their lives as fishermen or tax collectors. But then something happened.

On that first Easter morning, the women went to the tomb

to anoint the body of Jesus with fragrant spices. They were startled to find the large stone rolled back and the tomb empty. There was a young man dressed in white – an angel – sitting in the tomb next to where Jesus had laid. “He is not here” the young man said. “He has been raised”

(Mark 16). The women never see the body of Jesus. But over the next 40 days, these women and the Twelve Apostles and many others do see him, that is, they experience him in a different way. Now he is the risen Christ!

One of the most beautiful quotes I have heard about Easter is this one: “On Easter Day, the veil between time and eternity thins to gossamer.” It has taken me many years to understand what this means. When Jesus lived on the earth, he lived, like us, in a particular space and

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Holiday closings

For Good Friday told

Good Friday this week brings a mixed lot of closings.

Federal and state offices will be open, as will First United Bank and McClain Bank.

Purcell and Lexington public schools will be closed, while Washington and Wayne will be open. Also open will be Mid-America Technology Center.

The McClain County Courthouse will be closed, along with municipal offices in Purcell, Goldsby, Washington, and Lexington.

Wayne municipal offices will close at noon today (Thursday) and remain closed on Good Friday.

The Purcell Register will be closed.

A concrete primer

Jacobson Concrete rolling out product for new bridge across river

Jeanne Grimes
The Purcell Register

For all its inherent strength in the face of time and Mother Nature, concrete has a delicate side.

“It’s the most perishable product on the road,” said Terry Jacobson, co-owner of Jacobson Concrete and

general manager of the company’s Purcell plant. “The product doesn’t travel well.”

From mixing and loading into a concrete truck’s rotating drum, the “lifespan” for wet concrete is just 1-1/2 hours.

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Huge beams

Even larger beams are on the way to Purcell as construction of the new bridge across the Canadian River continues. Today (Thursday) and Friday the city anticipates more beams coming through town around 1 p.m. April 2 and 3 steel girders will be coming from Little Rock. Additional concrete girders will arrive April 9. Beams will begin arriving here April 10 and 12 about 9:30 a.m. April 26 and 27 will be additional steel girders. That will not be the end but the schedule going forward has not been set, authorities said.



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Concrete work

Building the new bridge one concrete load at a time. Jacobson trucks have been going through town in recent weeks after they won the bid to build the new overpass over the Canadian River.

Go go Silver Power Ranger

Justin Nimmo treasures memories of Hollywood career

Jeanne Grimes
The Purcell Register

Life comes with a fair share of twists and turns. And for a few, moments in the public eye or on the silver screen.

Ask Justin Nimmo, aka Zhane, the Silver Power Ranger, from the sixth season of the long-running

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Hollywood memories

For half a season in 1998, Justin Nimmo was the sixth Power Ranger, Zhane, in the Power Rangers television series. Nimmo’s role was the first Silver Power Ranger. He had other acting success on both the small and big screens before returning to Purcell in 1999. He opened Just-in-Time in July 2004.

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Filings near

State and county offices at stake

The filing period for county and state offices will start at 8 a.m. April 11 and continue until 5 p.m. April 13.

Candidates for state office file with the Secretary of the State Election Board in

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Popcorn and a movie

This little "Putnam Badger" fan has a chance at Hollywood fame after he was filmed during the parade scene shot in downtown Purcell Monday.



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Structure fire

Firefighters from Wayne and Purcell answered a call at 106 W. Front Street in Wayne about 2 p.m. Saturday. Wayne Fire Chief Scott Thrash said the fire is suspicious and is being investigated by the State Fire Marshal.

Purcell assists on three fires

Two grass near Dibble and one structure blaze in Wayne

Fire departments from nine different towns battled a pair of grass fires in the Dibble area last week. Assisting Dibble with the huge grass fires were Purcell, Blanchard, Cole, Washington, Naples, Alex, Lindsay and Bradley.

Meet the Candidates... Remember to cast your vote Tuesday, June 26

The fires occurred on back-to-back days, one at 180th and MacArthur last Wednesday when 80 acres were torched and the next day at 17838 Nectarine.

Purcell firefighters also assisted Wayne in a house fire at 106 W. Front Street on Saturday.

Wayne Fire Chief Scott Thrash said the fire was suspicious with the investigation spearheaded by the State Fire Marshal.

Purcell personnel on call Saturday were Barry Askew, Butch Bond, Gage Christian, Steve Clary, Rocky Claunch, Greg Cypert, Kyle Renbarger and Joel Staggs.

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Unseasonably cooler

Your week will start off with temperatures in the 60s and sunny skies. Expect a warmup on Saturday as high pressure dominates the region pushing temperatures into the 70s. This will change as a cold front moves through Sunday, cooling temperatures. It may even bring a very slight chance for some rain. The skies will clear up however later next week.



Zac Martinez and Corey McGregor

Purcell High School Students of the Month

Zac Martinez and Corey McGregor have been named March Students of the Month at Purcell High School.

Zac Martinez is the son of Jennifer Martinez and Benito Martinez. He is involved in student council, Key Club, National Honor Society and Art Club.

His honors include Superintendent's Honor Roll, representative in NHS and Key Club vice president. Zac's favorite class is calculus.

After graduation he plans to attend the University of Oklahoma with intentions of becoming a petroleum engineer.

Corey McGregor is the son of Scott and Kim McGregor. He is involved in FFA.

His honors include Letter "P" Award, Chickasaw Honor Roll and Superintendent's Honor Roll.

Corey's favorite class is ag.

After graduation he plans to attend Murray State College, then Oklahoma State University and Logan to chiropractic school.

Wauhillau Austin Gale Memorial Scholarship

The Wauhillau Austin Gale Memorial Scholarship is proud to celebrate the 20th year anniversary of awarding scholarships.

The selection committee is reminding graduating Purcell seniors to apply for the scholarship by the April 1 deadline.

The \$2,000 scholarship recipient will be announced at 6:30 p.m. on May 8 during the Senior Scholarship Assembly at the Junior High School Auditorium.

Mrs. Gale was the Purcell High School Art teacher and sponsor of many clubs for over



Wauhillau Austin Gale

20 years. Though she was not a graduate of Purcell, four of her children graduated from

Purcell. Upon her passing in 1997, her family chose to create a scholarship for future graduates of the school that she loved. The fund has been fortunate to see the award amounts increase from the initial \$500 to the current \$2,000 scholarship.

Eligibility requirements are: 1) Must be a graduating PHS senior; 2) GPA of 2.75 or higher and ACT of 20 or higher; 3) Demonstrate a commitment to serve both in school and in the community. The committee also takes financial need into consideration.

The scholarship is overseen by the Oklahoma City Community Foundation. Information regarding application and requirements can be found at www.occf.academicworks.com. Applications may also be picked up at the high school office and counselor's office.

Some rain Easter to be cold

Unofficially, Purcell received .80" of rainfall on Monday and overnight bringing the year-to-date total to 5.13" here.

Some areas measured up to 1.1" with the system that moved through Monday and into Tuesday morning.

Oklahoma City has officially received 3.19" of moisture this year.

The normal year-to-date total for this area is 5.61"

There was a chance for additional rain as the week unfolded.

Easter Sunday's predicted high is 43 degrees.

April 20, 2018

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This event is sponsored by The Actors' Pavilion Inc. All funds raised will be used to fund Summer Camp/Scholarships.

For more information and to buy tickets visit us at www.theactorspavilion.com

Tickets must be purchased in advance. Prices increase after April 6. MUST BE 21+ TO ENTER

NEWS In Brief

Kiwanis Annual Egg Hunt

The Kiwanis Annual Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, March 31, at the Purcell City Lake.

Children ages 12 and under are invited for the Easter Egg Hunt and selfies with the Easter Bunny!

Photo ops begin at 9 a.m., while the actual egg hunt begins at 10 a.m. sharp.

Alumni Social

Leadership Mid-America Alumni's first 2018 social is Thursday, March 29, at Libby's Café in Goldsby. It's come and go as your schedule permits from 5-7 p.m.

Please join us to catch up with fellow graduates and to learn about current program activities.

Property

Tax Deadline

The deadline to pay the second half of property taxes is Thursday, March 29, at 4:30 p.m.

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

Cornhole

Tournament

Wayne After Prom will hold a cornhole tournament Saturday, March 31, in the high school pavilion.

Registration will begin at 2:30 p.m.

Entry fee is \$25 per team.

Chamber

Luncheon

The March Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce luncheon will be held Friday, March 30, at 12 p.m. at the Purcell School Administration Building, 919 N. 9th.

Speakers will be from Webber Construction.

The host for the luncheon is Main Street Enterprise, Terrell Sanders, and Taste of Italy will be the caterer.

Bluegrass,

BBQ Dinner

The Washington Masonic Lodge #406 is hosting a Bluegrass/BBQ Dinner Saturday, March 31, at 6 p.m. at the Washington Ag Building.

Music will be provided by Garland Blocker & Blue Tradition and From the Heartland along with a clogging demo from Just a Lil Country Cloggers.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under and are available at the Feed and Seed Store.

For more information contact Tim Roberts at 288-2523.

Basketball

Tournament

Washington's 16th Annual 3 on 3 Basketball Tourna-

ment will be held March 31 at the Washington MS gym.

Entry forms and waivers can be picked up at Sid's Easy Shop or downloaded from www.washingtonwarriorband.com.

The entry fee is \$50. Check in is at 9:30 a.m. and tipoff is at 10 a.m. Entry deadline is March 30. Teams entering after that will be charged a late fee of \$25.

All proceeds go to benefit the Washington School Band.

Lunch and Learn

A Lunch and Learn on hearing loss will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, March 30, at Pioneer Hearing Aid Centers, 515 W. Gray, in Norman.

A light lunch will be served. The free and no obligation program will include how hearing loss affects your life and new technology in hearing aids.

Registration is required by calling 364-3931 or 800-834-0841.

Fried Pies

Lexington Eastern Star is having its annual Fried Pie Sale. Available flavors include apple, apricot, peach, cherry, pineapple and raisin. The cost is \$35 per dozen or \$3 each in partial dozen orders.

Members will take orders until April 20. The pies will be delivered on May 7.

For more information or to place orders call Della Murphy at 527-6447 or 640-5011, Debbi Bartels at 388-0284 or Elizabeth Lucas at 320-8208.

Boys State

The American Legion Post 301 in Lexington is accepting applications for Boys State 2018.

Boys State offers boys in their junior year of high school a unique opportunity to experience government in action.

The program will be May 26 to June 2, 2018 on the campus of Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College in Miami, Okla., and tuition scholarships are available.

For more information, contact Dale Haynes at 823-9051.

Actors' Pavilion

Fund-raiser

The Actor's Pavilion is holding a fundraiser Friday, April 20, at The Grand Canadian Theater in Purcell.

The event will be a trip back to the time of prohibition, refreshment, lively music, mobsters and a little murder in the 1920s.

Early bird tickets are \$45 and \$65 and ticket prices increase after April 6.

All funds raised will be used to fund summer camp/scholarships.

For more information or to buy tickets visit www.theactorspavilion.com.

Dibble

School Reunion

The Dibble School Reunion for all alumni and guests will be held beginning at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 21, in the school cafeteria. The class of 1968 will be hosting.

Cost is \$20 per person to help cover expenses and includes a catered meal at 4 p.m.

Please contact Brenda Baker with any questions at (405) 224-5343 or (405) 574-4325 or send payment to Class of 1968, c/o Brenda Baker, 23 Walnut Drive, Ninnekah, OK 73067.

Teen

Relationships

Are you looking for a way to improve your relationship with your teens?

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Dance Aerobics

and Toning

Dance Aerobics and Toning by Sandy will be held at 8:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Purcell Multi-Purpose Center.

The programs are fun and free.

For more information call Purcell Parks at 527-7227.

Breaking Free

Door of Hope is presenting a new series "Breaking Free" on Thursdays at 6:45 p.m.

The series will focus on breaking free of issues that you are battling.

The program meets at 920 S. Green Ave. in Purcell.

Lex Senior

Citizens Lunch

The Lexington senior citizens serve lunch from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays for a \$6 donation. To-go orders are \$7.

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

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

Purcell

NA Group

Purcell New Beginnings Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets Wednesdays at 7 p.m. for Living Clean and Fridays at 7 p.m. for Basic Text.

The group meets at the 7th and Monroe Church of Christ in Purcell.

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



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Preparing new beams

Workers placed the first beams on the new bridge over the South Canadian River last week. The James C. Nance Bridge is slated to be demolished when the new bridge opens.



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An orphan's tale

Annie (Mykaela Johnson), left is taken a little aback at her first meeting with Daddy Warbucks (Jimmy New) in this scene from a local production of "Annie." Lauren Higdon portrays Grace, Warbuck's secretary. Performances at Purcell Junior High School auditorium are 6:30 p.m. April 6 and 7. There will also be a matinee at 3 p.m. April 7.

Musical production

Local cast to perform "Annie"

A local production of the musical, "Annie," will be staged April 6 and 7 at the Purcell Junior High School Auditorium.

