



## Lex passes bond Yes margin overwhelming

Lexington voters overwhelmingly passed a school bond issue after failed attempts in the past. With the 60 percent margin required for school issues, the bond passed

353-61 or a margin of 85.27 percent to 14.73 against the measure. There is a sense of relief at Please see **Election**, back page



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## Sinking feeling

A small sinkhole behind businesses on the north side of Main St. is marked with cones. The cause of the sinkhole is still under investigation.

## Final meeting

### Mike Pollok leaves city council

**Jeanne Grimes**  
**The Purcell Register**

Monday was the final meeting for Purcell City Council member Mike Pollok, ending his 8-1/2 year tenure.

Pollok, who is moving to Tulsa, submitted his resignation effective at the end

of the meeting. In a statement at the start of the meeting, Pollok said serving on the council has been both an honor and privilege and a "heck of a headache." "We've gone through a lot of good councilmen. I tried always to keep it light," he continued. "We're ahead on a lot of issues." Pollok urged the Please see **Pollok**, back page

## Nominate now

### Deadline 3 p.m. Friday

The deadline to nominate someone as Purcell's Citizen of the Year for 2019 is 3 p.m. January 11. Accompanying the nominee's name must be a statement why he or she deserves

to be Citizen of the Year. Nominations may be hand-delivered to **The Purcell Register** at 225 Please see **Nominate**, back page

## More rain Friday

Last Thursday's winter mix and rain resulted in an inch of moisture. That coupled with .02 earlier this week gives the area 1.02" for the year-to-date.



The weather last Thursday produced some sleet, some snow and rain. Oklahoma City has recorded 1.31" this month so far. There is a chance for additional rain on Friday.

# HOOOPS occasion

## Purcell basketball homecoming Tuesday



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## Royal Dragon Court

**Purcell Homecoming** royalty will be crowned Friday night at the Reimer Center. Pictured are, from front left, Alexa Gaytan Roman, Anoli Billy, Jacie Carr, Addie Stanton and Huck Autry. In the back row are, from left, Garrett Galyean, Reece Milner and Jake Berrey.

**Jeanne Grimes**  
**The Purcell Register**

A lone candidate for basketball homecoming queen will reign Tuesday when the Purcell High School Dragons play the Leopards from Lindsay High School. The queen will be Jacie Carr, a senior. Her attendants will be juniors Anoli Billy and Addie Stanton. King candidates are se-

niors Jake Berrey, Garrett Galyean and Reece Milner. Included in the royal court will be Alexa Roman, flowergirl, and Huck Autry, crown bearer. The coronation will be at 6 p.m. Tip off for the boys' game will be at 6:30 p.m., followed by the Lady Dragons game. Carr, 18, is a member of National Honor Society, a

Letter "P" award winner, and is on the Superintendent's Honor Roll. She participates in cheer, basketball, and track. She is the daughter of Justin and Nicolle Carr and Lea Ann Brown. Stanton has been a part of the PHS basketball, Please see **Homecoming**, back page

## Purcell grad in Hall of Fame

### For Oklahoma Law Enforcement

Adjutant General Michael C. Thompson, a 1980 graduate of Purcell High School, has been inducted into the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Hall of Fame. Thompson, who serves as secretary of the military on Governor Mary Fallin's executive Cabinet, was among four inductees honored during the 10th annual law enforcement hall of fame induction ceremony last Saturday at the Oklahoma History Center in Oklahoma City. Thompson has served on Fallin's Cabinet throughout her eight years as governor.



Thompson

She appointed Thompson, who began his public service career with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections

before joining the Oklahoma Highway Patrol in 1990, public safety commissioner and as her secretary of safety and security in 2011. Last year Fallin named Thompson adjutant general and secretary of the military. As adjutant general, Thompson has the responsibility for training and equipping 9,500 soldiers and airmen for the Oklahoma Air and Army National Guard. "Congratulations to General Thompson on being recognized for his profes-

Please see **Thompson**, back page

An Interesting Neighbor  
Everyone has a story

**Jeanne Grimes**  
**The Purcell Register**

Ties that bind church and community are strong – so strong, in fact, that church doesn't exist outside community and there is no community outside church. Over the years, the Rev. Justin Blankenship has proven that time and again to the congregation of Landmark Church and the citizens of Purcell. Justin grew up in Crystal Springs, Miss., a town of about 6,000 souls within shouting distance of the state capital at Jackson. In short, a place very similar to Purcell in population and proximity to Oklahoma City.

"I am a preacher's kid," said Justin, an only child. Simply growing up in a pastor's home, though, doesn't explain his own life path. "My Dad told me 'I can't call you to be a preacher. The Lord has to call you,'" he continued.

Maybe so. But the Rev. Darrel Blankenship set a high bar regardless. He has pastored Springs of Praise World Outreach Center in Crystal Springs for 44 years.

When Justin was in first grade, the teacher asked the class what they wanted to be when they grew up. The answers were largely what you would expect. Fireman, policeman, etc., until it was Justin's turn.

"I said I was going to be a preacher and go to Southwestern Christian University. I've always had a sense of calling in my life."

He preached his first sermon when he was 13.

After high school, he moved to Bethany to attend Bible college at Southwestern Christian University. He

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Justin Blankenship

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# Ray Dyer elected president of Oklahoma Press Association

## John Denny Montgomery III serves as director

Ray Dyer, a third generation publisher of the El Reno Tribune, is the new president of the Oklahoma Press Association.

Dyer was appointed by the OPA Board of Directors to serve from Jan. 1, 2019, through June 30, 2019, and will then be nominated for membership consideration and election for his scheduled year of 2019-2020.

Dyer succeeds Brian Blansett, publisher of the Tri-County Herald, as president. Blansett will serve as past president for six months.

Other members of the OPA Board are treasurer Jeff Shultz, **Garvin County News Star**; and directors Mike Strain, **Tulsa World**; John Denny Montgomery, **The Purcell Register**; Mark Millsap, **The Norman Transcript**; Zonelle Rainbolt, **The Cordell Beacon**; Don Mecoy, **The Oklahoman**; and Shauna Belyeu, **The Eu-fula Indian Journal**.

Dyer was born in 1957 in El Reno and other than working at the Southwest Times Record in Fort Smith, Ark., and the McAlester News Capital & Democrat he has spent his life working at the family-owned Tribune.

The son of Pat Dyer and the late Jack Dyer, he follows in

the footsteps of his grandfather, Ray J. Dyer, his father Jack and brother Sean Dyer in serving as board president for OPA.

Ray Dyer has two children, daughter Alik Patricia Dyer, a nursing student at Redlands Community College, and son Jackson Emmanuel Dyer, who is studying audio and video production at the University of Central Oklahoma.

Ray Dyer started working at the age of 12 throwing the then Daily Tribune.

By his freshmen year in high school he was working in the production and pressroom of the paper.

After graduating high school in 1975, he attended the University of Oklahoma and later Oklahoma State University before taking a job as a reporter in Fort Smith.

He would later work as a sports writer at the McAlester newspaper before returning to El Reno.

After his father's death in 1981, he teamed with his aunt Kay Dyer and brother Sean to continue operating the Tribune. In the early '90s, the Dyers decided to take the paper to twice a week and focus on local coverage.

A member of the Oklahoma City Gridiron Club for more than a decade, Dyer was named in 2010 to the Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame.

A member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in El Reno,

Dyer also served for 12 years as editor of the Sooner Catholic, the newspaper for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City.

As OPA president, Dyer said he hopes to help push the importance of Oklahoma newspapers to the "communities we serve, as well as our state."

"I think we in the newspaper industry have an obligation to hold our government leaders and our institutions accountable; at the same time we need to hold ourselves accountable. Oklahoma, in my opinion, is in need of tremendous reforms. I believe Oklahoma newspapers should be leading the charge in calling for many of these reforms.

"If we will do this, I believe the people of our great state will take notice and they will benefit. If they benefit, we will benefit."

Dyer said he looks forward to working with fellow board members and OPA Executive Director Mark Thomas.

"I think we all owe Brian Blansett a round of applause for staying on the job for an extra six months," Dyer said.

Blansett served the extra time following Ted Streuli's resignation as president in July upon accepting a job outside the newspaper industry.

The Board voted for Blansett to resume the role of president until December 31 when then Vice President Dyer would complete the unexpired term.



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### New assessor

Kendal Sacchieri took her oath of office before District Judge Leah Edwards and her husband, Ray, Tuesday at the McClain County Courthouse.



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### District 1

New District 1 Commissioner Glenn Murray was sworn in by District Judge Leah Edwards with his wife, Donna, holding the Bible.

## PCCC to meet January 22

The Purcell Chickasaw Community Council will meet on Tuesday, January 22, in the Community Room at the Area Office in Purcell at 6:30 p.m.

Lisa Billy will share her experiences of bringing forth our historical culture through television commercials and media.

The council will be furnishing hot dogs and chili beginning at 6 p.m. Those attending are asked to bring side dishes or desserts to share.

For more information call Carolee Maxwell at 527-7676 or Angie Wallace at 615-8863.

## Lankford selected to serve on Senate Finance Committee

In an announcement by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, Senator James Lankford (R-OK) was selected to join the Senate Finance Committee for the 116th Congress.

He will retain his current assignments to the Senate Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, and the Committee on Indian Affairs.

"It is an honor to be selected to serve on the esteemed Senate Finance Committee," said Lankford. "This Committee is

front and center on tax policy, healthcare, and trade, all of which are some of the top priorities for Oklahomans.

"As the new Congress convenes, we must create commonsense solutions that allow the American people to live their lives without fear of unnecessary government intervention. I look forward to adding Oklahoma's voice to these important issues in the days ahead," he said.

Lankford has been a leading voice on a number of issues under the jurisdiction of the Finance Committee, including international trade, for which he secured one of the only Senate amendments on trade policy; healthcare; and solvency of federal support programs like Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI).