Performances will be at 6:30 p.m. both days. In addition there will be a 3 p.m. matinee on April 7.

Key roles include Mykaela Johnson as Annie, Jimmy New as Daddy Warbucks, Lauren Higdon as Warbuck's secretary, Grace, and Anna Buffy as Sandy.

Amy Wood-Roof will be Miss Hannigan.

The musical is directed by Lazara Gonzalez.

Theater goers are encouraged to purchase advance tickets at

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Out of the mouths of babes

A fellow newspaperman had a friend give him these real quotes from children at church. They are a hoot.

A little boy was overheard praying: “Lord, if you can’t make me a better boy, don’t worry about it. I’m having a real good time like I am.”

After the christening of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally the boy replied, “That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home and I wanted to stay with you guys.”

A Sunday School teacher asked her children, as they were on their way to church, “And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?” One bright little girl said, “Because people are sleeping.”

Three-year-old daughter, Caitlin, had been learning the Lord’s prayer. “Lead us not into temptation,” she prayed, “but deliver us some E-mail.”

Three-year-old Reese, “Our Father, Who does art in heaven, Harold is his name. Amen.”

And one four-year-old: “And forgive us our trash baskets as

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we forgive those who put trash in our baskets.”

Six-year-old Angie and her four-year-old brother, Joel, were sitting together in church. Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had had enough.

“You’re not supposed to talk out loud in church.”

“Why? Who’s going to stop me,” Joel asked?

Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, “see those two men standing by the door? They’re hushers.”

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin, 5 and Ryan, 3. The boys began to argue over who would get

the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson.

“If Jesus was sitting here, He would say, “Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait. Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, “Ryan, you be Jesus!”

A father was at the beach with his children when the four-year-old son ran up to him, grabbed his hand and led him to the shore where a seagull lay dead in the sand.

“Daddy, what happened to him?” the son asked.

“He died and went to Heaven,” the Dad replied.

The boy thought for a moment and said, “Did God throw him back down?”

A couple gave a dinner party for 12 people. At the table she turned to her six-year-old daughter and said, “Would you like to say the blessing?”

“I wouldn’t know what to say,” the girl replied.

“Just say what you hear Mommy say,” the wife answered.

The daughter bowed her head and said, “Lord why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?”

NEWS FROM CAPITOL HILL

A boost for our nation’s veterans and military

Congressman Tom Cole

After passing multiple continuing resolutions throughout the past year, Congress has finally fulfilled its duty to the American people to fully fund the federal government for the remainder of the 2018 Fiscal Year.

This is a significant accomplishment in the progress to return to regular order in the appropriations process. For too long, we have kicked the can down the road and failed to keep our government funding up to date.

This habit was damaging and costly to federal programs and agencies, and especially to the military. Fortunately, Congress recently passed the Bipartisan Budget Deal, which was a positive step in the right direction to support the final omnibus legislation passed last week.

Although no side of the

aisle got everything it wanted, the Fiscal Year 2018 omnibus reflects a broadly supported compromise, with strong legislative wins for our military, veterans and national security.

It is Congress’ responsibility to the American taxpayer to fully fund the federal government each fiscal year.

The Fiscal Year 2018 omnibus will enhance our nation’s economy, protect its health, improve its national security and most importantly, deliver a robust military.

This spending bill gives the military its largest investment in 15 years, and will lift the military out of the harmful sequester. It provides \$654.6 billion in both base funding and Global War on Terror and Overseas Contingency Operations funding – a \$61.1 billion increase from Fiscal Year 2017.

These funds will help bolster key programs that support troop

training, equipment and facility maintenance, improving technology, research and development, and most importantly, fill any readiness shortfalls.

Furthermore, the money will boost troop numbers so the U.S. has a larger, more robust military and able fighting force. It also supports the well-being of our troops by allowing a 2.4 percent pay raise and \$34.4 billion for the Defense Health Program that will care for our troops, their families and retirees.

In addition to investing in our armed forces and the Department of Defense, the omnibus allocated the largest dollar amount in history to the Department of Veteran Affairs at \$85.1 billion. These funds will allow the VA to provide medical care for seven million patients

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Are you ready for storm season?

Paul D. Doak Oklahoma Insurance Commissioner

Whether you’ve lived in Oklahoma all your life or you are new to the area, storm season must be taken seriously. Preparing before the sirens sound is the best way to protect your family and your property. The following tips will help you get ready for tornado season.

Review Your Insurance Coverage

Make a habit to review your homeowners insurance every year. Policy limits that haven’t been updated in more than five years may not cover the entire cost associated with rebuilding a home or replacing your damaged possessions.

If you are a renter, know that your landlord’s insurance

policy covers the structure of the building but not your belongings. Renters insurance is an affordable way to protect your property.

Finally, make sure you know what is and is not covered by your insurance.

A standard homeowners and renters insurance policy doesn’t protect your home or belongings from damage associated with floods, earthquakes or sewer and drain backup. Ask your agent if you need this additional coverage.

Create a Home Inventory

To make the insurance claims process easier, create a home inventory of your belongings. Include details about your possessions like brand name, price, purchase date, model, serial number and receipts, then take photos.

You can store this information in a smartphone app, on a thumb drive or on a piece of paper. Learn more about your home inventory options, including a template, here.

If you don’t have time to create a full list of the items in your home, consider videotaping and/or taking photographs in every room. The more details you include, the easier it will be for your insurer to evaluate your loss.

When making your list, open drawers and closets, and don’t forget to document what’s in your basement, garage and storage buildings.

Once you’ve created your inventory, send the information to your insurance agent and keep

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Our Views

Troubling tariff

Susan Rowell

President of the National Newspaper Association

There are two things you need to know about newspapers.

Newspapers are important to community life and democracy. Always have been. We at the National Newspaper Association think it is important for all sorts of newspapers to survive for the sake of a free society—the very large and the very small ones, the liberal ones, the conservative ones, the middle-of-the-road ones, the ones with no viewpoint but just important news, all of them.

Some are our members. Many are not. We defend them anyway. America needs them like we need oxygen.

The second is that even if your newspaper seems to be “online,” the digital copy that you may count on probably couldn’t exist if there weren’t a printed newspaper behind it.

The newspaper in print supports all of the other versions economically. So, if the printed version disappeared, you can’t assume all would be well because it is online anyway.

It won’t be.

These facts are important because the paper your newspaper is printed on is under attack.

One small paper mill in Washington State is trying to use the federal trade and tariff laws to make this paper—newsprint, or uncoated groundwood paper, in paper parlance—about 50 percent more expensive.

This mill has complained to the U.S. Department of Commerce and International Trade Commission about international competition. If it succeeds, the prices of newspaper printing will skyrocket.

The resources available for everything else your local newspaper may need or want to do for you will be strangled.

Canadian paper producers have supplied the U.S. for many years. They have some natural advantages over U.S. papermakers because of hydroelectric power and shipping costs.

More than a dozen U.S. mills have stopped making newsprint in the last decade because demand for paper has declined. Today, even if Canadian paper disappeared because of high tariffs being proposed to the federal government, the U.S. paper mills could not supply newspapers with the paper they need.

Mills cost hundreds of millions of dollars to build and can take many years to be safely situated in compliance with environmental rules. With demand falling, no one is going to invest in a massive expansion of U.S. newsprint. Over the short term, tariffs could force the price of paper up and the New York investors who own the Washington State mill could gain.

But our country will lose.

Fragile newspapers will vanish. Challenged newspapers will have to cut back. Even healthy newspapers are going to have to find ways to absorb a daunting new cost. And who will pay? Everyone who relies on a newspaper to tell the local stories, cover elections, advertise sales, get pictures of the winning touchdown and cheer the economic development people on in their work of creating new jobs.

That worries me. If it worries you, pay a visit www.stopnewsprinttariffs.org and be informed.

Your Views

Reoccurring problem

Dear Editor,

Coming from a farm family, I generally support the farmers and ranchers 100 percent, but there is one reoccurring and ever increasing problem that is caused solely by them and it is time for them to step up and correct the problem.

I am referring to the large number of netting and twine from hay bales discarded by the farmers/ranchers/ranch hands along the sides of the highways in our area.

On one six mile stretch of highway 59 between Rosedale and Wayne we counted 28 wads of netting and several wads of twine and feed bags.

To top it off one of the ranchers/ranch hands dumped a load of netting on a country road one mile from our house. These ranch/farm hands need to be instructed to dispose of these items properly.

I’m sure the county and state employees enjoy getting this netting in their mowers.

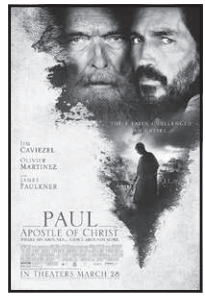
Richard Salsman
Wayne

MOVIES WITH DAVE

By David Stull

The movies just keep on coming. Another five films this week.

So, no sense in waiting around, let's get straight to the reviews.



Nero, Paul (James Faulkner) is given little choice but to accept his fate.

Intent on recording Paul's story for fellow believers, Luke (Jim Caviezel) travels to Rome seeking Paul, risking his freedom to record Paul's testimony for the world.

This summary right here was the movie I expected to watch. Luke finding Paul and writing down his life story.

And while that is a portion of the film's plot, it's not even close to the movie's main focus.

In fact Paul hardly has any screen time during the first hour of the film.

The focus ends up being more on Aquilla (John Lynch), Priscilla (Joanne Whalley), and the rest of the Christians in Rome hoping to avoid persecution at the hands of Nero.

Heck, the prison prefect (Olivier Martinez) where Paul is being held probably ends up on screen just as much or more than Paul does.

This movie really could have used a stricter script editor.

You want to name your movie "Paul, Apostle of Christ?" Fine. Then tell a story about Paul for goodness sake.

Don't overload your film with boring subplots and pointless conflicts that have absolutely nothing to do with Paul.

Save your story about the persecution of Roman Christians for another movie, or at the very least pair it down a bit.

This film is terribly unfocused and the narrative completely destroys any semblance of decent pacing.

And worst of all when they do finally show us fragments of Paul's past it's in unfocused, dreamlike flashbacks with very little dialogue.

That's right, they made Paul's scenes the strangest and least interesting parts of a movie titled "Paul, Apostle of Christ." Who thought this was a good idea?

I suppose to be fair the acting itself isn't too bad. The characters themselves have nearly zero on screen chemistry though, least of all Paul and Luke.

You're never made to feel any emotional connection with these people. So even when some of them are being sent to their possible deaths, you just flat out don't care.

None of the movie's limited humor lands at all either. I think I may have heard a single lonely chuckle from the audience during the film's entire runtime.

This is just an unfocused, uninteresting, and flat out boring movie.

If you're in the market for faith based theatrical release, go see "I Can Only Imagine." Avoid this snoozefest of a film.

"Paul, Apostle of Christ" is rated PG-13.



her greatest fear, but is it real or a product of her possible delusion?

This is another movie that ended up being nothing close to what I expected.

Going into this I hadn't seen a trailer or even read a synopsis.

All I knew was it was a horror movie.

Maybe it's because I'm still fairly new to the horror genre, I avoided it almost entirely growing up, but when I think of horror I think jumpscars, loud noises, and monsters lurking in the shadows.

This movie has none of those. That doesn't stop it from being unsettling in other ways though.

Just the idea of being locked away against your will is pretty discomfoting.

I found it very easy to sympathize with Sawyer even though you really can't tell if she's actually insane or not for the first half of the film.

At first I thought her sanity would be the entire focus of the film, but then for better or worse the story takes a turn removing pretty much all the mystery from the plot.

It was still a disturbing turn of events to be sure, but I was hoping for slightly more subtle storytelling.

Beyond the story, I think what caught my attention the most in this film was the camera work.

I didn't know this going into it, but apparently the entire film was shot on an iPhone 7 Plus.

It made sense in retrospect though. While watching I noticed all the shots were done with either a wide angle or telephoto lens.

A bit strange for a feature film, but that's precisely what the iPhone has as far as cameras goes.

There's even a scene where it looks like the front and rear camera views on the phone were merged into a single image. It sure does make for a really trippy visual, that's for sure.

All in all this film was a nice change of pace from the more standard horror fare.

It certainly isn't for everyone, but I enjoyed it. If the premise sounds interesting to you, I'd say go check it out.

"Unsane" is rated R.



Third is "Pacific Rim: Uprising."

Set 10 years after the events of the previous film, this movie follows former Jaeger pilot Jake Pentecost (John Boyega).

Forcibly re-enlisted by the Pan-Pacific Defense Corps, Jake, along with an old rival Nate Lambert (Scott Eastwood), set out to train the next generation of Jaeger pilots against a new Kaiju threat.

I have mixed feelings about this movie.

The original "Pacific Rim" truly holds a special place in my heart and to this day is among my most memorable theater experiences.

There was nothing quite like seeing that movie in IMAX. Sure the writing was far from the best and the characters had little to no depth, but the original absolutely nailed what really mattered in a film like that.

Fantastic giant robot (Jaeger) on giant monster (Kaiju) action, a sense of scale to make the larger than life fighting believable, and solid world building to make the locations feel lived in.

Sadly all those elements are somewhat less apparent in this sequel.

Sure, there's still the giant robots, but they don't feel quite as realistic and grounded to the world around them like they did in the first one.

Also there's hardly any stakes for our characters until the last 30 minutes of the film.

The first one had the impending destruction of the entire planet hanging over everyone's heads. This one just has a rogue Jaeger gone amuck as the only threat for the first half of the film.

It never really gets boring thanks in large part to John Boyega's charisma and on-screen presence, but the story does feel like a downgrade after

Please see **Dave**, page 7A

May be job hunting

To: Oklahoma Senate and House of Representatives members

Elections will be coming up. Some of you who are receiving generous salaries may be out of a job and have to apply for a temporarily teaching license.

Or you might have to apply for a regular state job if they aren't having hiring freezes or layoffs.

Wake up!

**Concerned,
Elaine Arnold
Wayne**

Cutting overhead

Dear Editor:

The Senate and House are looking for ways to pay for teacher pay without increasing personal income taxes. I applaud them for that but maybe they should look at the burden we pay for administrative costs.

For instance, McClain County superintendent's total compensation salaries according to Oklahoma Watch in 2015 were: Blanchard - \$146,444 (\$77 per student) Byars - \$20,000 (\$500) per student) Has the same superintendent as Wayne

Dibble - \$92,042 (\$125 per student) Newcastle - \$150,684 (\$73 per student) Purcell - \$150,020 (\$98 per student) Washington - \$103,898 (\$94 per student) Wayne - \$108,875 (\$201 per student)

Maybe its time to look at overhauling the administrative costs and cutting down on the number of supervisors in the system by consolidating school systems.

Moore schools pay their superintendent \$151,283 or \$6 per student and there are 21,000 students while there are 8,000 students in McClain County. We are paying \$772,000 or \$96 per student.

All numbers are fairly accurate but I rounded in some cases. It does not change the fact that we are paying too much for administrative services. I did not include any assistants' salaries.

Ron Hendricks

Justice delayed, justice denied

Why Oklahoma will use IGI to execute murderers

By Mike Hunter

Oklahoma Attorney General

Lost in much of the debate around capital punishment are the victims and their surviving loved ones. These are people who, in many circumstances, have endured public trials and a lengthy appeals process, waiting decades for justice after losing a family member or friend.

Their victimization is continuing, haunted by the daily knowledge that they will never see their loved ones again, while the individuals responsible for taking someone's life go on living, eating, sleeping, watching TV and enjoying visits from their families and friends, all at state expense.

On the day we announced the state's plan to move forward with capital punishment in Oklahoma through inert gas inhalation (IGI), I scheduled a morning conference call with the families and friends of the murder victims of the 16 death row inmates who have exhausted their appeals. That emotionally-charged phone call was perhaps the most difficult and heartrending conversation I have had in all my years of public service.

The participants on the call shared the pain, despair and anguish of not knowing if they will ever receive justice for loved ones they lost to the consummate act of evil: first-degree murder. Rightfully, they were frustrated that it has taken so long for the state to advance a plan, but by the end of the call, they were supportive and appreciative of our decision.

Opponents of the death penalty have launched an effective campaign against capital punishment. Because of their efforts to intimidate and boycott drug suppliers, states are struggling to find proper

drugs to perform executions by lethal injection. This once reliable, effective process has been sabotaged and the search for medical professionals who want to carry out executions has become increasingly problematic.

Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito summed it up best in 2015 during arguments in *Glossip v. Gross*, when he said opponents of capital punishment are waging "a guerrilla war against the death penalty," the goal of which is to make it impossible for states to obtain execution drugs.

Although I respect the opinions of death penalty opponents, I categorically disagree with their position as well as their tactics and believe firmly that capital punishment is proportional as a criminal sanction, effective as a deterrent and absolutely necessary to achieve justice.

Oklahomans, in particular, overwhelmingly favor capital punishment. In 2016, nearly two-thirds of the electorate voted to amend the state constitution to guarantee the state's power to impose capital punishment.

At our press conference on March 14, Department of Corrections Director Joe M. Allbaugh said that since he arrived at the department he has searched tirelessly for execution drugs, calling around the world in an attempt to secure them — without success. Accordingly, he advised it was time to move to our next option, IGI. This is in accordance with the 2015 state law that makes nitrogen hypoxia, i.e. IGI, the primary method of execution if lethal injection is ruled unconstitutional or the execution drugs necessary are not available.

Through our research, we have found substantial and persuasive authority to sup-

port the use of IGI as a safe and effective method of execution. It is simple to perform and the nitrogen gas necessary for the procedure is inexpensive and commonly available.

The Department of Corrections is identifying and engaging experts in the handling and usage of nitrogen. Director Allbaugh is committed to developing the expertise, equipment and safeguards necessary to utilize IGI as an execution protocol. The experience and use of IGI in states and countries in which assisted suicide is legal will provide a significant and well-documented set of case studies upon which we can rely to perfect it as a method of execution.

Executions are the most profound application of state power. As officials in a state allowing capital punishment, it is our obligation to discharge that responsibility in an effective, humane manner that adheres to the Eighth Amendment's prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment.

The suffering that victims and survivors must endure is something most of us cannot or will not ever understand. Last week, as we wrapped up our conference call, a mother spoke up, saying she has been waiting more than 25 years for closure, after the murder of her daughter. She asked me how much longer she would have to wait for justice. I gave her the best answer I could, though it was wholly insufficient: "Hopefully, very soon."

As we begin to carefully work to finalize the IGI protocol and seek approval by the courts, my promise to that mother will be a daily reminder to me of the urgency to see this process through to a successful conclusion. Because I truly believe that justice delayed is justice denied.

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Storm:

a copy in a safety deposit box or another safe place outside your home.

Prepare for the Worst

To help lessen the damage caused by a storm, clear your yard of debris that could become projectiles in high winds and trim dead or overhanging branches from trees surrounding your home.

Ensure the roof sheathing is properly secured. Fasten end gables to the roof. Latch doors and garage doors properly. Secure shutters and outdoor furniture.

For personal safety, know where you will take shelter. If it's a storm shelter, make sure it's cleaned out and ready to go before the sirens are blaring.

Also, prepare an emergency kit of essentials in case you have to shelter in place for a while.

From page 4A

Cole:

and address shortfalls that have hindered the efficiency of our VA medical centers across the nation.

About \$782 million will initiate the development of a new VA electronic health record system, allowing for accurate and up to date data transfers between the VA and the Department of Defense. Furthermore, funds will help reduce the VA's disability claims backlog so that veterans can receive compensation and care more quickly.

The legislation includes

Your kit can include bottled water, a first-aid kit, flashlights, a battery-operated radio, at least three days of nonperishable food items, blankets, clothing, prescription drugs, eyeglasses and personal hygiene supplies.

After the Storm

The days following a natural disaster can be confusing and stressful, but report your insurance claim as quickly as possible. Your policy might require that you make this notification within a certain time frame.

Document damage by taking photos or video before you begin cleaning up. After you've documented the damage, make any temporary repairs, such as covering a hole in your roof, to prevent further damage. Don't make permanent repairs until your insurer has inspected the property.

If your home is damaged to the extent that you cannot live there, your insurance company may pay for you to stay somewhere else. Ask your insurance agent if you have coverage for additional living expenses.

During the claims process, it is important for you to keep detailed notes and provide your insurance company with accurate information in a timely manner.

Navigating the insurance process can be challenging, but knowing you are properly prepared will give you the peace of mind to get through Oklahoma's storm season.

If you need help preparing for what's to come or have any questions, contact the Oklahoma Insurance Department at 1-800-522-0071 or visit our website at www.oid.ok.gov.

provisions that go beyond the President's requests. The bill includes \$1.571 billion to improve physical border security, which will allow for more than 90 miles of a border wall system.

Funds will also increase detention space and allow for more boots on the ground near the border. Border technology, like surveillance systems and opioid detection mechanisms is boosted as well, with \$655.6 million in funds.

These are just a few examples of the good provisions that this

comprehensive funding bill contains.

Supporting our men and women in uniform is an issue that doesn't belong to any party — and both Democrats and Republicans supported this bill. Now that it is signed into law, it is time to start considering the funding legislation for Fiscal Year 2019.

As Congress moves forward in this process, it is imperative that we work to return to regular order, and pass the next spending bill responsibly, and on time.

Society



It's a Small World

Gracie Montgomery

Happy Easter to everyone! Hope your day is a good one. **The Purcell Register** will be closed on Friday, March 30, in observance of Good Friday. ***

Happy birthday to Judge Jeff Virgin, Lois Beam, Lane Parker, Dan Pennington, Mason Henshaw, Jackie Suchy, Richard Holleman, Diana Muir, Kevin Stone, Jose Suarez, Selinda Vass, Levi Brownrigg, John Gullion, Gary Koehn, Robert Jones, Alfred Giroux, Gustavo Cayente, Graydon Chaples, Donelda Ellis, Luciana Holden, Annette Belfiore, Selena Chavez, Kenton Gonterman, Linda McCrory, Dorothy McBroom, Raychel Kozik and Yesenia Orta. ***

The Kiwanis Annual Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, March 31, at the Purcell City Lake.

Children ages 12 and under are invited for the Easter Egg Hunt and selfies with the Easter Bunny!

Photo ops begin at 9 a.m., while the actual egg hunt begins at 10 a.m. sharp. ***

The March Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce luncheon will be held Friday, March 30, at 12 p.m. at the Purcell School Administration Building, 919 N. 9th.

Speakers will be from Webber Construction.

The host for the luncheon is Main Street Enterprise, Terrell Sanders, and Taste of Italy will be the caterer. ***

The deadline to pay the second half of property taxes is Thursday, March 29, at 4:30 p.m.

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

The Purcell Public Library will present a six-week series of Resistance Band exercise classes at 1 p.m. Monday, March 26, and running on each Monday through April 30.

The classes will use the resistance bands to help participants increase their flexibility and endurance.

Class leaders have been trained by staff from the Okla-

homa Healthy Aging Initiative. Ages 18 and up may attend, and registration is not required in advance.

For more information, visit the library, call 527-5546 or go online to www.pioneerlibrarysystem.org/purcell. ***

The Purcell Public Library is offering families with young children a chance to enjoy the variety of programs and story times offered by the library during April.

Programs begin at 10:30 a.m. and the schedule for the month features:

April 3 and 10—Preschool and Toddler Story Time, featuring stories, songs and more activities for preschool-age children;

April 17—Story Time with a Scientist: Maker Mobile Fun, a science and experiment-filled activity geared to ages 2-5, but all ages are welcome;

April 24—Viva GLART! Grow a Learner Through Art, a bilingual event with learning through art and play.

Registration is requested in advance for the programs.

Registration is requested in advance for each of the programs.

For more information on any of the programs, visit the library, call 527-5546 or go online to www.pioneerlibrarysystem.org/purcell. ***

This is a favorite and must have for any holiday meal at my house.

Buffet Potatoes

- 2 lbs. frozen hash brown potatoes
- 1/2 cup melted margarine
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- 1 can undiluted cream of chicken soup
- 2 cups grated cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 2 cups sour cream
- 2 cups crushed corn flakes mixed with 1/4 cup melted margarine

Heat oven to 350°.

Thaw potatoes. Combine with rest of ingredients except corn flakes.

Sprinkle buttered corn flakes on top in large flat pyrex dish.

Bake 30-45 minutes or until bubbly.



• Photo provided

The youngest Girl Scout

Adrienne Lang of Purcell smiles at her newborn daughter, Reese, as a few members from local Girl Scout troops show off a few of the gifts for Reese, who was named their honorary Girl Scout for 2018.

Baby Reese named honorary Girl Scout

They are recruiting them pretty young these days.

One newborn baby girl born at Norman Regional's HealthPlex was named an honorary Girl Scout, but it's not her only connection to the organization.

The local Girl Scout troops choose one baby girl born during Girl Scout Week in March each year to be named an honorary Girl Scout.

This year's Girl Scout Week was from March 11-17, but baby Reese, who was born at the HealthPlex a few days later, still got the opportunity.

Reese was born at 7:22 a.m. March 20, weighing in at 7 pounds, 15 ounces.

Her mom, Adrienne Lang, said it is awesome Reese was chosen because she was a Girl Scout when she was young.

"I always loved the Girl Scouts. I've still got all my

badges, Girl Scout book and everything. I just looked at them the other day," Lang said.

Lang was a Girl Scout in Wayne and her mom was her troop leader.

Juliette Gordon Low envisioned an organization that would prepare girls to meet their world with courage, confidence and character, so the Girl Scouts were created in March 1912.

The Girl Scouts give gifts to the chosen newborn baby girl every March to help prepare her for the future ahead of her in Low's honor.

Reese got plenty of gifts from the Scouts, including diapers, diaper cakes, clothes, books, wipes, soap, a bath tub, towels and more.

"It's such a blessing," Lang said. "I just think it's really awesome how Norman Re-

gional and the Girl Scouts come together to do something like this. It's really neat."

Candy Kriete, service unit recruiter for Girl Scout troops in the area, said the tradition of the Girl Scout baby has been happening for as long as she can remember.