He most recently introduced the Lessening Impediments

from Taxes (LIFT) for Charities Act, which would repeal a new section of the tax code that requires some tax-exempt organizations, like churches, to pay federal taxes on employee benefits, like parking, meals or transportation.

The Committee on Finance was established as a standing committee of the Senate in 1816 and is one of the oldest and most powerful committees in the Senate, with the largest jurisdiction among the House and Senate.

Its primary areas of jurisdiction include taxation and other revenue measures; bonded debt of the United States; customs; reciprocal trade agreements; tariffs; general revenue sharing; Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP, TANF, and other Health and Human Services programs financed by a specific tax or trust fund; and social security.

## Legal Publication

No. 25-January 10-1 Time NOTICE TO BIDDERS  
The McClain County Board of Commissioners will be receiving sealed bids until 4:00 p.m., January 25, 2019 and the opening will be January 28, 2019 at 8:30 a.m., for sale of (9) Used beams approximately 20' x 36" and 185 lbs. per foot for District Two.  
Invitation to Bid forms are on file in the McClain County Clerks Of-

ice, McClain County Courthouse, Purcell, Oklahoma or request to be mailed. Submit bids to McClain County Clerk, PO Box 629, Purcell, Oklahoma 73080. The Board has the right to accept or reject any/and/or all bids.  
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## Setting it straight

Pawsitively Purrfect was incorrectly identified as Positively Purrfect in an article in the January 3 paper. The Purcell Register regrets the error.

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# NEWS In Brief

## Community Coffee

The Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce Community Coffee will be held at 8 a.m. Thursday, January 10, hosted by the Purcell Public Library of the Pioneer Library System.

The coffee will be held at the library, 919 N. 9th, in Purcell.

Join chamber members for a light breakfast and some lighthearted networking.

Make sure you bring your business cards.

## Purcell FFA/4-H Brisket Dinner

The 2019 FFA/4-H Brisket and Baked Potato Dinner will be held Sunday, January 13, from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in the Purcell High School commons area. Tickets are \$10 and takeout orders are available.

The Purcell Masonic Lodge #27 will be partnering with the booster club for the event.

Contact Jason Baker or an FFA or 4-H student for tickets.

## Bean Luncheon

The American Legion Post 301 Ladies Auxiliary will have a bean luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday,

January 15.

A variety of beans, cornbread, special dishes and other items along with desserts and drinks will be served. It will be all you want for a \$5 donation to be used for Post programs.

The Legion Hall is located at 104 E. Broadway in Lexington (across the street from City Hall).

It is a casual event where many meet old friends and catch up on the latest news. The food is excellent and everyone is invited to attend.

## Indian Tacos

Indian tacos will be available Friday, January 18, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Chickasaw Nation Senior Center, 703 Sherri Classic Blvd., in Purcell at a cost of \$7.

Delivery orders will include Indian taco and dessert only.

For pick-up and delivery orders or for more information call 527-8855.

## Museum News

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

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

## Hospice

### Volunteers

Loving Care Hospice is looking for volunteers.

Interested individuals can

call Connie Mc Divitt, volunteer coordinator, at 527-3756.

## Breaking Free

Door of Hope is presenting a new series "Breaking Free" on Wednesdays 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 lunch service is taking a break and will resume January 9.

Lunch is served 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. Menus are listed each week.

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

## Purcell

### NA Group

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

The group meets at the First Baptist Church in Purcell.

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



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## New commissioner

**Terry Daniel** was sworn in by District Judge Leah Edwards with his wife, Marlene holding the Bible.



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## Judge to judge

**District Judge** Leah Edwards swore in Associate District Judge Charles Gray for another term Tuesday at the McClain County Courthouse. Anna Goodman held the Bible for the swearing in.

# Main StreetScape

Input sought from merchants, owners today (Thursday)

Downtown merchants and business managers will meet at 5 p.m. today (Thursday) to offer input on design options for Main StreetScape.

The meeting will be in the community room at city hall.

HALFF Associates has been chosen to work with the city and Oklahoma Department of Transportation to design and manage the project.

Kesha Montgomery,

executive director of the Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce, and city manager Dale Bunn said Tuesday the meeting will be the best opportunity to discuss the project with city staff, designers and other Main Street business owners.

"The project completion will make the area a more attractive workplace and provide another reason for people to come to Purcell," the pair said.

# Pauls Valley Opry has fun filled event

What a way to kick off the New Year right at the Pauls Valley Opry! A couple of scheduled guests were under the weather, but the remaining guests and the Memory Makers Band made it a fun filled night of music and entertainment.

Timothy Reich made his debut appearance and was a big hit, winning everyone over with tunes such as Travis Tritt's, "Anymore" and the Exile megahit, "Give Me One More Chance."

Wayne Gibbs had been away too long and it was certainly wonderful have this "Country Crooner" back on the Pauls Valley Opry stage. He did an outstanding job on the Merle Haggard tunes, "That's the Way Love Goes" and "Ramblin' Fever."

It's always a special treat for us when "Little Miss Dynamite" April Davis is on the show. This gal is small in

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Vehicles, trailers, tractors etc. are not allowed to be parked in the alley. This is very important for emergency vehicles such as fire trucks, ambulances and police. Keeping the alleys clean and free and open also allow for the city's work trucks to have access to utility poles, water mains, sewer etc.

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## Close calls in a short commute

I live 5 1/2 blocks away from the office and Friday morning I was almost hit twice.

A car ran a stop sign at Main and Sixth Street and just missed me. Another car ran a red light at Main and Green. Another near miss.

Then, before I could pull into a parking place, a jaywalker shuffled right in my path.

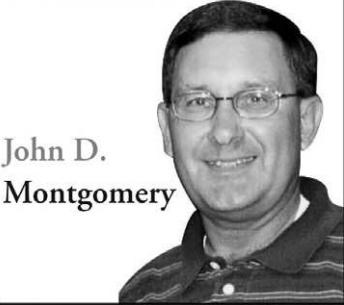
I felt lucky to arrive safely and wondered what might have happened if I lived a little farther away from the newspaper.

jdm

Some of my colleagues have been critical of the United States Congress getting paid while the folks like air traffic controllers, TSA employees, the national park employees and others are not getting a paycheck.

I did a little checking and

### Editor's Notebook



John D.  
Montgomery

found out there are five parts of the government that have been completely funded.

Two of those are the legislative branch and the military.

Steve Carson, who is a Field Representative for Senator James Lankford, said his boss has introduced legislation that

no one get paid if the government is shut down.

Carson said that legislation didn't get any traction in Congress.

Imagine that.

My working colleagues also said the Congressmen and women should drag their little bags and pick up the trash along the Washington D.C. mall.

Can you visualize Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer with trash bags and those poles with the sharp stake bagging up the trash?

With 535 members, the Congress could pick up a bunch of trash in short order.

There are 435 members of Congress and 100 U.S. Senators.

I wonder if that would get any traction in the Halls of Congress?

## Home repairs gone awry

The lesson I finally learned that's not in any DIY book

One of the hardest lessons for me to learn when I moved out on my own was if something isn't broken, it doesn't need "fixing."

It took me several failures to accept this because I longed to be both independent and capable when in reality I am pretty much a klutz.

I once subscribed to a series of books on basic DIY repairs around the house.

Slick illustrations and step-by-step instructions - what could possibly go wrong?

There was the time I decided to "fix" what I perceived to be a minor problem inside the flush tank of the commode.

It was a major miscalculation that I realized when the thing started spewing like Mount St. Helens and I learned the water shut-off valve had a fatal flaw.

A hasty after-hours call to

### MUCH ADO



Jeanne Grimes

my landlord followed as I used every towel I owned to confine the rising water to the bathroom.

It took the landlord no time at all to shut off water at the meter, complete what I'd started in the flush tank, fix the shut off valve and turn the water back

on at the meter.

That's when he noticed my library of DIY home repair books.

"Jeanne," he said, "throw those things away and call me before you try to 'fix' anything else."

That was that. I gave the books to a cousin, but I don't know that she ever utilized them because when something needs fixing at her house, she calls on her daughter and son-in-law.

There's been no landlord to call for 15 years or more. I own my home and have a very good handyman whose skillset covers all the home repair basics (electrical, plumbing, carpentry) and also includes lawnmower and car repairs.

He won't, however, pick up a paint brush, which is his only handyman flaw.

## Working past 65? Here's what to know about Medicare

**By Bob Moos/Southwest  
public affairs officer  
for the U.S. Centers  
for Medicare and  
Medicaid Services**

If you plan to work past 65 and keep the health insurance you've had from your job, you're likely to wonder what, if anything, you need to do about enrolling in Medicare.

About one in six older Americans now remains in the workforce beyond what was once the traditional retirement age. And the number of older workers will only grow over time.

One reason is that Social Security now requires you to be at least 66 to collect your full retirement benefits. Retiring earlier means a smaller Social Security check.

Then, too, a number of sixty-something workers continue to pursue their careers because they can't afford to retire. Still others simply prefer to stay engaged and on the job.

Whatever the reason for postponing your retirement, you still need to consider Medicare as you approach your 65th birthday and qualify for the health care coverage.

First, you should visit with your company's human resources manager to determine how your employer-provided insurance will fit with Medi-

care. That's also true for anyone turning 65 and receiving health care through a working spouse's group plan.

Most workers will want to sign up for Medicare's Part A, which usually has no monthly premium and covers hospital stays, skilled nursing, home health services and hospice care.

Of course, like most rules of thumb, there's always an exception. And this one is no different.

If your employer coverage takes the form of a high-deductible insurance plan with a health savings account, you should defer enrolling in Part A. That's because the Internal Revenue Service forbids you to continue contributing to your tax-advantaged savings account once you have Medicare.