It's been a Norman Regional Health System tradition for nearly 10 years.

The Girl Scout baby tradition offers the Girl Scouts some community service opportunities, as well as show the G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader) side of Girl Scouts, Kriete said.

"We hope to continue to partner with Norman Regional to continue to do this during Girl Scout Week every year and we have nothing but best wishes for the family," she said.

Community health fairs planned for Purcell, other cities

Rabbit Run set for April 7

To celebrate National Public Health Week, the first full week of April, the Chickasaw Nation will host mini health fairs from 10 a.m. to noon at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center and satellite health clinics in Purcell, Tishomingo and Ardmore.

The health fairs are open to the public at no charge and will highlight programs and services

the Chickasaw Nation offers to promote public health.

- Dates and locations include:
- April 2—Chickasaw Nation Medical Center;
- April 4—Purcell Health Clinic;
- April 5—Tishomingo Health Clinic and
- April 6—Ardmore Health Clinic.

Many booths are planned for the health fairs, covering topics like nutrition, fitness, mental health, physical health and more.

To conclude the week with a healthy activity, the Rabbit Run 5K is planned for Saturday, April 7, in Purcell. A one-mile fun walk will begin 8 a.m., followed by the full 5k at 8:30 a.m. at the Purcell City Lake, near the Purcell Multi-Purpose Building, 1400 Chandler Road.

The event is open to the public at no charge.

For more information or to register for the Rabbit Run, contact Beth Cartwright at (580) 559-0880 or email Chickasaw-Run@Chickasaw.net.

School Menus

LEXINGTON SCHOOL MENU Week of April 2 MONDAY BREAKFAST

Dry cereal, breakfast crackers, mixed fruit, fruit juice, milk.

LUNCH

National PB and J Day—Peanut butter sandwich, steamed carrots, English peas, rosy applesauce, milk.

TUESDAY BREAKFAST

Biscuit and gravy, dried fruit mix, fruit juice, milk.

LUNCH

Chicken fried steak, hot rolls, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, pineapple tidbits, milk.

WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST

Yogurt, graham crackers, orange smiles, fruit juice, milk.

LUNCH

Chicken fajitas, salsa, chili beans, Mexican corn, peaches, milk.

THURSDAY BREAKFAST

Breakfast burritos, pineapple tidbits, fruit juice, milk.

LUNCH

Spaghetti with meat sauce, hot rolls, steamed broccoli, green salad, fruit salad, milk.

FRIDAY BREAKFAST

Peanut butter, graham crackers, applesauce, fruit juice, milk.

LUNCH

Deli turkey sandwich, corn chips, french fries, baby carrots, pears, milk.

PURCELL SCHOOL MENU

Week of April 2 MONDAY BREAKFAST

Sausage biscuit, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Meatball sub, parmesan fries, salad bar, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY BREAKFAST

Oatmeal with toppings, toast, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Chicken and noodles, biscuit, roasted carrots, green beans, salad bar, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST

Yogurt parfait, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Nacho bar with queso beef and beans, chips and salsa, salad bar, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY BREAKFAST

Breakfast taco, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Pizza, caesar salad, salad bar, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY

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Dave:

the events of the last movie.

The thing that annoyed me the most though was they completely ignored rules about Jaegers laid out in the first movie. Not only that but they flat out changed events from the original too.

I really can't get into specifics without spoiling things, but it's like the writers didn't even watch the first movie.

Heck, the first 10 minutes of the original "Pacific Rim" completely contradicts the big plot twist in the climax of this new film.

It's like they're not even trying to make a cohesive narrative and just making things up as they go along.

I'm not expecting high art here. It's a movie about giant monsters fighting giant robots for goodness sake. But a little consistency would be nice. This is just lazy writing.

I guess overall it's still a fairly entertaining movie. I wasn't bored out of my mind while watching it so it's still leagues better than the numerous "Transformers" sequels.

If you can completely shut off your brain you'll probably have a good time.

As a fan of the original though, I think this franchise would have been better off as a single film series.

"Pacific Rim: Uprising" is rated PG-13.

Fourth is "Midnight Sun."

Sheltered at homesince childhood thanks to a rare genetic condition, 17-year-old Katie Price (Bella Thorne) is forced to stay indoors during the day thanks to a life-threatening sensitivity to sunlight.

One night while out playing her guitar, Katie's life is changed forever when she runs into Charlie (Patrick Schwarzenegger), a boy she's had a crush on since she was a little girl.

I can't believe it. They made the same dang movie again.

It hasn't even been a year since "Everything, Everything," a movie about a girl cooped up in her house because of a poor immune system, was released.

Couldn't they at least let the concept rest a full 12 months? Is this niche genre the next big thing for teenage romance or something?

I just don't understand. But fine, I'll try to get past the overused concept. How's the movie itself?

Well for starters, the acting is terrible.

Katie's new found beau, Charlie, is easily the worst.

The man talks and acts like an emotionless husk.

The film's casting director would have been better off buying a splintered 2x4, gluing some googly eyes to it, and topping it with an over gelled wig.

It would have been much cheaper, plus the lumber probably would have been more charismatic.

He can't even smile without looking like his face is about to shatter into a million pieces. Forget about showing any other emotion.

Katie is slightly better. Instead of not being able to express any emotion whatsoever, she can handle one. Being embarrassed.

She truly has a skill for it. She can't make any other emotion seem believable, but she's sure has that one down pat.

No one in this film can handle sad emotions period. Which is unfortunate since this movie aims to be a tearjerker.

Not even Katie's dad (Rob Riggle), who was one of the better actors in the film, could make the emotional scenes

believable.

And all that's just the acting. I haven't even gotten to the dialogue.

Just imagine the most contrived, cheesy, romantic nonsense you possibly can. The conversations between our two young lovers made me want to physically rip my ears off. Some of the most annoying dialogue you'll hear in any romantic film.

I guess to give the movie some credit, a couple of the lines here and there did make me laugh. Every other line of dialogue was excruciating to listen to though.

Also if I could lodge one final complaint against this aggravating moviegoing experience, Bella Thorne plays this supposedly amazing guitar playing, singer/songwriter prodigy.

My issue? She can't sing to save her life.

Her voice is so over processed it doesn't even sound like it's coming out of her mouth.

Plus I'm no guitar expert, but I'm pretty sure you have to move your fingers on frets at least every once in awhile while playing the instrument. What do I know though?

This is exactly the kind of romantic movie I hate to watch. If you want to see a solid, well acted, and well written romance go check out "Love, Simon." Avoid this movie like the plague.

"Midnight Sun" is rated PG-13.

Last this week is "Sherlock Gnomes."

After moving to a new house in a brand new city, garden gnomes Gnomeo (James McAvoy) & Juliet (Emily Blunt) find themselves the unlikely companions of the renowned detective Sherlock Gnomes (Johnny Depp).

Together the newly formed team set out to investigate the recent disappearance of their fellow garden ornaments and save them from an untimely demise.

Really? A sequel to "Gnomeo & Juliet?"

Sure, I get the original did well at the box office when it first came out. That was seven years ago though.

Was there really a cult following chomping at the bit for a new gnome movie?

Oh well. I guess this isn't the worst animated movie I've ever seen.

At least the animation is solid.

All the various inanimate objects actually look pretty great and it's definitely a step up from the first film.

It's not visually stunning or anything, but it works very well for this particular set of characters.

The story isn't anything to write home about, not to mention extremely predictable, but it works fine for a kids film I suppose.

The one major bright spot of this movie is the music.

Just like the first film, this sequel is filled to the brim with Elton John's greatest hits.

I'll tell you what, having one of Elton's songs play every five minutes or so really made the whole experience of watching this movie much more tolerable.

I suppose if you're wanting to take the kids to the theater, you could do worse than showing them this film.

It has a decent overall message and the little ones will probably enjoy the story well enough.

Kids movies can be so much better though.

"Sherlock Gnomes" is rated PG.

Your Views

Calling for community support

Beginning April 2 Purcell Public Schools will join 170 school districts across the state to participate in a statewide school stoppage to call attention to the education funding crisis in Oklahoma. As educators in Purcell, the community support we have received to this point has been overwhelming and appreciated.

However, due to the media focus on this movement being hailed as a push for a "teacher raise," we want to ensure the members of our community are being given the complete picture.

Oklahoma has cut the school funding formula by 28.2 percent in the past decade. In Purcell, we are operating with an annual budget that is \$600,000 less than it was in 2008. In that same year, we had 121 teachers, with 76 additional non-certified staff members.

Today, we survive with 105 teachers, and 55 non-certified staff. Due to the inability to hire additional staff, class sizes have grown exponentially. We have not been fully funded for textbooks in over 12 years. Consequently, some subjects don't have enough books for every student, some are filled with mold, and our history books are so outdated, they do not include any information about recent historical events such as 9/11.

Over the past 10 years, we have lost multiple programs due to funding cuts. Our district has suffered losses in art programs, choir programs, psychology/sociology curriculum, Students Out Serving (S.O.S.), and funding for our libraries, to highlight a few.

Although our administrators and teachers have worked tirelessly to ensure the losses are as minimal as possible, our children are being negatively impacted. This is what we hope our community understands. This call to action is for your children. This call to action is for your grandchildren. This call to action is for the future of our great state.

Teachers in our state have not received a raise or even a cost of living increase in over 10 years. We are the lowest paid teachers in the country. This has, in turn, caused teachers to leave the state, or even the profession, in alarming numbers. Educators can go to any surrounding state and make an income that is substantially more than they can receive in Oklahoma.

When great teachers are leaving, this has a "trickle down" effect. There is now a critical teacher shortage in our state. Currently, there are nearly 2,000 emergency certified teachers.

Talented, creative students in our local universities are not choosing education as a career. Why would they? As our current teachers retire, there will be no new teachers to fill the vacant positions. School districts across the state have current teaching vacancies for various positions that they cannot fill.

Teachers play a vital role in students' lives. We not only educate children, but we care deeply and want to see each one succeed. Our Oklahoma children deserve the best. Therefore, we cannot let this travesty continue. We will continue to push until our lawmakers acknowledge that the time is now. Unless significant changes are made, the state of education in Oklahoma will continue to deteriorate.

Please call or email our legislators. Reach out to express your dissatisfaction with the current state of education in Oklahoma. Please stand with us as we unite to fight for the future of education in Oklahoma.

We are fortunate to work and live in a district that has unwavering support for its schools and teachers. We must do this together.

Candice McCurdy, Educator, Purcell Public Schools
Amber Findley, Educator, Purcell Public Schools

Children's fair set for April 7 at Pontotoc County Agri-Plex

The Chickasaw Nation is hosting the 17th Annual Children's Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 7, at the Pontotoc County Agri-Plex, 1710 N. Broadway, in Ada.

The fair recognizes Child Abuse Prevention Month.

The theme, "Explore, Dream and Discover Around the World," will show children the importance of celebrating the diversity of others and provide a global perspective of the world.

Information regarding child

abuse and neglect prevention, community organizations and various activities for children and families will be available.

Rides, games, food, a petting farm and entertainment will be available at the event. Local civil servants, such as police and firefighters, will also attend.

The event is open to the public at no charge.

For more information, contact prevention services at 580-421-8734 or Prevention-Services@Chickasaw.net.

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Annie:

discounted prices.

Seating in the front VIP section is \$15 per person in advance. Included in the price is free popcorn.

Other advance ticket prices are \$12 and \$10.

Prices at the door will be \$25, \$20, \$15 and \$12.

"We pay our actors from ticket sales," Gonzalez said.

The auditorium seats 493 and 160 tickets had been sold by Tuesday.

To purchase tickets online, visit www.theactorspavilion.com or call 405-458-4548.



Movie poster for "Midnight Sun" featuring Bella Thorne and Patrick Schwarzenegger.




Movie poster for "Sherlock Gnomes" featuring James McAvoy, Emily Blunt, and Johnny Depp.

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Anderson heads meeting

Tri-State Convention in Norman

The Oklahoma World Organization of China Painters hosted the Tri-State Convention in Norman last week.

Dorothy Anderson of Purcell presided over the meetings and banquets for the states of Arkansas, Missouri and Oklahoma at the Embassy Suites in Norman March 21-24.

“It was a very successful convention with artists and vendors from more than 12 states giving everyone the opportunity to paint with outstanding artists and purchase supplies,” Mrs. Anderson said.

Officers installed for OK-WOCP included Mrs. Anderson as president, First Vice

President Bonnie Sharp of Arcadia, president elect Jody Cook of Oklahoma City, Corp. Sec. Lois Higgins of Sapulpa, treasurer Susan Owens of Bixby and Historian Janice Waller of Marlow.

The Tri-State Convention next year will be held in Searcy, Ark., at Hardin University.

Election rules and reminders

Following tips will simplify voting experience

Voters who are registered within the Blanchard, Dibble and Newcastle school district boundaries will go to the polls Tuesday for an Emergency Medical Services special election, McClain County Election Board Secretary Karen Haley said today.

At issue is the fate of a \$900,000 bond issue to build a new EMS facility in Newcastle.

Haley offered the following information and tips for those voting:

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

tions.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 provid-

ing 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.

• 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.

Visit: www.elections.ok.gov.



Bill Bruegan • The Purcell Register

Dousing the flames

Area firefighters have been busy in recent weeks with grass fires. Rains this week will hopefully help diminish the fire danger.

Sample ballot

Tuesday’s bond election for EMS

A sample ballot is available at the McClain County Election Board office for voters who want to get a preview of what will be at stake in Tuesday’s special bond election for emergency medical services in the Blanchard, Dibble and Newcastle school districts.

The \$900,000 bond will pay to construct a new EMS facility at Newcastle.

Karen Haley, McClain County Election Board secretary, said the sample ballot can be viewed at the Election Board office, 121 N. 2nd Second Ave., between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

In addition, sample ballots will be posted outside every precinct polling place on election day so that voters can review them before casting their votes.

Truancy

Pupils miss 109 days

Jeanne Grimes
The Purcell Register

By the numbers, it doesn’t bode well for the children involved or their education.

On March 22 McClain County prosecutors charged seven parents with violating the state’s Compulsory Education Act after school officials reported seven students absent for a whopping 109 days.

Summons have been issued for all the parents to appear in McClain County District Court on April 13 to explain those absences.

The defendants are:
• Michelle Wilson, Purcell. Her 14-year-old son, an eighth grader at Purcell Junior High School, has missed 25 days of school.

• Stacie Jean Hines, 39, Wayne. Her 11-year-old daughter is in fifth grade at Wayne Elementary School and has missed 23 days.

• Jennifer Furra, 29, Blanchard. Her 13-year-old daughter, a seventh grader at Dibble Middle School, has missed 18 days.

• Rachel L. Nohelty, 35, Lindsay. Her 13-year-old son is in sixth grade and has missed nine days of school. Her 14-year-old daughter has been absent 16 days. Both are enrolled at Dibble Middle School.

• Bonnie J. Thompson, 40, Purcell. Her 13-year-old daughter is in seventh grade at Dibble Middle School and has missed six days.

• Jessica Edwards, 33, and Ryan Edwards, 33, both of Newcastle. Their 5-year-old is in kindergarten at Newcastle Early Childhood Center and has missed six days.



NEWS from the City of Purcell

Grass Clippings

We appreciate the hard work you do in keeping your property mowed. This is just a reminder that you are not allowed to deposit the clippings in the street or sidewalk.

Please sweep them up or blow them back in your yard, not your neighbors or across the street. This not only makes the street and property look bad, the clippings wash into the storm drains clogging them.

This is a code ordinance 90-34. The Fine is \$249.

Again, the city appreciates you for maintaining your property. If you have any questions please feel free to call us at 527-6561 or 527-4656.

James New
City of Purcell
Code Enforcement
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Screwdriver assault

Argument escalated into violence

Jeanne Grimes
The Purcell Register

An argument escalated to physical violence February 15 when a wife found condoms in her husband’s vehicle and confronted him.

Skylar L. Ruiz, 21, of Blanchard, is charged in McClain County District Court with domestic assault and battery with a dangerous weapon

and domestic assault and battery in the presence of three minors.

He is free after posting \$10,000 bond and has been ordered to have no contact with the alleged victim.

According to an affidavit bPresent during the altercation were the couple’s infant and Taylor Ruiz’s two children, ages 2 and 5 years, from a previous relationship.



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Mini Campers AGES 4 – 9 30 Available Spaces
This camp is designed to introduce a behind the scenes of what happens behind set and the basics of what it takes to put a play together. They will learn about who does what, stage direction, how to express your emotions through performing, face painting, stage voice and movement, fun with costumes, as well as preparing a short performance for moms and dads.
The camp will run from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. ages 4-6 and 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. ages 7-9. There will be a short production of sorts to show off what the kids have learned for parents and friends the last day of camp from 6-8pm. Mini Camper Tuition per Session is Early Bird: \$80 Late: \$110

Gaming Camp
This camp is different than our acting camp. Kids & Teens will work together with counselors to build a life version of a Super Mario Game. This camp provides a physical activity for the avid gamer while at the same time allowing them to use their artistic abilities and imagination. There are limited spots, so do not wait. sign up today. For more information please visit our site.

SCHOLARSHIPS
T.A.P.s’ mission is to provide, all children, the same opportunity no matter what economic situation their family is facing. At this very moment we are working hard planning a Murder Mystery Dinner fundraiser for April 20th at the historic Grand Canadian Theatre. Funds raised will provide scholarships to our youth in need. So if you are in need of a scholarship please log onto to our site to check and apply for scholarships as they become available. If you would like to help send a child to camp, please visit our website to purchase tickets, tables or to sponsor our event.

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___ Puppets
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___ Fun w/ Costumes
___ Voice Overs

Purcell Senior Citizens

By Fredda Perry

Hippity, hoppity Easter is on its way. The rabbits and the eggs have taken over the center. Decorations are in place. This week the seniors have been working on Easter crafts.

Wednesday and Thursday will be egg days. The eggs will be prepared for coloring on Wednesday by the cooks and Thursday the seniors will color the eggs.

The ladies will also be preparing the Easter bonnets for Friday, March 30, when the seniors will be having their Easter party. The seniors will also be having an egg roll on Friday. We hope everyone has a great time.

The number of meals served has been increasing every day. We have been averaging between 40 and 50. We are hoping to remain consistent with that number on a daily basis.

Anyone who is 60 or older is invited to come visit the center where there is always something cooking and plenty of activities. Remember, if you plan to eat lunch at the center, you will need to call the kitchen at 527-9462 the day before or by 8 a.m. the day you plan to eat.

Activities are continuing on a regular schedule. The seniors have especially enjoyed the exercise class which is held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. When the exercise class started, the ladies exercised three days a week and walked two days a week. However, some of the ladies have increased their activities. They are now walking after they have finished their exercises. We have seen such a difference in some of the ladies since we started the exercise class.

The senior garage sale for this week will be Thursday, March 29, starting at 8 a.m. and lasting until 3 p.m. Come by and check out the items in the sale. New items are donated almost daily. Lots of spring items and Easter decor. Please do not leave donations on the patio without calling Hester at 990-1840.

Thursday is bingo day every week. Bingo starts promptly at 10 a.m. Everyone needs to be in their chair at 10 a.m. so the games can begin on time. Everyone is a winner before we are finished. We have been having a full house each week. Thursday morning is an exciting time at the center as we usually have new people.

If you know someone who needs help with their noon meal at their home, call the Delta Nutrition Center at 527-9462 and ask for John, the site manager and person who does evaluations.

Need a place to have a special event? The center is available for \$70 a day. If you're interested call 527-5070. Call early so you can get the date you want.

Menu for the week of April 2-6:

Monday—Salisbury steak, creamed peas, steamed carrots, wheat bread, lemon cake.

Tuesday—Smothered chicken, baked sweet potato, spinach, rice, mixed fruit salad.

Wednesday—Blackeyed peas, seasoned cabbage, oven fried potatoes, cornbread.

Thursday—King ranch casserole, green salad, refried beans, rice, apple raisin compote.

Friday—Sliced ham, potato soup, green beans, bread, peach crisp.

Thought for the Week: Let whatever you do today be enough.



John D. Montgomery
The Purcell Register

Cotton candy

Gale and Tim Wilson and Nanette Belicek were whipping up some cotton candy for the parade scene in The Turkey Bowl that was filmed here on Monday.

OSU EXTENSION News

Making room for this season's garden harvest

Brenda Hill
Extension Educator

Now that the spring season is underway, many gardeners are looking forward to getting their fruits and vegetables in the ground and hoping for a productive growing season.

For those who had a bountiful harvest last season and canned or froze their crops, it is time to clear off the shelves and clean out the freezer and get ready to preserve this year's harvest.

There is nothing better than opening a jar of green beans or pulling a bag of okra from the freezer in the middle of winter and being able to taste that summer freshness.

If you have a particularly big garden, it's likely you've still got a few jars of goodness

Celebrate Easter at the Chickasaw Cultural Center

A hunt for 10,000 Easter eggs is one of the activities featured at the annual Easter celebration at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur.

More than 1,700 attended the annual event in 2017, and similar numbers are expected for this year's event Saturday, March 31, at the cultural center, 867 Cooper Memorial Road.

Holiday-themed activities will begin at 10 a.m. The Easter egg hunt will start at 1 p.m.

The family-friendly film "Hop" will be played at 2:30 p.m. in the Anoli Theater.

Also available during the celebration is the Te Ata Exhibit and the Sculpting Cultures: Southeast and Southwest Native Pottery Exhibit.

Explore the life of Mary "Te Ata" Thompson Fisher now through September 2 in the Aapisa Art Gallery.

The Sculpting Cultures: Southeast and Southwest Native Pottery Exhibit features New Mexico Pueblo pottery as well as contemporary pottery from the Five Tribes.

The pottery will be displayed in the Aaitafama Room now through September 2.

The celebration and exhibits are free and open to the public.

"The Case for Christ" will be shown at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, March 31, in the Anoli Theater. Prices are \$3 for children age 12 and under, \$4 for adults or \$6 for a movie deal that includes ticket, popcorn and drink.

In observance of Easter, the Chickasaw Cultural Center will be closed Sunday, April 1.

For more information, call (580) 622-7130 or visit www.chickasawculturalcenter.com.

on your shelves or in your freezer. Because the quality of home-preserved foods doesn't last forever, it's a good idea to clear out those canned foods in the pantry or those foods in the freezer to make space for what you're planning to grow this season.

Although freezing will not improve the flavor or texture of any food, it can preserve most of the quality of a fresh product as long as it is frozen properly and stored at 0 degrees Fahrenheit.

Most fruits and vegetables will last in the freezer eight to 12 months. Certainly, these foods should be safe to eat after a year, but the quality and nutrition may be lower.

Putting dates on all your frozen foods can help make sure you use them while they are at their best.

Some gardeners prefer to can some of their fruits and vegetables. Properly canned food stored in a cool, dry place will retain optimum eating quality

for at least a year. Most of us don't have a root cellar like our ancestors did, so proper storage is a must.

Canned food stored in a warm place near hot pipes, a range, a furnace or indirect sunlight will have a much shorter shelf life.

Also, canned items stored in a damp area can cause lids to corrode and may result in leakage, so the food will spoil.

Before you get started canning this year's harvest, go through any remaining foods from last year and check for signs of spoilage.

Check the seals, make sure flats are not swollen and there is no sign of gas bubble, mold or other unwanted growth inside the jar. Do not taste food from a jar with an unsealed lid or food that shows signs of spoilage.

You can more easily detect some types of spoilage in jars stored without screw bands. Growth of spoilage bacteria and yeast produces gas which pressurizes the food, swells lids

and breaks jar seals.

As each stored jar is selected for use, examine its lid for tightness and vacuum. Lids with concave centers have good seals.

Next, while holding the jar upright at eye level, rotate the jar and examine its outside surface for streaks of dried food originating at the top of the jar. Look at the contents for rising air bubbles and unnatural color.

While opening the jar, smell for unnatural odors and look for spurting liquid and cotton-like mold growth (white, blue, black or green) on the top food surface and underside of lid.

No matter which method of preservation you prefer, make sure to use proper preservation and storage methods. This will help ensure you have garden-ripe fruits and vegetables all year long.

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Obituaries

Gerald Wyman Coleman

Funeral services for Gerald Wyman Coleman, 85, of Norman were held March 27, 2018 at the Wilson-Little Funeral Home Chapel. Interment was at Hillside Cemetery in Purcell under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Mr. Coleman died March 22, 2018 at Brookdale Senior Living Center in Norman.

He was born April 6, 1932 in Lexington, the oldest of two children of Lester Vernon Coleman and Mary Delecia (Lairson) Coleman.

Survivors include his wife, Mary McKiddy Coleman of the home in Norman; two daughters, Rhoni Rasmussen and husband, David, of Napa, Calif., and Laurie Blanton and husband, Jack, of Norman and two granddaughters.

Online condolences may be made at wilsonlittle.com.

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Edna Hartness

Funeral services for Edna Hartness, 81, of Noble were held March 23, 2018 at the First Baptist Church in Noble. Interment was at the Noble IOOF Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Mrs. Hartness died March 20, 2018.

She was born Feb. 5, 1937 in Winganon, Okla., one of 19 children of George and Jessie (Hibbard) Seely.

Survivors include her husband, E.C. Hartness of Noble; daughter, Debbie Ford and husband, Russ, of Slaughterville; one grandson; five great-grandchildren and siblings, Jimmie R. Seely, Norma Jo West, Jessie Irene Martin, Bettie Lou McClary and Freddie L. Seely.

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Wayne Miller

A visitation service for Wayne Miller, 48, of Purcell will be held from 5-8 p.m. Monday, April 2, 2018 at the Wilson-Little Funeral Home. Arrangements will be under the direction of Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.



Mr. Miller passed away unexpectedly on Friday, March 23, 2018.