When you sign up for Medicare's Part B, which covers doctor appointments and other outpatient services, mostly depends on how large your employer is.

If your or your working spouse's company has 20 or more employees, your employer-provided insurance will remain your primary coverage and will pay your bills first. You can delay enrolling in Part B until you stop working.

If your or your spouse's com-

pany has fewer than 20 workers, Medicare will become your primary coverage, and your employer coverage will be secondary, so you should sign up for Part B.

Assuming that you're not yet receiving Social Security benefits, you'll need to enroll in Medicare by contacting Social Security at 800-772-1213 or [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

Completing the online application is fairly simple and typically takes 10 to 30 minutes.

You should do this during what's called your "initial enrollment period," which runs from three months before the month you turn 65 to three months after your birthday month.

For example, if your 65th birthday is in September, you can sign up any time from June 1 until December 31.

There's also the question of whether you'll need to enroll in Medicare's prescription drug coverage, also known as Part D, when you turn 65 or whether you can put off that decision.

Again, you should consult with your company's benefits manager.

If your employer plan includes drug coverage that's at least comparable to Part D

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## Your Views

### Disagree with review

To the Purcell Register:

I tried to register with your organization to express my opinion because your critique of Red Sparrow was so much at odds with mine that I am really offended.

I'm not a millennial, don't believe in the abomination called Facebook (and wish it didn't exist) and am literally aghast how anyone could not care about the character of Dominika Egorova. Read the book- like most books compared to movies- you need to read the book to understand the movie better.

What a beautiful unique movie- beautiful classical music- - such an intricate plot- and so damning of present day Russia and authoritarianism.

I ended up going to the library and have read the first two books in the series and am presently reading the third in the Red Sparrow series by ex-CIA agent Jason Matthews. I certainly hope that Matthews has exaggerated how evil that Russia is today.

I don't know who wrote this critique but I don't think whomever wrote it should be allowed to write movie reviews because this person has no perception, does not believe in individual liberty and probably thinks that Donald Trump is a really smart guy!

Oh, and that the average movie actor is worthy of admiration and thinks the Academy Awards are worth watching because they always pick the best movies. It's all politics.

Thank you,  
Randolph C. Allen

## Our Oklahoma

• Gov. Mary Fallin •



## Thankful for opportunity to serve, optimistic about Oklahoma's future

In just a matter of days, Oklahoma will have a new governor and I will once again, after 28 years, be a private citizen.

I've enjoyed my decades of service as a public servant, as a state legislator, lieutenant governor and a member of Congress, especially the past eight years serving as your governor. The best part certainly is meeting the many wonderful Oklahomans across our state and listening to their concerns. The challenging and rewarding part comes with finding solutions to their concerns and issues.

Despite two economic downturns during my time as governor - one underway when I took office and the global energy downturn early in my second term - Oklahoma's business climate is healthy. We've diversified our economy. We're training and educating our citizens to learn skills sets necessary for jobs today and in the future.

Oklahoma's unemployment rate is the lowest in 17 years and with the new jobs and people moving to Oklahoma, our state's population has grown to just under 4 million people!

Oklahoma offers an incredibly low cost of doing business. For the second year in a row, the Anderson Economic Group's 2018 State Business Tax Burden Rankings ranks Oklahoma with the lowest tax burden in the country.

Oklahoma has one of the lowest costs of living in the U.S., plus the state has the second-lowest electric power costs in the country, and at the same time offers a great quality of life.

During my administration, the Oklahoma Department of Commerce has secured 526 new and expanding business announcements representing more than \$14.6 billion of investments. When you look at job numbers tallied by cities and other local entities, the estimate is close to 200,000 new jobs.

We've made great progress in diversifying our economy. Oil and gas will still be a dominant part of our economy. However, the aerospace and defense sector of our economy has seen a huge growth in jobs and investment.

In fact, for the first time in decades Oklahoma will have two aerospace manufacturing facilities that will produce high-

# NEWS FROM CAPITOL HILL

## Looking back on 2018

### Congressman Tom Cole

In spite of a highly polarized and partisan political environment in 2018, Congress actually had a surprisingly productive year.

On the heels of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act signed into law by the president, 2018 started strong and good news continued to be delivered throughout the year. Since this historic tax reform was enacted, the positive impact has been felt nationwide in the form of rising wages, low unemployment and new jobs.

But beyond celebrating the results of tax reform, lawmakers in both chambers of Congress advanced several new pieces of legislation to ensure Americans are better off.

In response to the rampant opioid crisis impacting Americans from all walks of life, Congress offered bipartisan solutions to combat the issue. Signed into law by the president this fall, the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act included several bills to prevent and end the cycle of opioid abuse.

The comprehensive legislation not only addresses symptoms of the problem but confronts underlying causes of the crisis. For those currently struggling with addiction, the comprehensive legislation improves treatment and recovery options and ensures help is more readily available.

To prevent addiction from taking root at all, the legislation supports non-addictive opioid alternatives for pain management and discourages the disturbingly high opioid prescription rate through better drug monitoring.

The legislation also supports safer communities by empowering law enforcement to keep harmful drugs from coming in and by combating illicit use of synthetic drugs like fentanyl, which is easily obtained and often lethal.

Before the end of the year, I am encouraged that lawmakers in both chambers also advanced and the president signed into law legislation vital to the success of our nation's farmers and

ranchers.

Referred to as the Farm Bill, this comprehensive piece of legislation is revisited every five years to ensure the best results are still being delivered to producers and consumers. Considering that there are more than 13,000 farms and ranches in the Fourth District of Oklahoma alone, there is no question that reauthorization of the Farm Bill matters to the economy and vitality of rural America.

To maintain healthy crops and produce, farmers and ranchers greatly rely on the crop insurance, conservation and various other programs contained in the Farm Bill. While reauthorization of these securities for producers promotes a thriving agricultural sector, American families and consumers are also better off when certainty is provided to our food growers and producers.

Also signed into law last month was legislation to improve the federal justice system. The FIRST STEP Act rightly focuses on the population of low-level, non-violent federal prisoners already on track to eventually be released and paves a better way for them to become productive members of society.

Along with those across the political spectrum and various coalitions that even include members of law enforcement, I am proud to have supported this fair and compassionate legislation affirming that lives can be redeemed.

Through legislation I introduced, I am especially proud that Congress recently approved changes to the misguided Stigler Act of 1947—which clearly discriminates against citizens of Oklahoma's Five Tribes.

Signed into law at the end of the year, the Stigler Act Amendments of 2018 revises the 1947 law to remove the one-half degree Native American blood quantum restriction for holders of tribal allotment land.

Without question and especially in Oklahoma, Native American heritage is something to be celebrated. But that special heritage must also be protected, preserved and passed on.

Land ownership is part of that unique heritage, and over the years, the Stigler Act has unfortunately diminished that rightful inheritance. By amending the unfair law, I am proud that the rights and privileges promised to all Native Americans will also be extended to the Chickasaw, Choctaw, Muscogee (Creek) and Seminole nations.

At the end of September, I was proud that Congress passed a bipartisan, bicameral legislative package that included two key appropriations bills—the Department of Defense (DOD) and Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies (LHHS) bills.

Signed into law by the president, the two bills together comprise 65 percent of all government funding that is determined and considered on an annual basis. Inclusion of DOD marked the first time in more than 10 years that our national defense has received full funding before the start of the fiscal year. Even more remarkable, inclusion of LHHS marked the first time in 22 years that the bill was completed in full and on time.

Especially following years of underfunding for our troops and the associated and inevitable decline in readiness, the funding measure was a step in the right direction and ensures our service members are better equipped to confront threats both at home and abroad.

This included a much-needed increase in funding for our military and the largest pay raise for our service members in nine years. It also provided funding for 13 new warships, 93 new F-35 joint strike fighter planes, 15 new KC-46 tankers and monies to add 16,000 additional soldiers to our forces.

Along with critical funding for our nation's defense, I was incredibly proud that the LHHS bill was included in the conference report and that it maintained many of the priorities first advanced by the appropriations subcommittee I chaired in the 115th Congress.

Following the work within my subcommittee earlier in the year,

I was grateful to be part of the discussions that secured funding for several vital programs and initiatives—including a significant boost for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to tackle vexing health problems like Alzheimer's disease research and focused funding for successful educational and workforce programs like TRIO and Gear Up.

Without question, funding provided through the LHHS bill helps ensure Americans are healthier, better educated and trained for our collective future.

Aside from these legislative achievements, 2018 unfortunately ended with some unfinished business related to government funding. For the first time in 22 years, Congress fully funded 75 percent of the government before the start of the fiscal year.

However, despite this great success earlier in the fall, agreement could not be reached on a measure to fulfill the remaining 25 percent of annual funding.

Unfortunately, the Senate's failure to pass legislation to keep the government open—with the dedicated funding requested by the president to strengthen border security—led to a partial government shutdown. I am disappointed that the situation is still ongoing in the Senate and must now be resolved in the new Congress.

Looking ahead and given the outcome of the midterm elections, the incoming Congress will enter an era of divided government. While divided government is never an excuse for getting less done for the American people, finding agreement in both chambers of Congress and sending legislation to the president's desk will be much more difficult with the shift in which party controls the House.

In the coming days, it is my hope that lawmakers on both sides of the aisle will find ways to work with each other as well as the president.

## Gov.:

performance, jet-powered unmanned aerial tactical and target drone systems. Other expanding industries include paper goods as well as steel milling; digital information services like Google; and large fulfillment centers like Amazon.

Pro-business policies that I supported and signed into law helped spur our economy and lower the state's unemployment rate. They include:

Transitioning Oklahoma to an administrative workers' compensation system committed to taking care of injured workers yet reducing the state's average workers' comp loss costs rates nearly 64 percent lower than they were in January 2011.