Wayne Coleman Miller was born July 19, 1969 in Indianapolis, Indiana, one of two children born to Joe and Margaret (Coleman) Miller. The Millers settled near Washington, Okla., to raise their family. Wayne attended school in Washington, graduating with the Class of 1987. After graduation, Wayne started working for B & H Construction.

He married Sherri Mize and to this union, two sons, Michael and Scott were born. At this time, Wayne was working as a brick mason for Mize & Miller Construction and later Home Creations. For the last several years, Wayne has worked again for B & H drilling pipelines. He was a hard worker and a great provider as a single dad. He was a proud father and he never missed an opportunity to take his boys four wheeling.

When not working, he enjoyed tinkering on small engines, especially his four wheelers and lawn mowers. Wayne was a wonderful son, checking in on his mother daily. He will be dearly missed!

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Bill Coleman; his father, Joe Fred Miller; sister, Jodi Margagliano and brother-in-law, Brett Margagliano.

Wayne leaves behind his boys, Michael and Scott Miller, both of Purcell; his mother, Margaret Miller of Purcell; grandmother, Nelma Coleman, currently of Lexington and a host of other family and friends.

Online condolences may be made at wilsonlittle.com.

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Beverly (McDaniel) Smith

Graveside funeral services for Beverly (McDaniel) Smith, 80, of Purcell were held Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at the Jones IOOF Cemetery. Services were under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Mrs. Smith passed away Sunday, March 25, 2018.

Beverly Barbara McDaniel was born January 21, 1938 in Oklahoma City, Okla., the baby of five children born to Isome Dewitt McDaniel and Hazel Alice (Hooker) McDaniel. She spent her younger years in Jones and later the Southwest Oklahoma City area. Beverly learned at very young

age the value of hard work, and she helped in many ways on the family farm.

She married E.L. Haggy, and to this union, two daughters, Quita and Kim were born. Throughout her life, Beverly worked as a waitress. She was a hard worker; she enjoyed her work and serving others. In conversation she was witty and never shied from sharing her opinion on something. She later married Charles Casey and they welcomed son, Kevin, and another daughter, Sherrie.

When not working, Beverly enjoyed spending time in the great outdoors, and especially family camping trips. She had a deep appreciation for antiques and spent countless hours searching for priceless heirlooms. In 2011, she married Cecil Smith and they made their home in Oklahoma City. Beverly was a wonderful mother and grandmother, sister, aunt and a good friend. She will be dearly missed!

She was preceded in death by her parents, Isome and Hazel McDaniel; sister, Geneva Lindsay; two brothers, Thomas McDaniel and Ray McDaniel and husbands, E.L. Haggy, Charles Casey and Cecil Smith.

Beverly is survived by her daughters, Quita Warden of Texarkana, Texas, Kim Dobbs and husband, James, of Texarkana, Ark., and Sherrie Rivera and husband, Venicio, of Goldsby; son, Kevin Casey of Farmington, Mo.; brother, Jr. McDaniel of Manford, Okla.; seven grandchildren, Caitlyn Warden and Michaela McElhiney, Cody Dobbs and wife, Brandy, Erin Wolf, Elly Casey and Trenton and Dalton Rivera; five great-grandchildren, and a host of other family and friends.

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Amanda Jane Wartchow

Funeral services for Amanda Jane Wartchow, 43, were held March 24, 2018 at Wadley's Funeral Chapel. Interment was at Hillside Cemetery in Purcell, entrusted to the care of Wadley's Funeral Service. Online condolences may be made at www.wadleysfuneralservice.com.

Ms. Wartchow died March 20, 2018.

She was born March 1, 1975 in Purcell, the daughter of Michael and Bonnie (Dumas) Larrimore.

Survivors include her mother, Bonnie Bagley and husband, Alfred, of Wanette; and siblings, Heather Turnpaugh and husband, John, of Lexington, January Foster and husband, Jayson, of Moore, Clay Bagley and wife, Lisa, of Asher, Travis Bagley and wife, Leann, of Muldrow, and Mike Larrimore and wife, Sheila, of Lexington.

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Eula Caroline (Grider) Wilcox

Eula Caroline (Grider) Wilcox of Little River, Kan., formerly of Byars, Oklahoma, died Monday, March 5, 2018 in Lyons, Kan., at the age of 96 years 15 days. Gravesite services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Thursday, March 29, 2018 at the Byars Cemetery, entrusted to the care of Wadley's Funeral Service.

Eula was born on February 21, 1922 in Byars, Okla., to Charles Marion and Gertrude Mae (Pierce) Grider, the sixth of nine children. A lifetime resident of Byars until moving to Kansas in 2014 to be close to her son, Eula was a homemaker and worked as a housekeeper.

On July 6, 1940, Eula was united in marriage to Kenneth Calvin Wilcox. This union lasted sixty-nine years until his death on October 10, 2009. Together they raised two children, Lavon H. and Shirley Jean.

Eula loved to play dominoes and worked many a word-search puzzle. She was a wonderful cook and made the best pecan pies. She was kept busy canning produce from the gardens she and Kenneth always raised as well as canning and freezing fish from their many fishing and camping trips.

Eula was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Gertrude Grider; daughter, Shirley Slaughter; brothers, Leonard Grider and Dan Grider; sisters, Lois Acuff, Nora Davis, Floye Boutwell and Lucille New and two infant sisters, Cecil Mae and Fay.

Survivors include her son, LaVon Wilcox and wife, Marla, of rural Little River, Kan.; four grandchildren, Kenny Hitch and wife, Regina, of Drumright, Okla., Monica (Slaughter) Mundell and husband, Scott, of Byars, Okla., Andrea (Wilcox) Willard and husband, David, of rural Lyons, Kan., and Andrew Wilcox and wife, Molly, of Bethlehem, Penn.; seven great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren, and many other relatives and friends.

Memorials may be made to the Byars Senior Center.

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Paul Harris

Steve Kaplan, right, did his historic impersonation of Paul Harris, the founder of Rotary, to the Purcell Rotary Club last Wednesday on the occasion of the club's 95th anniversary. He visited with current Purcell Rotary Club President Justin Blankenship after the meeting.

Rabbit Run 5k planned for Purcell

The Chickasaw Nation will sponsor a 5k run and 1-mile fun walk Saturday, April 7, at the Purcell City Lake, near the Purcell Multi-Purpose Building, 1400 Chandler Road. The event is open to the public at no charge.

The fun walk begins at 8 a.m. and the individual and team 5K at 8:30 a.m.

The Rabbit Run is part of a series of family-friendly running events themed around animals. Other events include the Skunk Run and Turtle Run.

To receive a race T-Shirt, register online at <https://rabbitrun5k.itsyourrace.com/reg->

Online registration closes March 31.

On-site registration will be available the day the of run. Race T-shirts are not guaranteed for on-site registration.

Strollers are acceptable. Pets are not allowed. There will be booths, activities and giveaways.

After the run, custom race medals will be awarded to first, second and third place participants, according to age categories and gender.

For more information, contact Beth Cartwright at (580) 559-0880 or chickasawrun@chickasaw.net.

Gutter Dance 15 registration is open

Gutter Dance 15, charity bowling event presented by the Hal Smith Restaurant Group, is scheduled for Thursday, May 17. Proceeds from this event will go to support the operation of Camp ClapHans.

Camp ClapHans is a residential summer camp project of the J. D. McCarty Center for children with developmental disabilities for boys and girls ages eight to 18.

According to Greg Gaston, hospital spokesperson, the Gutter Dance is \$200 for a team of four. Team registration includes dinner catered by Johnny Carino's Italian Restaurant, bowling ball and shoes, two lines of bowling and a chance to win a trip for two to Branson, Mo., courtesy of Reynolds Ford.

At the end of the Gutter Dance, the bowler with the most strikes will win the trip. In case of a tie the number of spares will be counted. If a tie breaker is still needed the high score will win.

The trip is three days, two nights, with accommodations at the Dutton Inn in Branson. The package includes free breakfast and two tickets to The Dutton's music show.

"What makes this trip unique," said Gaston, "is that there are no blackout dates or limitations. Accommodations are based on availability."

The Gutter Dance will be held at the Sooner Bowling Center, 550 24th Avenue, in Norman. Check in and dinner for the teams is from 6-7 p.m. with bowling from 7-9 p.m. Dinner is also available for spectators for \$10. Dinner tickets are available at the door.

Bowling teams will be competing for first, second, third and last place trophies. There will be a prize for the most creative bowling team shirts as well as prizes for making a strike with a color pin in the rack. Additional door prizes will also be drawn at the end of the event.

Bowlers who are rolling too

many gutter balls, may buy a "ringer" to bowl frames for them to improve their pin count. Ringer tickets are \$5 and can be purchased as many times as needed.

Corporate sponsors of the Gutter Dance include Reynolds Ford, Johnny Carino's Italian Restaurant, Republic Bank & Trust, Oklahoma Electric Cooperative and Norman Family Dentistry.

Registration forms are available at the Sooner Bowling Center and at the corporate sponsor's locations, at Hal Smith Restaurants in Norman and Moore or by contacting Gaston at ggaston@jdmc.org or 307.2807.

Again this year bowlers can register on-line. Go to soonerbowl.com and click on the Gutter Dance reservation link. This link is also available on the Sooner Bowl Facebook page.

The J. D. McCarty Center is Oklahoma's center of excellence in the care and treatment of children with developmental disabilities from birth to age 21. For the last 72 years, the McCarty Center has been providing the physical, occupational, speech and language therapy that these children need to reach their highest level of function and independence.

Camp ClapHans will begin its sixth season of operation this June. Camp ClapHans offers a one-to-one camper to camp staff ratio for a total of 12 boys and girls each week of camp. Camp activities include fishing, canoeing, hiking, horseback riding, archery, field games, swimming and much, much more. All camp activities are adaptable to the camper's abilities.

Deadline for Gutter Dance registration is Tuesday, May 15. For more information about the Gutter Dance, contact Greg Gaston at 307-2807 or ggaston@jdmc.org.

You can follow the McCarty Center on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.

From the Family of William S. Trudgeon:

It is difficult to find words to express how thankful we are for your expressions of love to our family during this truly difficult time. We are grateful for the friendship that we share.

Thank you so much for the flowers, for the memorial contributions to the Cancer Society, and the food and fellowship.

Mr. Blake Western, thank you for your wonderful message of encouragement at Bill's service.

For those that spoke from their heart during Bill's eulogy, thank you for the loving portrayal of Bill's life.

To our military honor guard, thank you for a job well done and your service to our country.

To the Wadley's Funeral Home staff, thank you for your care and compassion during our difficult time.

To anyone we missed, your act of kindness did not go unnoticed, and is greatly appreciated.

Yvonne Trudgeon and family



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Celebrating 95 years!

The first Rotary Club in a town of 3,500 or fewer residents has sustained and flourished in Purcell at the Trinity United Methodist Church. Many clubs dart around and change locations but not Purcell that is said to have the best food in the entire 5770 District. Purcell's club was chartered March 30, 1923. Many current members, some past presidents and a couple of guests attended the meeting last Wednesday. From left are Greg Dixon, Bobby Elmore, John Mantooth, Danny Jacobs, Greg Cypert, Cody Barton, John Denny Montgomery, Suzanne Woodrow-Snell, Donald Sherman, Debbie Tims, Susan Tarp, Butch Kluth, Bobby Gee, Victor Lohn, Justin Blankenship, Steve Kaplan, Marilyn Kaplan, Charles Gray, Pat Martin, Jim Blevins, Jesse Bain, Larry Foster, Tony Christian, Susan Nicholson, George Kernek, Gale Wilson, Ron Page, Bernie Cash, Charlie Sherman, Carol DiRienzo, Michael Dillinger and Dale Bunn.



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Maiden-claiming victory

Regal PY Braeden and jockey Jorge Torres are all alone at the finish as they win an allowance race with ease on March 25 at Remington Park.

Regal PY Braeden wins Sunday Allowance at Remington Park

Regal PY Braeden ended his 2-year-old season with a maiden-claiming victory at Prairie Meadows in Altoona, Iowa in October. His first start of 2018 was a winning one, at long odds of 13-1, as he scored in a \$21,000 allowance race March 25 at Remington Park.

Owned and bred in Oklahoma by Michael and Gail Ahern of Purcell, Regal PY Braeden is trained by Stacy Hill and was ridden by Jorge Torres. The 3-year-old gelding launched from the starting gate, and his rail post position, clearing the field in the initial strides.

Regal PY Braeden drifted

about but was over two lengths ahead of his nearest rival until the final yards, crossing the 330-yard finish in :16.752 over a fast track. Moonshine Milly was 1-1/4 lengths behind in second while Telle Em Corona was up for third.

Regal PY Braeden paid \$28 to win, \$12 to place and \$6.80 to show. Moonshine Milly returned \$8.60 to place and \$7 to show. Telle Em Corona paid \$7.60 to show.

A son of PYC Paint Your Wagon from the A Regal Choice mare The Regal Streak, RegalPY Braeden has now won two of his five career starts.



• Photo provided

Pauls Valley Opry

Danette Rizzo will be making her debut appearance at the Pauls Valley Opry Saturday, April 7. The show begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Pauls Valley High School auditorium.

Native American Youth Language Fair

Those interested in Native American cultures are invited to attend the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History's 16th annual Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair as the event kicks off once again April 2 and 3.

The fair celebrates language diversity and recognizes the efforts of students and teachers to revitalize Native American language and heritage.

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day, visitors have the chance to immerse themselves in Native American languages as students from across the state participate in live presentations of song, speech and story.

Visitors also can view students' poster art as well as comics and cartoons as part of the material submission categories. Native language speakers, teachers and elders serve as judges for the competitions.

"The ONAYLF provides a unique opportunity for teachers and students to share their experiences in live presentations of song, speech and story," said Dan Swan, the museum's curator of ethnology. "Students also compete in material submission categories that include poster art, films, books, cartoons and advocacy essays. The growth of the fair over 16 years establishes the event as a major celebration of Indigenous languages in Oklahoma."

The museum offers complimentary admission for fair

participants, spectators and general museum guests during both days. This year's theme, "Dreaming In My Language," is based on poster art submissions from the previous year and highlights the accomplishments of language speakers, language teachers and language learners.

ONAYLF began in April 2003 at the Sam Noble Museum. Elder and teacher Geneva Navarro (Comanche), Indian educator Quinton Roman Nose (Cheyenne) and the museum's first Native American languages curator, Mary Linn, sought to recognize the Native language teachers and students in Oklahoma.

The fair has encouraged and supported the efforts of Native communities in Oklahoma and the surrounding region to document, revitalize and perpetuate their ancestral languages. While many of the fair's original goals are the same, they have grown as the Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair has grown.

Because of the Sam Noble Museum's longstanding work with ONAYLF, the museum received the 2017 University Museums and Collections Award from the International Council of Museums.

The Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History is located on the University of Oklahoma Norman campus at J. Willis Stovall Road and Chautauqua Avenue. For accommodations, call 325-4712 or visit SamNobleMuseum.ou.edu.

Left of center

Head-on collision claims one life

A Yukon man is dead after his 2015 Toyota Prius crossed the center line on a highway in Pontotoc County and collided head-on with a 2003 Peterbilt truck driven by a Lexington man.

Oklahoma Highway Patrol Trooper Keith Teel identified the dead man as Loren Amack, 34.

He was pinned in the wreckage approximately 20 minutes before being freed by Ada firefighters using a Hurst tool.

Amack was taken by ambulance to Mercy Hospital in Ada where he later died.

Neither occupant of the semi-driver William Weber, 40, and Anita Mitchell, 41 - were injured. Both are from Lexington.

According to Teel's report, the fatality wreck on March 15 occurred 13 miles west of Ada around 5:38 a.m. on State Highway 3.

Amack was traveling westbound and the semi was eastbound when for an unknown reason the Prius went left of center.

Assisting Teel at the scene were Troopers Tyler Jack and Justin

Pope, the Ada and Oil Center fire departments and Pontotoc County Sheriff's Department.

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Red hot Dragons hit 6 straight

Avenge loss at Anadarko, beating Warriors 10-2

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Senior Cauy Hollis had the hot hand in Purcell's 10-2 victory over Anadarko last Friday, Purcell's only game during Spring Break.

Hollis was 4-5 at the plate and had a pair of RBIs. Fellow senior Fernando Auz was 3-4 with an RBI while junior Gunner Fink and senior Cooper Frankenberg both had two hits.

Ethan Wayland recorded his second victory on the mound in his first start.

Wayland scattered four hits and struck out seven in four innings of work.

Hollis polished off the Warriors, tossing two innings of shutout ball.

"I thought Ethan took control after the first inning," head coach Cole Sharp said. "We had him on a pitch count.

He came out and competed well."

Anadarko drew first blood, pushing across a run in the top of the first.

"They are a good fastball hitting team and I thought Ethan did a good job of keeping them off balance.

"Out of the bullpen, Hollis came in and snagged the save.

"I thought we did a good job of hitting the baseball in the game from top to bottom in our lineup," Sharp continued.

"We will need to continue to compete and gain more confidence throughout the season in all aspects of the game," Sharp said.

The Dragons were 6-4 heading into Tuesday's match up with Washington. Up next is the Newcastle Tournament April 5-7.



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Beating the throw

Gunner Fink beats the throw to first base during Purcell's 10-2 victory over Anadarko.

Lexington takes gold at track meet

Lauren Beason, Sierra Winterton, Sierra Wright and Jade Wright were gold medal winners at the recent Wynnewood Invitational.

Beason won the long jump, the 300 hurdles and ran a leg on the winning 3200 meter relay.

Also on that relay team were Sierra Wright, Jade Wright and Beason.

Beason finished second in the high jump with a leap of 4'10".

Results:

Girls

300 hurdles - Lauren Beason, first, 50.67; Jade Wright fifth, 55.81

Long jump - Beason, first 15'10"

High jump - Beason, second, 4'10"

1600 meter run - J. Wright, second, 6:21.10; S. Wright, third, 6:27.59; Winterton, fourth, 6:33.62

3200 relay - Lexington, first, 11:06.58 (Beason, Sierra Winterton, Sierra Wright, Jade Wright)

Boys

Long jump - Jaylen Cottrell, second, 19'

Dragons take 2nd

Boys at home today for Conference

Purcell's girls golf team took second place in the Purcell Invitational Golf Tournament.

They finished with a team score of 355.

Plainview won the tournament with a score of 326.

"They did a good job," said head golf coach Mike Gowens of his team.

"Plainview is just loaded but we beat everybody else," Gowens said.

Plainview is in Class 4A and Purcell is in Class 3A.

Gowens said there is plenty of room for improvement for his team.

Senior ShaeBug Scarberry shot 73 to lead the Dragons and also take first place individually in the tournament.

"Shae is going to shoot right around par," Gowens said. "She bogeyed the last hole."

Junior Jade McCurdy shot 89.

"Jade had a bad day," Gowens said.

"She didn't hit it that bad she just hit it in the wrong spots. It made it almost impossible to

get up and down."

He said she is able to consistently shoot around 80 and will break 80.

Alicia Baker shot 96, Lexi Longley shot 97 and Anoli Billy shot 98.

"The other three girls broke 100 and that was good. We'll just keep working and improving," Gowens said.

"Overall for our first tournament of the year we did really well."

"Overall for our first tournament of the year we did really well."

Boys

The boys golf team finished seventh in the Purcell Invitational Golf Tournament with a team score of 368.

OCS won the tournament with a team score of 301.

Hunter Askew had the low round for the Dragons, carding a 79.

"Hunter had a really good round," Gowens said. "Hunter has worked hard on his

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Confident stroke

ShaeBug Scarberry finishes up hole No. 7 during the Purcell Invitational Golf Tournament. Scarberry won the tournament after shooting 73.

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Warriors have full weekend

Will play four games in Beggs

John Denny Montgomery
 The Purcell Register

The Washington Warrior baseball team won one and dropped two at the Mark Howard Tournament in Chandler.

They defeated Putnam City West 13-5 Thursday, and were defeated 7-2 by Chandler Thursday and lost to OCS 13-8 Saturday.

"We weren't as efficient as I want us to be on the mound," head coach Jeff Kulbeth said.

"We need to be more efficient."

He said his team made a couple costly errors in the field in their losses as well.

"They were routine plays but there's pressure and we didn't make them," he said.

He was happier with his team's offensive performance.

"We were swinging it well," Kulbeth said.

Washington had eight hits Saturday against OCS.

"We need to get leadoff guys on (base)," Kulbeth said.

"When leadoff guys get on we can be more aggressive," he said.

Washington is now 8-3 on the season. Monday's game against Lexington and

Tuesday's game against Purcell were both cancelled due to rain.

"We'll work on some things this week," Kulbeth said.

The Warriors travel to Beggs Friday and Saturday.

They play Morris and Chisholm Friday and turn around to play Beggs and Lincoln Christian Saturday.

"I tell the guys we're preparing for the Playoffs. We'll continue to play good people until May," he said.

Washington is ranked No. 6 in Class 3A.



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Fleet footed

Tyler Stuever runs in a relay during the 2018 Bethany Twilight Invitational Track Meet. The Washington boys won the 4x100 with a time of 43.60 and the 4x200 with a time of 1:31.01. Stuever also won the 100 meter dash with a time of 11.27.



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Going, going

Caleigh Clifton watches the ball sail over the fence as she hits a homerun against Texas Tech over the weekend. Clifton is a 2015 graduate of Wayne High School.

Bulldogs still coming together

Stratford, Bray-Doyle and Alex on tap

Emily Montgomery
The Purcell Register

Before Spring Break, the Wayne Bulldogs were on the road at Elmore City.

Head coach Chance Sharps' Bulldogs fell to the Badgers 11-1.

Rodney Gray was on the mound through three innings, but in an effort to save his arm for the upcoming Central Marlow tournament, Sharp pulled him out.

"The wheels just came off when I pulled Rodney. After the third inning we didn't play great defense and they scored nine runs," Sharp said.

Matthew Bless led the team, going 1-2 and scoring Wayne's only run.

To end the week, Wayne was in the Central Marlow tournament. First up was Apache, ranked number 10 in Class 2A.

The Warriors run-ruled the Bulldogs, pulling out the 22-2 victory.

"From the get-go, it was a rough day," Sharp said.

Jake Brazell was on the mound for Wayne, taking the loss. According to Sharp, he threw strikes and walked only two batters, but they were hitting balls and the Wayne defense wasn't able to make the plays.

"We've been inconsistent on defense, and that's killing us. But, the kids are still working hard and trying to get better," Sharp said.

Bless and Mason Smith each had a hit in the loss.

To round out the tournament, Wayne squared off with Elmore City-Pernell, again. But the outcome wasn't much different as the Bulldogs lost 4-1.

Though they lost, Sharp was proud of his guys for bouncing back and competing.

"We really played hard and well. We had chances to win the game, but they didn't go right for us. Elmore City-Pernell

earned their win."

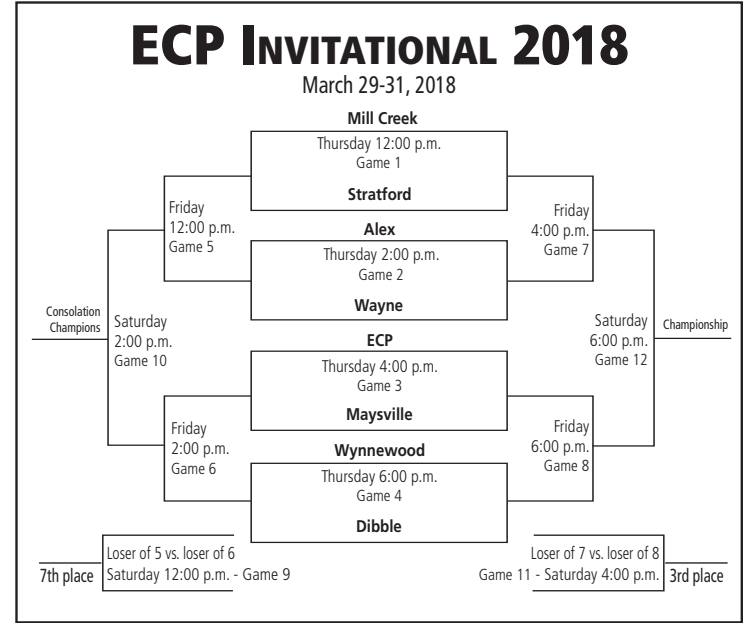
Gray was on the mound for all five innings. He gave up four hits and two earned runs.

Gray and Brazell led the team at the plate, going 2-3. Dawson Mantooth was 1-2.

Wayne was scheduled to play Weleetka last Saturday, but that game was cancelled.

The Bulldogs's scheduled double header with Stratford Monday was rained out. They then traveled to Bray-Doyle Tuesday.

Then the ECP tournament rounds out the week with the Bulldogs taking on Alex at 2 p.m. today (Thursday).



Rain washes out softball

Dragons 1-3 so far this year

Purcell's softball games Monday were rained out.

The Dragons were scheduled to play at Dale against the Lady Pirates and the Washington Warriors.

Their first home games of the season were set for Tuesday when Lexington and Harrah were to visit. But, those games were also

rained out.

The Dragons shutout Little Axe 6-0 in the Wayne Tournament to kick off the season.

The big inning was the fourth when Khia Tyler, Hannah Buchanan, Camryn Dickerson and Sandra Del Toro all contributed.

Kayla Skinner pocketed the victory in the circle for

the Dragons.

"I am proud of the team mentally and the desire they have to become better ball players but most importantly better versions of themselves on a daily basis," head coach Taralee McReynolds said.

Purcell was 1-3 heading into their scheduled Thursday games at Chickasha.

Rain dampens diamond action for Lex's teams

Todd Newville
The Purcell Register

Both the Lexington baseball and slow-pitch softball teams were ready to return to action after Spring Break.

But, Mother Nature had other plans on Monday and Tuesday.

The Lady 'Dawgs (ranked No. 8 in the latest OSSAAClass

5A slow-pitch softball rankings with a 9-1 record) were scheduled to play both Newcastle and Blanchard at home on Monday afternoon. But, rain cancelled those games.