Making Oklahoma more business friendly by enacting tort reform measures: Oklahoma has moved from 42nd to 31st in reducing frivolous lawsuits.

Cutting Oklahoma's unfunded pension liability of \$16 billion nearly in half to about \$8.4 billion.

In the area of education, we're also making progress. New revenue sources approved in the 2017 and 2018 legislative sessions established a much more stable financial position for the state, and allowed Oklahoma last year to give a raise to public school teachers, which I had proposed and pushed for each of the last three years.

Teachers will see an average pay raise of \$6,100, or a 16 percent pay increase - the highest pay increase in state history. Oklahoma's teacher

pay went from 49th to 29th in the nation, and to No. 12 when the cost of living is factored. In Oklahoma's seven-state region, teacher pay went from last to No. 2.

We're making progress with smart-on-crime policies and on how we deal with nonviolent offenders who need substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation, which will help ease prison overcrowding.

I signed 17 criminal justice reforms during my time in office, including seven last year that will reduce the flow of nonviolent offenders into prison; establish a more efficient and streamlined parole process; and facilitate successful reentry that reduces recidivism.

I truly believe the future of our state is bright, with a low unemployment rate of 3.3 percent and \$451 million in the Rainy Day Fund. Based on current trends and if our state does not experience an economic downturn, our state could see another significant Rainy Day Fund deposit later this year, which could bring our Rainy Day Fund close to \$850 million.

The next administration and Legislature will have the resources to address many of the state's priorities and to ensure core services are adequately funded. I'll be watching from the sidelines cheering them on to take our state to the next level.

It's been a great honor to serve the people and our state in office, and I will always be grateful for the opportunity.

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## 65:

coverage, you won't need to sign up right away.

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employer health plan works with Medicare, visit [www.medicare.gov/publications](http://www.medicare.gov/publications) and view the booklet "Medicare and Other Health Benefits: Your Guide to Who Pays First." Or call 800-633-4227 to request a free copy.

Understanding how your insurance choices fit together as you continue working beyond 65 will help you get the best care for your dollars.

## For the children: A successful year and new opportunities ahead

### By Joe Dorman, CEO Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy

Last year was a busy and deeply rewarding year for the Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy (OICA). The primary mission of OICA is to advocate for children in the State of Oklahoma and to ensure that laws passed and policies implemented by governmental agencies are beneficial for all our children.

I am proud to report we were successful on that front; we worked with lawmakers to see multiple child-friendly laws implemented, and we managed to prevent a few detrimental bills from passing.

Thanks to our many supporters, we also grew several programs and services this past year, including the Heroes Ball, our annual banquet to recognize the true heroes for children in our State; OK-LEAD, our three-day leadership symposium for young Oklahomans; the Melvin & Jasmine Moran Kidizenship Award, which recognizes young Oklahomans doing great work for their peers.

Also the Laura Choate Resilience Award, which honors an Oklahoman who has overcome adversity to give back to others; the OICA Fall Forum, our annual conference which helps

shape an aggressive legislative agenda for better policy.

And to our Child Advocacy Day at the Oklahoma State Capitol, which raises awareness and encourages Oklahomans to contact lawmakers; and our OK Foster Wishes program, which ensures that all of our children in the Foster Care system have gifts for the holiday season.

I am pleased to report, as we conclude 2018, the projects we finalized exceeded our expectations.

The OICA calendar is at the printer and will be ready for viewing later in January (the months for the OICA calendar run from February 1, the first month of the legislative session, to January 31. We also wanted to be just a little different.). You can purchase one from our website at [oica.org](http://oica.org) starting mid-January.

OK Foster Wishes, our other program which we finalized at the end of December, was a huge success thanks to the many partners we had.

First, we greatly appreciate the hundreds of Oklahomans who fill wish lists, ranging from one to 500 lists taken by individuals and organizations.

Thank you to Hobby Lobby for providing the warehouse space for OICA and DHS to use to distribute gifts to the various

counties.

We also want to express our appreciation to those at DHS who helped do significant work to ensure this program could be successful. We also greatly appreciate the many donors who contributed to keep our Santa Store filled for those children who came into care after the list deadline. We appreciate you all!

As we begin a New Year, we look forward to the challenges and opportunities ahead of us in 2019. We will be working with a new governor and executive branch as well as many new and recently elected legislators (70 percent of lawmakers now have two years or less experience in office).

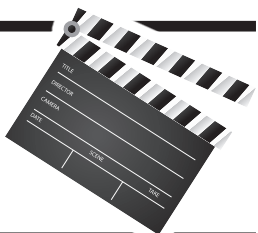
Our team at OICA will continue to fight for the children of Oklahoma, and we appreciate each of you for being a part of this effort that is greater than any one person or organization.

It is only through the collaborative effort of all of us together that we will help improve Oklahoma for all children and allow better opportunities for our youngest Oklahomans.

From the Board and staff of the Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy, thank you for all that you do for the betterment of children in Oklahoma!

## MOVIES WITH DAVE

By David Stull



Well it might be 2019 now, but that doesn't mean 2018 doesn't have anything left to offer.

Thanks to release schedules meant to slowly build positive word-of-mouth, many of last year's most anticipated films have yet to be released in Oklahoma.

Thankfully, one such movie finally made it to our area, and it's directed by the same man who's film won the Oscar for Best Picture back in 2016.

Plus, this week also brings the first new release of 2019. And it's a PG-13 horror movie.

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

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First up is "If Beale Street Could Talk."

Set in early-1970s Harlem, a Harlem woman named Tish (KiKi Layne) vividly recalls the passion, respect and trust that have connected her and her artist fiancé Fonny (Stephan James).

Friends since childhood, the devoted couple dream of a future together but their plans are derailed when Fonny is arrested for a crime he did not commit. Circumstances are only further complicated when

Tish discovers she's pregnant. Best known for his film "Moonlight," a movie that took the Academy Awards by storm back in 2016, Barry Jenkins has essentially become a critical darling overnight.

And for good reason. Though his filmography is fairly limited, "Moonlight" was a wonderfully shot, well acted movie that deserved the many accolades it received.

Personally though? I had a hard time getting into it.

Don't get me wrong, it's clearly a high quality film. I love the way the scenes are framed, and Barry Jenkins's use of color is on another level compared to many filmmakers.

I think I just had a problem connecting to the characters in "Moonlight," specifically the film's main character.

Maybe it's because the guy is played by three different actors as he grows up, making it almost feel like three distinct characters, or perhaps I had a hard time connecting to a person who had such a drastically different upbringing than my own.

Either way, "Moonlight" never quite resonated with me, at least not in the way it did with so many other critics and viewers alike.

Which brings me to Beale Street.

Once again, Jenkins's work has been receiving nothing but

the highest praise. Again, it's being universally lauded by critics. And sadly, yet again, I seem unable to emotionally connect to the characters in a film made by Barry Jenkins.

Even so, I still ended up enjoying this movie way more than I did "Moonlight."

For starters, this film is absolutely gorgeous.

The first thing that struck me was how vibrant and colorful everything was.

The locations, as simple as they often were, look breathtaking here.

From tiny run down apartments, to quiet Harlem streets, there's not a location in this film that doesn't look spectacular. Heck, they even manage to make prison look beautiful in this movie.

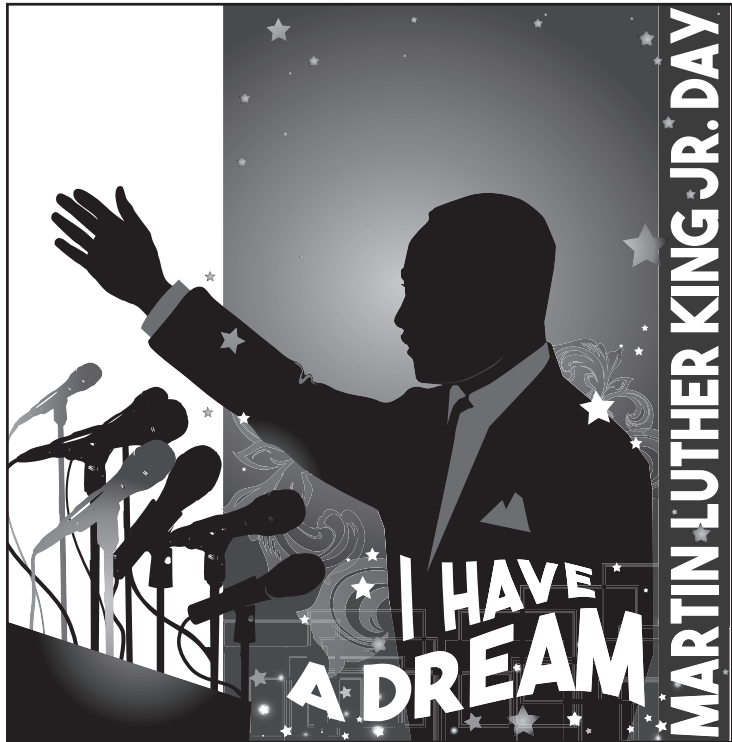
And it's not just the scenery, even the wardrobe here manages to be stunning.

I'm not usually one to talk about clothes, but the costume designers here definitely used the 1970s setting to their advantage. Outfits that might have been gaudy, just look beautiful here.

The performances all around were also quite good.

Our main couple, played by KiKi Layne and Stephan James, are both great, and the two of them seem to have quite

# Society



## Library closed January 21 for MLK Day

The libraries and offices of the Pioneer Library System will be closed on Monday, January 21, for observation of Martin Luther King Day.

The holiday, signed into law by President Ronald Reagan in 1983, was first observed in 1986 and honors the civil rights leader.

All libraries will reopen for their regular hours on Tuesday,

January 22.