A steady overnight and morning rain also forced the cancellation of Tuesday's scheduled doubleheader against Purcell

and Class 6A No. 8 Harrah at Purcell.

Lexington head coach Kayla Stewart didn't know on Tuesday morning when those cancelled games could be played.

"We will try to reschedule the games at a later date that is open for everybody involved," Stewart said. "Right now, it's just too early to say for certain."

The Lady 'Dawgs are scheduled to play at the Harrah Tournament this weekend. Their first game in that tourney will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday against Class 5A Bethel (1-11).

As for the Lexington baseball team, its game at Class 3A No. 6 Washington on Monday was also rained out.

"We're going to try to reschedule," Lexington head coach Jarod Ennis said. "It's going to be hard. We are scheduled to play them again later. But, I don't know about a doubleheader on that date."

Lexington (3-4) and Washington (8-3) are scheduled to play again at 4:30 p.m. on April 23 at Lexington.

For now, the 'Dawgs are getting ready for this weekend's Amber-Pocasset Tournament, which looks like it will have a pretty tough field of teams.

Lexington will play Class A Rush Springs (6-10) at 11 a.m. on Thursday at the Am-Po tourney.

Other teams in the tournament (according to Ennis) include Class A No. 4 Fort Cobb-Broxton (9-3), Class A No. 7 Am-Po (8-2), Class A Sterling (7-9), Class A No. 11 Ripley (12-4), and Class A No. 12 OCA (12-1).

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Boom

Madeline Pack rips a pitch for a three-run homer. The Lexington softball team is scheduled to play in the Harrah Tournament this weekend.

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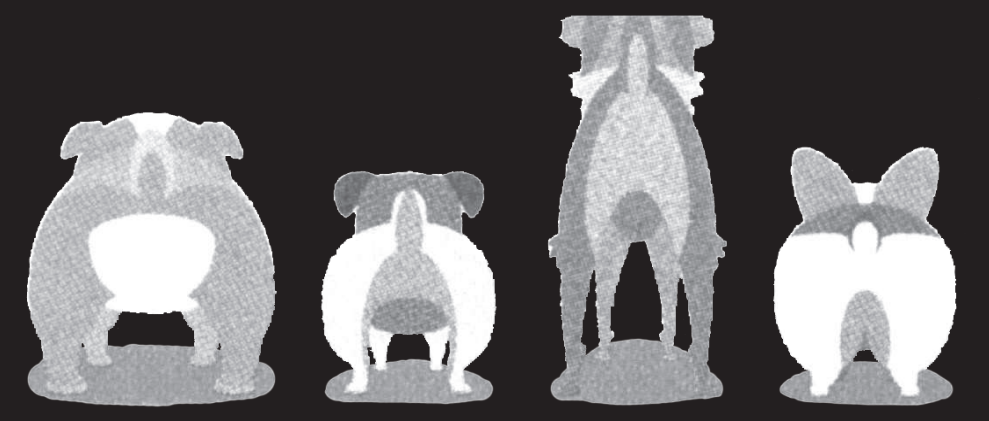
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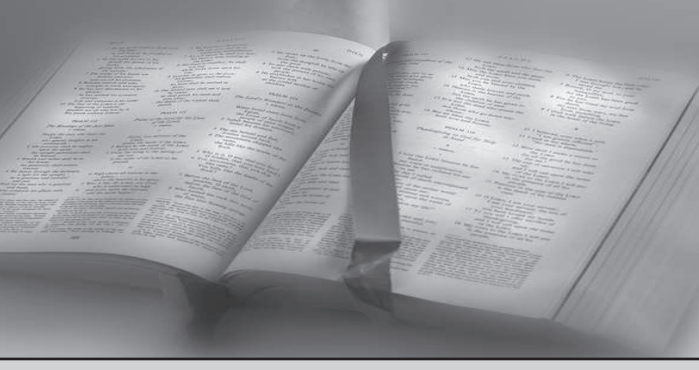
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Christian Life Church

The Message Of Easter Is About You

I read a story the other day about a man whose Saturday morning drive almost ended Easter! He was blissfully driving along the highway, when he saw the Easter Bunny hopping across the middle of the road. He swerved to avoid hitting the Bunny, but unfortunately the rabbit jumped in front of his car and was hit.

The basket of eggs went flying all over the place. Candy, too. The driver, being a sensitive man as well as an animal lover, pulled over to the side of the road, and got out to see what had become of the Bunny carrying the basket. Much to his dismay, the colorful Bunny was dead. The driver felt guilty and began to cry.

A woman driving down the same highway saw the man crying on the side of the road and pulled over. She stepped out of her car and asked the man what was wrong.

"I feel terrible," he explained, "I accidentally hit the Easter Bunny and killed it. There may not be an Easter

because of me. What should I do?" The woman told the man not to worry. She knew exactly what to do.

She went to her car trunk, and pulled out a spray can. She walked over to the limp, lifeless Bunny, and sprayed the entire contents of the can onto the little furry animal. Miraculously, the Easter Bunny came back to life, jumped up, picked up the spilled eggs and candy, waved its paw at the two humans and hopped on down the road.

The man was astonished, and exclaimed "He's Alive! What in heaven's name is in your spray can?" The woman turned the can around so that the man could read the label. It said, "Hair spray. Restores life to dead hair."

Even though that story isn't true, let me tell you one that is. The Bible teaches us that Son of the living God, Jesus Christ came to earth. He was crucified, and died on a cross, but rose again after three days.

His message is simple. John 3:16:17 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in

him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

Romans 10:9:10 "If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved."

The good news is, He's Alive! Jesus is Alive, and He gives eternal life to everyone who puts their faith in Him.

We have often declared Easter's message to be that Christ is too great for the grave, and that is true. But the rest of the story, the heart of the Easter message, is that Jesus loves you so much that He thinks you are too great for the grave! He went there when He didn't have to, in order to make a way out for you!

Greg Wheat
Lead Pastor
Christian Life Church
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Green Avenue Church of Christ

Lexington Westside Church of Christ

Very good week to all. Welcome to the "front porch."

In our working on our book on "faith" over the past couple of years, it seems that, if it were a novel or a movie, the leading character probably would be Nicodemus. Much of what we have covered centers around him. In many ways we have found him to be a microcosm of our own lives, our own search for truth and righteousness.

So, as we've come to the latter stages of the journey, we have followed him after his first encounter with Jesus over in John 3. John gives us two other glimpses of our friend, and each time, we are so glad to report, shows growth in the "faith" of this great ruler.

Nicodemus' journey, truly, is a journey of faith, although his faith was mighty shaky and rocky in the beginning.

But his faith grows, as faith does. It doesn't stay in that elementary stage of infancy, but it grows and matures in accordance with his search. The apostle John documents that growth in the seventh chapter of his gospel. The scene occurs during the upheaval among the religious leaders because of Jesus' teaching and the impact on so many lives there at the Feast of Tabernacle.

Many searching souls are coming to a great desire for that "living water flowing out of their bellies," and this movement begins to take on greater momentum and fire. So the religious leaders quickly gather to make some kind of sense of the matter. These things run completely against the grain of their entire system of law, and they will need to get a firm handle on it before it gets out of hand.

As the committee converses about this teacher - having already judged him in their hearts as an imposter before hearing his blessed gospel message - our Nicodemus, whose occupation put him squarely in the middle of the Jewish leaders, stands up to answer them. That's right. He stands up for the Lord, and says,

"Doth our law judge any man, before it hear him, and know what he doeth" (John 7:51).

The religious leaders must have looked at Nicodemus as if he were crazy. Why would he be defending this man. Doesn't he know that this imposter needs to be dealt with, not defended or sympathized with? So, they offer an abrupt answer to this man who had come to Jesus by night.

"Art thou also of Galilee? Search, and look: for out of Galilee ariseth no prophet" (v. 52). Case closed. They needed to hear no more, so they all gather up their books, papers, and prejudices and leave the "courthouse."

However, they unknowingly had left for Nicodemus a thought to ponder, even as our Lord had some months ago. They had said, "Search, and look." Perhaps Nicodemus stays behind a bit longer, after the leaders have abruptly exited the parliament, and considered that command: Search, and look!

Of course, they meant it in a different way. They meant to say, "Look at the facts, man! Open your eyes. You know better than that."

But Nicodemus does not know better than that. He has looked at the facts, far more facts than they ever had. Those facts, in both miracle and instruction, have told him that he needed to make sure on this matter. Too much about our Master doesn't add up, that is, it doesn't harmonize with the prejudicial exclamations he has just heard and that are being noised across the city. They are seeing Jesus through distorted lenses, and it is they themselves, ironically, who need to "search and look." They need to stop right in their tracks and take a good, long, hard long at this Galilean. They need to "search and look."

Nicodemus does. You may be surprised, even shocked, to see where that searching and that looking takes him.

Stay with us next week, and we'll see, Lord willing, that beautiful place Nicodemus comes to in his life, all because of the man he had come to long ago ... "by night."

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Ribbon cutting

The Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce welcomed new member JC Promo, LLC. Owner Janelle Cottrell and her husband, Bradley, did the honors. Attending, from left, are Trent Mitchell, Danny Jacobs, Cody Barton, Allen Eubanks, Mandy Davis, Jason Midkiff, John D. Montgomery, Janelle, Bradley, Gayla Riddle, Sherry Sheehy and Ryan Russ.

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Dragons:

game and has turned into a good player.” Bryce Tuck shot 90 and Gowens said he has “improved a lot”. Jake Berrey shot 92, Devon Allen shot 107 and Marco Solis shot 112. “Jake is getting the rust knocked off after basketball and Devon Allen decided to play,” Gowens said. “If he had played (all along) he would have been a good little player.” Titus Pruitt competed as an individual and shot 112. The boys next play today (Thursday) at Brent Bruehl Memorial Golf Course for the Conference tournament at 8:30 a.m.



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Give it a ride

Devon Allen watches his tee shot during the Purcell Invitational Golf Tournament.

Lexington Community News

By Hazel Shockey Daniels

The Lexington Senior Citizen meal program is going strong. Every day we look forward to seeing a lot more of our neighbors coming in to enjoy the good food and friendship. This community service began when the bridge was down for about a year. Watch for the menu in **The Purcell Register** and hard copies will be available at the desk in the Center. We are thankful to Loving Care for looking out for our blood pressure and blood sugar levels once a month. The exercise program is available to senior adults free of charge and you can call Sue Peery or ask at the Center for this information. Invite your friends to go the center in Lexington, and just tell them to find out for themselves if the food is as good as everyone says. Lunch is served from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday for a \$6 donation. To-go orders are \$7. 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 March 29:

Thursday, March 29—Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, corn, rolls, salad, oreo cake.

Wednesday, April 4—Meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, English peas, fried okra, rolls, salad bar, chocolate delight.

Thursday, April 5—Fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, corn, rolls, salad, bread pudding.



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Fireballer

Braxton Smith throws home. Washington travels to Beggs Friday and Saturday.

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- DeWayne Norton Insurance Agency 9 Kansas St.
- Slaughterville Tire Shop 5 Kentucky
- Goldsby Construction 12 Davidson
- Guaranty Abstract 4 Arizona
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- Althea's Vault 11 Loyola-Chicago
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- Westbrook Gardens 14 Wright St.
- Coldwell Banker 7 Nevada
- Lexington Nursing Home 10 Texas
- Rubys Inn & Restaurant 2 Cincinnati
- Jim West - Dillard Group 15 Georgia St.
- Sonny's Cafe 1 Xavier
- G&M Tank Co. Inc. 16 NC Central/Texas Southern
- Musgrave Real Estate 8 Missouri
- Liberty Tax Service 9 Florida St.
- Thompson Pool & Patio 5 Ohio St.
- Hale's Overhead Doors 12 S. Dakota St.
- Mazzios Italian Eatery 4 Gonzaga
- Van's Pig Stands 13 UNC-Green
- Sunset Estates 6 Houston
- Branco Furniture Repair 11 San Diego St.
- Horizontal Well Drillers 3 Michigan
- Pearson's Lumber 14 Montana
- Wellness Clinic & Medical Spa 7 Texas A&M
- Silver Elm Estates Norman 10 Providence
- TH Rogers 2 UNC
- Purcell Chiropractic 15 Lipscomb

EAST

- Roger D. Cudd 1 Villanova
- Thompson Pool & Patio 9 Alabama
- Wendy's 5 West Virginia
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- Pruitt Quality Homes 3 Texas Tech
- Jesse Bain - Edward Jones 2 Purdue
- Pawsitively Purrfect 1 Kansas
- Insurance Professionals II 5 Clemson
- United Drug & Health 2 Duke
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- Webber 7 Rhode Island
- United Drug & Health 2 Duke
- Jennifer Crawford - Farmers Insurance 15 Iona

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- DeWayne Norton Insurance Agency 9 Kansas St.
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- Wellness Clinic & Medical Spa 7 Texas A&M

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- Horizontal Well Drillers 9 NC State
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Air born

Hunter Nixon competes in the long jump at the 2018 Bethany Twilight Invitational. Nixon jumped 16'11.50”.