Find out more about any of the programs and services offered through the Pioneer Library System by visiting any of its 12 libraries, going online to [www.pioneerlibrarysystem.org](http://www.pioneerlibrarysystem.org), or through the Pioneer Library System Connect App, available through the App Store for Apple devices or Google Play for Android devices.

## Get fresh with healthy choices in cooking show

The Chickasaw Nation "Get Fresh!" cooking show will present making healthy choices programs at the Purcell Nutrition Services site, 1530 Hardcastle Blvd.

These exciting cooking shows are free and open to the public and demonstrate healthy cooking for the entire family.

Shows consist of live, interactive cooking demonstrations led by specialists who sprinkle in bits of healthy knowledge.

The nutrition education presentation is science-based and grounded in the United States Department of Agriculture's "MyPlate" program.

On the table with these cu-

linary classes are new recipes and skills meant to boost a family's everyday eating experiences.

When the dish is done, attendees get to taste the fruits of their labor. These dishes were planned around the themes "What's in Your Pantry?" and "Brunch Time 2.0."

Classes on "What's in Your Pantry?" are set for Thursday, January 10, at 10 a.m. and noon.

Classes on Brunch 2.0 are set for Tuesday, January 15, at 10 a.m., noon and 6 p.m. and Thursday, January 17, at 10 a.m. and noon.

For more information call 527-6967.

## Newsmakers

### SWOSU names graduates

A total of 438 students at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford completed requirements for either associate, bachelor's, master's or doctoral degrees after the 2018 fall semester.

Students who completed their degrees include **Tyler Somers** of Lexington, Bachelor of Science, Exercise Science; **Brooke Boettler** of Purcell, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Nursing - RN To BSN; and **Cody McCaskill**, Bachelor of Science, Organizational Leadership, and **Larry Morman**, Master of Education, Educational Administration, both of Washington.

### SWOSU honor roll

Honor rolls at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford and Sayre have been announced for the 2018 fall semester.

An undergraduate student earning all A's in 12 or more hours during a semester qualifies for the President's Honor Roll. Dean's Honor Roll students completed 12 semester hours of undergraduate work with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher with no grade lower than a "C".

Named to the President's Honor Roll were **Carson Andrew McLain** of Purcell and **Katy J. Elmore** of Washington.

Named to the Dean's Honor Roll were **Nathaniel Kail Ford** of Lexington and **Kasilyn Kay Price** of Washington.

### Hunt named to honor roll

**Libby Hunt** of Purcell was among the honor students at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Texas, recognized for the Fall 2018 semester.

Ms. Hunt was named to the President's Honor Roll in Respiratory Care.

A student who completes 12 hours in one semester with no grade lower than A (4.0) will be included on the President's Honor Roll.

### ECU names honor students

Outstanding academic work during the 2018 fall semester has earned listings on the President's Honor Roll for students at East Central University.

The President's Honor Roll is reserved for students who earn A's in all of their courses for a perfect 4.0 grade-point average. At least 12 credit hours must be completed successfully during the semester to be included on the President's Honor Roll.

The Dean's Honor Roll lists students who have at least a 3.33 grade-point average. At least 12 credit hours must be completed successfully during the semester to be included on the Dean's Honor Roll.

Named to the President's Honor Roll were **Katie Bishop** and **Micah Bryant** of Lexington; **Mason Cameron**, **Riley Hamilton**, **Emma Hardage** and **Allison Maurer**, all of Washington; **Megan Green**, **Madison Keith**, **Cassie Richardson**, **Kylie Tolle** and **Raigan Tompkins**, all of Purcell; **Nikki Herrin** of Wayne and **Mikera Morris** of Dibble.

Students on the Dean's Honor Roll include **Angel Adams**, **Kelton Clary**, **Tyler Gifford** and **Brea Schultz**, all of Purcell; **Jacob Brazell**, **Peyton Spencer** and **Sam Sweetman**, all of Wayne; **Addison Burton**, **Thomas Green**, **Abigail Hardage** and **Emily Selman**, all of Washington; and **Morgan Hamm** and **Ethan Scott** of Lexington.



## It's a Small World

Gracie Montgomery

Happy birthday to my sister-in-law, Chris Evans of Venice, Fla.

She celebrates her birthday Tuesday, January 15.

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Happy birthday to George Kernek, Margaret Maynard, David Stanton, Celeste Clary, Chardee Carpenter, Dale Richardson, Carolyn Breedon, Jacob Sheehy, Marilyn Myerscough, Crew Montgomery, Dede Page, Adam Wells, Seth Rollins, Tara Anderson, Kevin Wren, Carol Stapp, Laura Harris, Adam Johnson, Austin Johnson, Emily Cudd, Mildred Urbina, Leon Stejskal, Mike Horoho, Kimber Mathis, Euyvonne McCall, Leslie Arriaga, Eduardo Cruz, Carolyn Hall, Cristian Reyes, Thomas Belfiore, Barbara Gullion, Monica Perez, Arcadio Chavez and Doug Wilkinson.

Now that the new year is here, it's time to act on your New Year's Resolutions!

Most people make the usual resolutions to eat a healthy diet, stop smoking, exercise more and save more.

But my friend, Donna Dyer of El Reno, shared this with me and I thought it was really good.

She writes, "According to a lady who worked with hospice patients there were 5 reoccurring regrets: (1) I wish I had the courage to live a life true to myself, not the life others expect of me. (2) I wish I didn't work so hard. This came from every male patient that she nursed. (3) I wish I had the courage to express my feelings. (4) I wish I had stayed in touch with my friends. (5) I wish that I had let myself be happier, realizing too late that happiness is a choice."

Good ideas to put into action!

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With school resuming after winter break, drivers should be especially vigilant for pedestrians before and after school hours.

Drivers need to watch out for children walking and biking to and from school which includes those getting out of cars in school parking lots which can be particularly dangerous.

We need to pay special attention to our greatest resource, our children!

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The 2019 FFA/4-H Brisket and Baked Potato Dinner will be held Sunday, January 13, from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in the Purcell High School commons area. Tickets are \$10 and takeout orders are available.

The Purcell Masonic Lodge #27 will be partnering with

the booster club for the event.

Contact Jason Baker or an FFA or 4-H student for tickets.

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The Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce Community Coffee will be held at 8 a.m. Thursday, January 10, hosted by Polston Tax.

The coffee will be held at the library, 919 N. 9th, in Purcell.

Join chamber members for a light breakfast and some lighthearted networking.

Make sure you bring your business cards.

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Tuesday mornings are a great time for families with young children to visit the Purcell Public Library for activities set at 10:30 a.m. most weeks.

Preschool and Toddler Story Time are offered on January 22, with the bilingual activity Family Play Time/la hora de jugar, taking place January 29.

A special event on January 15 is Story Time Play Date, which focuses on the book "Snow Happy" by Patricia Hubble, with activities including stories, a hot cocoa snack and even a "snowball" fight.

Older children can attend the Thursday After School STEAM series scheduled at 3:15 p.m. each Thursday of the month. Topics will range from circuitry to slime making to creating with Legos.

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Teens are invited to the Purcell Public for Teen Lounge on Friday, January 11, from 4-5 p.m.

Relax and hang out with friends at the library. An activity or two will be arranged and snacks prepared. No pressures. Just a fun time.

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The Purcell Public Library will offer its resources and the knowledge of an experienced genealogy researcher Wednesday, January 16, from 2-4 p.m. in the Meeting Room.

Participants can bring their specific questions or just learn more about starting their family research and about all the resources the library has to offer.

Ages 18 and up may participate, and no advance registration is required.

For more information call the library at 527-5546.

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"There's No Place Like Home," the 2019 Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce Banquet, is set for Thursday, January 24, at The Grand Canadian Theater.

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m.

To purchase a ticket call the chamber office at 527-3093.

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Here's a good recipe that will be ready when you get home from work.

**Slow Cooker Chicken Bacon Ranch Sandwiches**  
3 chicken breasts boneless skinless  
16 ounces cream cheese 2 boxes

1 packet ranch seasoning  
1 cup cheddar cheese  
1 teaspoon garlic powder  
8 slices bacon crumbled  
8 slices cheddar cheese  
8 hoagie rolls

Add the chicken, cream cheese, ranch seasoning, cheddar cheese and garlic powder to a slow cooker and cook on low for 7-8 hours or on high for 3-4 hours.

Toast the hoagie rolls, scoop on the chicken and top with cheddar slice and crumbled bacon.

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# Dave:

a bit of chemistry together. In addition, I really liked the acting from the two who played Tish's parents. In fact if there was a performance that resonated with me the most it would have to be Regina King as Tish's mom. One scene in particular had so much intensity and even desperation, it was almost impossible not to empathize with her.

The story, while not terribly original, is told in an interesting way. Using flashbacks and narration from Tish to weave together a narrative that flows quite well.

I haven't mentioned the soundtrack yet. The music for this film is absolutely intoxicating and perfectly sets the mood for each scene.

I dearly loved main theme. It almost has this soothing dream-like quality to it. Frankly, I couldn't have asked for a better musical score for a film.

All that said though, I still seem to find it impossible to truly connect to the characters in this film.

Honestly, I can't quite put my finger on it. I don't know why the characters from both of Jenkins's movies don't grab me emotionally, but they just don't.

It's a shame for me, because this is clearly a very well made film.

The pacing might be a little slow for some, but otherwise this is a wonderfully filmed, well directed, well acted movie. One that's easy to recommend to anyone seeking the best that 2018 had to offer.

"If Beale Street Could Talk" is rated R.

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The other movie this week



is "Escape Room." Six strangers, with nothing in common, all receive a mysterious box inviting them to the Minos Escape Room Facility for a chance at \$10,000 should they successfully escape.

But the group soon discovers the perils of the rooms are all too real, and the six of them must use their wits and find the clues to escape or face an untimely end.

If this sounds awfully similar to the "Saw" franchise, well you'd be spot on. This movie is essentially a drastically less gory, teenager friendly, version of a "Saw" film.

But to this movie's credit, there is much more of a focus on puzzle solving here. I suppose since the film is limited to a PG-13 rating, they couldn't just throw in scene after agonizing scene of pure shock horror.

Because of that, the puzzles and rooms themselves are where this movie shines the most.

Most of the rooms are quite creative. One in particular, an upside-down bar featuring a pool table, was absolutely fascinating just from a visual standpoint.

Sure, some of the riddles are pretty convoluted and oftentimes the movie goes by so fast it's hard to piece together how all the various clues fit together in the end.

Despite that though, this movie managed to keep the

tension surprisingly high and stay somewhat entertaining throughout.

The characters also ended up being fairly decent.

They're all so perfectly awkward together, which is exactly what you'd expect from a group of strangers forced to be in the same room together.

Yeah, the performances here aren't anything to write home about, but they're perfectly serviceable for a low budget horror flick like this.

The film also does its best to weave backstories for the various characters featured here. Granted, the stories aren't particularly well done, but overall they serve the plot just fine.

Honestly, there's not much more to say about this movie.

It's clear the producers behind this film really want to make a franchise out of "Escape Room."

Heck, the last 15 minutes or so were nothing but setting up a sequel, and unfortunately it's easily the worst part of the movie. I don't think they could've made it feel more forced if they tried.

Regardless, I ended up having a lot more fun with this film than I expected. It's nothing to write home about, but as far as horror movies released in the middle of winter, this one isn't half bad.

If you're someone who's always enjoyed the tension and puzzle solving of the "Saw" franchise, but could never stomach the over-the-top gore, this movie would be right up your alley.

"Escape Room" is rated PG-13.

## Debut performance

Kylie Bishop will be making her debut at the Pauls Valley Opry on Saturday, February 2. The show begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Pauls Valley High School auditorium.

• Photos provided



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## Opry:

stature but her heart is as big as her voice! When she sang "Unchained Melody" you could have heard a pin drop. This gal can capture your heart. Then April took us to church with the Barbara Mandrell version of "Just a Closer Walk with Thee."

One of our very favorites at the Pauls Valley Opry, Becca Herrod was back and like always, we fall in love with her all over again. Becca blew us away with the Bonnie Raitt hit, "Angel from Montgomery" and she got our feet moving with the Miranda Lambert super hit, "Dry Town."

A multi-instrument artist

with a flare for the bluegrass, she comes by it naturally. Her Granddad, Bob Gilmore, is an Oklahoma icon of Oklahoma Bluegrass, that has carried down to his daughter and Memory Maker's member, Shannon Herrod, and on to his grandchildren, Becca and Molly.

We were treated to a special moment at the Pauls Valley Opry, when Becca and Molly joined their Mom on stage and sang the Red Molly hit, "Do I Ever Cross Your Mind."

We appreciate Mike Deviney for filling in as Master of Ceremonies on short notice and thrilling us with a few selections of his own. Mike kicked

out the footlights with the Alan Jackson hit "Whose Cheatin' Who" and he took us back to the outlaw days of country music with the Waylon Jennings/Willie Nelson anthem of "Good Hearted Woman."

The Memory Makers Band added to the mix with selections from Vince Gill, Patsy Cline, Loretta Lynn, Jennifer Warnes, and Porter Wagoner to make the evening enjoyable.

Please join us for the February edition of the Pauls Valley Opry on Saturday, February 2, as we welcome Jae L. Stilwell, Tanner Young, Cathy Lake, Paul Lopez, Dallas Richardson and newcomer Kylie Bishop.

# Tax cut windfall

ONG customers will share \$22.7M

Oklahoma Natural Gas customers will see lower bills during the new year after the Oklahoma Corporation Commission voted Tuesday in favor of an order that determines how the company will return money to customers from the 2017 federal tax cuts.

The order followed Attorney General Mike Hunter's motions that asked for the state's leading investor-owned utility companies to return tax savings to customers. The attorney general filed the motions the same day the tax cuts were passed.

ONG Customers will receive \$22.7 million in savings over

the next year. Customers will receive a rate reduction of approximately \$11 million plus \$11.7 million in one-time credits from ONG's income tax savings after the federal income tax rate fell to 21 percent.

The average residential customer will see approximately \$15 in savings next month and a smaller balance in subsequent months for the rest of the year.

Hunter said the rate reduction and credit comes at a particularly helpful time, with the coldest months of the winter still ahead.

"Winter is one of the most expensive times of year for

natural gas utility customers," he said. "Reducing rates and giving money back to customers will help a lot of Oklahomans. I commend the OCC commissioners, who approved this order. The state's leading utility companies have seen major savings since the tax cuts took effect. The savings repre-

sent a windfall, over-collected from customers that needs to be returned to them.

"I appreciate the continued hard work and dedication of the staff in the Utility Regulation Unit in my office and everyone else who advocated for this money to go back to hard working Oklahomans."

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### Snowflake down

City crews took advantage of Tuesday's mild weather to take down Christmas decorations on Main Street.

## Vaping scheme in Newcastle

DA files charges on two women

**Jeanne Grimes**  
The Purcell Register

Not only did two Norman women lose their jobs at the Love's Store on State Highway 9 West, they are now both charged in McClain County District Court with embezzlement and petty larceny.

Arrest warrants for Maria C. Sorrells and Tralisa E. Walker

are outstanding. Both are 20 years old.

According to an affidavit, Newcastle police were called to the store on November 21 by the women's supervisor who reported the store's loss at \$160.

Walker allegedly took two vapes priced at \$59.99 each to a register on November 9. Sorrells rang them up as \$10 each

before voiding one transaction.

The following day Walker and Sorrells repeated the exchange with another \$59.99 vape.

When contacted by Newcastle police, Walker admitted her role and offered to make restitution, according to the affidavit. Sorrells did not give police a statement.

### LEXINGTON SCHOOL MENU Week of January 14 MONDAY BREAKFAST

Whole grain cereal, breakfast crackers, raisels, fruit juice, milk.

#### LUNCH

Steak fingers, french fries, steamed broccoli, pineapple tidbits, hot roll, milk.

### TUESDAY BREAKFAST

Waffles, syrup, peaches, fruit juice, milk.

#### LUNCH

Southwest stew, nacho chips, coleslaw, pickle spears, peaches, salsa, milk.

### WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST

Biscuit and gravy, craisins, fruit juice, milk.

#### LUNCH

Chicken and noodles, English peas, steamed carrots, batter bread, lime pears, milk.

### THURSDAY BREAKFAST

Bosco sticks, pears, fruit juice, milk.

#### LUNCH

Barbecue sandwich, celery sticks, pork and beans, french fries, apple pie, milk.

### FRIDAY BREAKFAST

Peanut butter and syrup, toast, applesauce, fruit juice, milk.

#### LUNCH

Sliced turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, tropical fruit, hot roll, milk.

## Purcell Senior Citizens

By Fredda Perry

We got a few extra days at home due to the snowfall. Staying home is not a favorite thing to do for the seniors. They like to see their friends and play cards. Everyone was glad to get back in the groove.

We still have some seniors who are doing rehab, but everyone is out of the hospital at this time. Eulalia is at Sunset Estates and Staci, who had a double knee replacement, has made it back to the center. She has been released to drive and therefore she is becoming quite independent again. Bobby is doing rehab at Lexington.

Our number remained at a pretty good count during the holidays. Remember, if you are planning to eat with the seniors, it is necessary to call and make a reservation by 8 a.m. that day or the afternoon before. This is a state law and the cooks are being encouraged to follow the rule. If you do not have a reservation you will have to wait until last to eat and there may not be food enough for extras. The cooks need to be able to get a correct count for lunch. Call Evelyn or John at 527-9462 to make a reservation.

The senior garage sale for this week will be Thursday, January 10, and Friday, January 11. It will start at 8 a.m. and last until 3 p.m. Check it out. There may be some good sales. Hester tells me she got a good amount of men's shirts and suits in the donations last week.

If you need a place for a special celebration, birthday party, family reunion or any type of class, check out the senior center. Call the center at 527-5070 and ask for Fredda or Hester.

Menu for the week of January 14-18:

Monday — Salisbury steak, mashed or baked potato, blackeyed peas, biscuit or hot roll, cake.

Tuesday — Cold cuts on bun, lettuce and tomato, mayonnaise, minestrone soup, peaches, butterscotch bars.

Wednesday — Baked chicken, rice pilaf or mashed potatoes with gravy, California mix vegetables, hot roll, gelatin with topping.

Thursday — Chili with beans, pickle spear, sliced onion, coleslaw, cornbread or crackers, chocolate pan pie.

Friday — Pork chop, sweet potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, apple crisp.

Thought for the Week: Faith is not about everything turning out okay. Faith is about being okay no matter how things turn out.

## Wayne Senior Citizens

By John Webb

The Wayne Senior Citizen Center has a wonderful group of seniors who meet for lunch and conversation, and would be delighted to add new personalities to our current group of participants. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. Monday through

Friday, excluding holidays.

Our attendance is down a bit during this time of year, but we are averaging more folks now than at this time last year. We were in danger of closing our center last year because of low attendance. But your friends

and neighbors worked very hard to increase participation, and we have been able to stay open.

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## McDaniel takes oath

**Supreme Court** Justice James Winchester administers the oath of office to State Treasurer Randy McDaniel Wednesday morning as his wife, Julie, holds the family Bible and other family members look on.

# McDaniel becomes State Treasurer

Randy McDaniel has become Oklahoma's 19th state treasurer. During a ceremony attended by family and friends, McDaniel was administered the oath of office by State Supreme Court Justice James Winchester on Wednesday morning at the State Capitol Building.

McDaniel, a 1986 graduate of Purcell High School, has 24 years of private sector experience as a successful financial advisor and banker.

He also served as chair of the House Banking, Financial Services and Pension Committee during his 12 years of service as a state representative.

He was appointed by Governor Mary Fallin to complete the final weeks of the current four-year term left vacant by the January 1 resignation of State Treasurer Ken Miller, who is starting a new job with OGE Energy Corp.

"Serving Oklahoma is an honor and privilege," said McDaniel. "I want to thank my family and fellow Oklahomans for their support, Treasurer Miller and staff for facilitating a smooth transition, and the governor for the appointment."

"The core duties of the office will be performed without

interruption as we prepare for a strong and prosperous future," he concluded.

McDaniel received 72 percent of the vote and carried all 77 counties in the November 6 general election for state treasurer.

On January 14, he will be sworn in to the full four-year term to which he was elected during inaugural ceremonies with the governor and other statewide elected officials.

As the state's top elected financial officer, McDaniel protects and manages the billions of taxpayer dollars deposited each year, safeguards the financial health of the state, promotes responsible fiscal policy, and operates the state's unclaimed property program.

McDaniel chairs the Oklahoma College Savings Plan Board of Trustees and the Board of Investors for the Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust.

He is a member of the State Board of Equalization, which certifies funds available for the state budget, and the State Pension Commission.

He and his wife, Julie, have two children, Grace and John. They live in Edmond and attend Crossings Community Church.

# OSU EXTENSION News

## Treating equine bone spavin

**Daniel J. Burba, DVM**  
Veterinary Clinical Services, OSU

Equine athletes, those beautiful horses who compete in races, rodeos and other events, can suffer any number of medical issues.

One common affliction that causes lameness in these animals is bone spavin, or degenerative joint disease. Arising from various factors, bone spavin destroys the joint cartilage in the bottom two joints of the hock.

Enzymes and biochemical agents from the joint lining

are released inside the joint on a regular basis, destroying the cartilage, triggering tissue inflammation, pain, and reduced range of motion.

As the joint cartilage erodes, the bones of the joint begin to grind against each other, resulting in further disability and pain. Signs of bone spavin vary according to the severity of the disease and could include:

- Lameness
- Joint swelling that lasts for more than two weeks
- Excessive synovial fluid
- Persistent pain or stiffness around the joint
- Pain when the hock is flexed

- Heat around the joints
- Unusual stiffness following periods of inactivity, such as prolonged standing
- Popping or cracking of joints upon use

Decreased performance or inability to easily perform usual training activities

A thorough lameness exam, coupled with the horse's history, aids in making a diagnosis. Ultimately, radiographs of the affected joints can confirm bone spavin.

The type of treatment depends on the severity of the disease and the anticipated future use of the horse.

Limits on activity, adequate rest and the use of ice packs may reduce acute mild inflammation and swelling. For more severe, established cases of bone spavin, analgesics, anti-inflammatory medications, exercise management and even surgery may be required.

Typically, analgesics and anti-inflammatory medications alleviate pain but don't improve

Please see **Bone**, page 11A

No. 19-January 10-2 Times  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
OF MCCLAIN COUNTY,  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

In the Matter of the Estates of  
Jimmy R. Mullins, Husband,  
Deceased,  
and  
Loretta M. Mullins, Wife,  
Deceased.

Case No. PB-2018-166  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All creditors having claims against Jimmy R. Mullins, deceased and Loretta M. Mullins, deceased, are required to present the same, with a description of all security interests and other collateral, if any, held by each creditor with respect to such claim to Jennifer Gail Reynolds Pinnick, Beverly Jo Mullins and Dale Christopher Reynolds, Co-Personal Representatives, in care of Dan Barney, Attorney for Co-Personal Representatives, PO Box 1014, Pauls Valley, Oklahoma 73075, on or before the following Presentment Date: March 8, 2019

or the same will be forever barred.  
Dated this 4th day of January 2019.

/s/ Jennifer Gail Reynolds Pinnick

Jennifer Gail Reynolds Pinnick,  
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/s/ Beverly Jo Mullins  
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### PURCELL SCHOOL MENU

#### Week of January 14 MONDAY BREAKFAST

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

#### LUNCH

Ham and cheese sub, baby carrots, Ruffles, salad bar, fruit, milk.

#### TUESDAY BREAKFAST

Breakfast burrito, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

#### LUNCH

Beef soft taco, chips and salsa, refried beans, salad bar, fruit, milk.

#### WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST

Muffin, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

#### LUNCH

Pineapple glazed ham, corn, green beans, dinner roll, salad bar, fruit, milk.

#### THURSDAY BREAKFAST

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

#### LUNCH

Waffles, sausage, scrambled eggs, breakfast potatoes, salad bar, fruit, milk.

#### FRIDAY BREAKFAST

Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

#### LUNCH

Pizza bar, Italian salad, salad bar, fruit, milk.

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## Wayne:

Senior Center, and stay for a good meal. If you would like to join us for lunch, please call the kitchen in Purcell at 527-9462 by a.m. 8:30 and ask for Connie, Evelyn or John to reserve your meal for the day. And if you are a senior who would benefit from a home delivered meal, please call the center at 449-3079 to see if you qualify.

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# Obituaries

## Debra Lynn Bynum

Memorial services for Debra Lynn Bynum, 54, of Wayne will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13, 2019 at the Bible Methodist Church, 1100 SW 57th St., in Oklahoma City. Local arrangements will be under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Mrs. Bynum died unexpectedly Dec. 23, 2018 at her home. She was born Dec. 1, 1964 in Big Spring, Texas, the oldest of six children of Rexie Wayne Denton and Barbara Ann (King) Denton.

Survivors include her husband, Shannon Bynum of the home in Wayne; stepfather, Randell Hull of Big Spring, Texas; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Bill and Sherry Bynum of Norman; two sons, Rodney Thomas and wife, Amanda, of Oklahoma City and Tim Thomas of Abilene, Texas; two brothers, David Daniel Denton and wife, Kari, of Big Spring, Texas, and Rex Wayne Denton Jr. of Midland, Texas; two sisters, Wyvett Denton of Big Spring, Texas, and Cindy Corgil and husband, Rodney, of Midland, Texas; one sister-in-law, Krystyn Richardson and husband, John, of Norman and three grandchildren.

Online condolences may be made at [wilsonlittle.com](http://wilsonlittle.com).

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## Pamela Lynn White

Funeral services for Pamela Lynn White, 57, of Norman were held at Jan. 9, 2019 at the Wilson-Little Funeral Home Chapel. Interment was at the Washington Cemetery under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Debra Lynn Bynum age 54 of Wayne, OK, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, Dec. 23, 2018 at her home.

She was born December 1, 1964 in Big Spring, Texas. She was the oldest of six children born to Rexie Wayne Denton and Barbara Ann (King) Denton.

Survivors include three children, Tammy Davidson and Emily Davis and husband, Will, all of Noble, and Joe White and Rebecca Brewer of Grove, Okla.; two sisters, Donna Howard and husband, Lee, of Wyandotte, Okla., and Brenda Ross and husband, Tommy, of Washington, Okla.; eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

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## Lisa Schinness

A Celebration of Life Memorial Service for Lisa Schinness, 57, a longtime Huntsburg, Ohio, native, will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, 2019 at Union Hill Baptist Church in Purcell. Another Celebration of Life will be held in her hometown at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 31, 2019 at the Huntsburg Baptist Church in Huntsburg. Local services will be under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Lisa Marie Underco was born Oct. 31, 1961 in Cleveland, Ohio, the older of two children and only daughter of George Samuel Underco Jr. and Patrician Ann O'Neil.

Survivors include her daughter, Samantha Schinness of Wayne; mother, Patricia O'Neil of Wayne; father, George Underco of Kentucky, and brother, George Samuel Underco and wife, Susan, of Mentor, Ohio.

Online condolences may be made at [wilsonlittle.com](http://wilsonlittle.com).

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## Kennith Idell Bray

Graveside services for Kennith Idell Bray, 94, of Lexington will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, January 12, 2019 at the Lexington Cemetery. Services will be under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Mr. Bray passed away Monday, January 7, 2019, at Purcell Municipal Hospital.

Kennith was born on September 25, 1924 to Leland and Lula Bray of the Fairview/Arnold community. He was one of four children born to this family. He was raised in this area and attended Wayne Public Schools, graduating in 1943.

On August 24, 1949 Kennith married his best friend and the love of his life, Jessie Ruth Bryant. They made their home in the Lexington area and worked together to raise their daughter, Linda.

Kennith worked in the Lexington, Purcell area as a mechanic for several Ford dealerships and in later years was a maintenance man for Lexington Public Schools, in addition to raising cattle on a farm outside of Lexington. He worked tirelessly being a wonderful Husband, Father and Grandfather.

He enjoyed gardening and delighted in sharing the crop with his relatives and neighbors. He was a very soft-spoken man with a great sense of humor and could always find the good side to any situation. He will be dearly missed.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Linda Bass; his wife, Jessie Ruth Bray; his parents, Leland and Lula Bray; his brother, Otis Bray and his sisters, May Coats and Wanda June Parnell.

Kennith leaves behind his brother-in-law, Frank J. Bryant and wife, Anita Kay, of The Woodlands, Texas; granddaughter, Kristi Natalino and husband, Mike, of Los Alamos, N.M. and three great-grandchildren, Atlas, Angelina and Ares; grandson, Scott Bass and wife, Christine, and great-granddaughter, Ava, of Metairie, La., and a host of other family and friends.

Online condolences may be made at [wilsonlittle.com](http://wilsonlittle.com).

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## Dr. Dalton L. Young Jr.

Memorial services for Dr. Dalton L. Young Jr., 75, will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, 2019 at the First Baptist Church in Noble, entrusted to the care of Wadley's Funeral Service. Online condolences may be made at [www.wadleysfuneralservice.com](http://www.wadleysfuneralservice.com)

Dr. Young died Jan. 7, 2019 in Norman.

He was born April 17, 1943 in Kermit, Texas, the son of Dalton Lafayette Young, Sr. and Billie Louise (Yates) Young.

Survivors include his mother, Billie Young; wife, Kay; sons, Doug and wife, Shannon, and Dalton and wife, Lori; sisters, Virginia and Kimberly and six grandchildren.



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## Nancy Janette Schneringer

Funeral services for Nancy Janette Schneringer, 84, were held Jan. 7, 2019 at the Wilson-Little Funeral Home Chapel. Interment was at the Denver Cemetery in Norman under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Lisa Marie Underco was born October 31, 1961 in Cleveland, OH, the older of two children and only daughter of George Samuel Underco Jr. and Patrician Ann O'Neil.

Survivors include her children, Vicki (Dave) Leo, Mike (Cindy) Schneringer and Steve (Gina) Schneringer; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren and sisters, Sylvia (Ernest) Jennings, Gerry (the late JR) Dabney and Sherrie (Marvin) Autry.

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## Debbie Lee Haughton Hunter

A celebration of Debbie Lee Haughton Hunter's life will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 11, 2019 in Wayne at her daughter's home. Call (405) 312-3529 for more information and directions.

Ms. Hunter died Dec. 11, 2018 in Wayne.

She is survived by her sisters, Linda Hodson and husband, Dan, of Indianapolis, Ind., and Fredia Glass and husband, Sheldon, of Chickasha; daughters, Rhonda Holman and husband, Kenneth, of Wayne and Delilah Walker of Tishomingo, Okla.; sons, Ronnie Hunter Jr. and fiance, Jennifer Vasquez, of Rush Springs, Okla., and Calvin Hunter and fiance, Dana Martin, of Tishomingo.

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# OSU EXTENSION *News*

## Artificial insemination basic class for beef cattle

**Bradley Secraw**  
Agriculture/4-H Educator

Have you ever wanted to improve your cattle herd through artificial insemination?

The Cleveland County OSU Cooperative Extension Service and Mid-America Technology Center will host a hands-on opportunity to look at a bo-

vine reproductive tract and understand the tools needed and related practices used for artificial insemination.

The one-day class will be on Thursday, January 17, from 6-10 p.m. on the Mid-America Technology Center campus, 27438 State Hwy 59, in Wayne.

Extension Agriculture Edu-

cator Brad Secraw and Agriculture Business Manager Jona Kay Squires will lead the class.

The program is \$20 per person and open to the public.

Those interested in attending or for more information about the class, contact Jona Kay Squires at 449-7623 or email jsquires@match.edu.

## Suspect named

Wayne burglaries

The McClain County Sheriff's Department has identified the suspect in the recent burglaries at the Wayne County Barn.

According to Detectives Chris Grace and Robert Foust, a warrant has been issued for Michael Weaver of Wayne.

Foust said Weaver was in his 20s.

The Detectives worked with the public via social media and solved what was apparently a pair of burglaries at the District 1 County Barn in Wayne.

Burglaries were reported December 10, 15 and 25 with items stolen including battery powered drills, cameras and recently installed security cameras.

Two counts of burglary in the second degree are pending.

## Drug defendants

Police find pot, THC vapes, cocaine

**Jeanne Grimes**  
The Purcell Register

Preliminary hearing conferences for a Norman man and woman will be at 9 a.m. January 16 in McClain County District Court.

Donovan L. Roberts, 25, and Alura M. Railback, 32, are charged with unlawful possession of a controlled drug with intent to distribute.

Prosecutors charged Railback after a former felony conviction.

In addition, Roberts is charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance.

He is free after posting \$10,500 bond. Railback posted \$10,000 bond.

According to an affidavit, Purcell police stopped Donovan's vehicle in the 1000 block of South Green Avenue on December 28 for a defective headlight.

The officer noticed an odor

of marijuana and questioned Donovan and Railback, who both denied knowing anything about marijuana.

Railback later said she had marijuana in her purse, according to the affidavit.

She told the officer she was recently approved for medical marijuana, but didn't yet have a license for it. She gave police three large bags containing marijuana.

While patting down Roberts, police found edible hard candies labeled THC in a bag around his waist. Also in the bag were vapor inserts marked THC and a small baggie containing a powder that field tested positive for cocaine.

Police searched the vehicle and located a second purse that was found to contain digital scales and two more baggies of marijuana along with a box of vapor inserts labeled THC. There was also a vape device to smoke the THC.

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## Bone:

the condition or prevent further damage.

That's why they should only be used in addition to such lifestyle modifications as dietary management, adequate rest, proper shoeing and careful exercise management to reduce joint damage from overuse. This is particularly important in young horses.

Oral and injectable medications can be used in treatment. Intra-articular injections, such as corticosteroids, are the best way to treat chronic cases. Intra-articular corticosteroids reduce inflammation within and around the joint, reducing pain and providing greater mobility. Continuous relief may require a number of injections.

Joint fusion surgery may alleviate pain and increase soundness for severe chronic cases.

In the majority of cases, the prognosis is good with treat-

ment, especially for less severe cases.

A horse's risk of developing bone spavin increases with age, conformation anomalies (cow hocked or sickle hocked), performance demand/workload and genetic predispositions towards defective joint or cartilage physiology.

A single traumatic incident can result in bone spavin, or it may take years of stress to the joints to result in bone spavin.

Heavier breeds and obese horses may be more prone to the condition. Repeated injury and stress on the joints can further damage the cartilage.

Improper shoeing and continual exposure to areas with poor footing may also exacerbate the condition. Prevention or reduction of the onset of severely debilitating bone spavin is dependent on early detection and good management.

Veterinary Viewpoints is provided by the faculty of the OSU Veterinary Medical Hospital. The hospital has an Avian, Exotics and Zoo Medicine Service staffed to care for pet birds.

Certified by the American Animal Hospital Association, the hospital is open to the public providing routine and specialized care for all species and 24-hour emergency care 365 days a year.

### WAYNE SCHOOL MENU

Week of January 14

MONDAY

BREAKFAST

Biscuit and gravy, cereal,

fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Quesadilla, pinto beans,

salsa, chips, fruit, juice, milk.

TUESDAY

BREAKFAST

Cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Spaghetti, green beans, car-

rots, garlic bread, mandarin

oranges, juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY

BREAKFAST

Pancake on a stick, cereal,

fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Chicken sandwich, whole

grain chips, pickles, pears,

juice, milk.

THURSDAY

BREAKFAST

Cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Frito chili pie, corn, broccoli,

fruit salad, juice, milk.

FRIDAY

BREAKFAST

Pop tart, cereal, fruit, juice,

milk.

LUNCH

Mexican casserole, pinto

beans, chips and salsa, oranges,

juice, milk.

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## Wreck:

12 and girls age 10, 11 and 13 – were all treated and released at Norman Regional Hospital.

The other vehicle was a 2009 Kia Rondo driven by Peggy Babakhani, 69, of Oklahoma City. She and her passenger, Bob Babakhani, 78, of Oklahoma City, were both treated and released at Purcell Municipal Hospital.

Oklahoma Highway Patrol

Trooper Zach Hargus reported both vehicles were northbound and traveling in the outside lane. The Envoy was traveling at a high speed and struck the Kia from the rear. The Kia ran off the road to the right and hit a tree.

The wreck occurred around 6:08 p.m. at mile marker 98.5.

Purcell police and fire departments assisted Hargus at the scene.

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## Election:

Lexington Public Schools after voters in the district approved the \$11.235 million bond issue Tuesday.

“The trust expressed in this vote is humbling,” superintendent Chad Hall said. “We will

## Pollok:

city to seriously consider implementing a recycling system in the future.

“The city will prosper just on the aesthetics,” he said.

Mayor Ted Cox and city manager Dale Bunn praised Pollok for his lengthy service. His vacancy will be filled by Jay Tate, who filed unopposed for the seat in December.

In his report to the council, Bunn noted that Suddenlink has announced an \$800,000 upgrade of services in Purcell. Internet speeds will increase from 15 to 50 mb and the company will also offer 150 mb internet.

Purcell Public Library will have a ribbon cutting at 10 a.m. today (Thursday). There will also be a Main StreetScape de-

work to keep and prove worthy of that trust as we move forward with the planned projects.”

Those projects include construction of storm shelters at the elementary, intermediate and middle schools, implementa-

tion of secure entry and access control at all schools and utility upgrades and handicap access at the gymnasium.

Roof replacements, restroom improvements and smaller projects are also included.

sign input meeting for business owners along Main Street at 5 p.m. today at City Hall.

The council quickly worked through the agenda, approving every item.

Those included:

- contracting with EST Inc., at a cost not to exceed \$57,000 for engineering services to investigate the feasibility of a new I-35 interchange;
- approving an exception to the city’s facade ordinance;
- reappointing Alan Carroll to a second term on the Rural Fire Board;
- approving budget amendments for a roundabout at Main Street and Canadian Avenue, street signals at Green Avenue and Hallmark and to repair the backhoe at the cemetery;

- denying a tort claim filed by Martha Dezamacona for water damage;
- acknowledging DEQ permits for 7,979 feet of water line at 220th Street and Eastern Avenue and 6,545 feet of sewerline for the Holiday Inn Express;
- approving resolutions supporting grant applications for safety improvement at Main Street and Canadian Avenue and Green Avenue and Hallmark Boulevard, as well as rehabilitation of Green Avenue between Grant and 9th; and
- striking term limits for the Purcell Municipal Hospital board.

The Purcell Public Works Authority later reappointed David Shirley to a third term on the hospital board.

## Nominate:

W. Main Street. They may also be emailed to montgomery-johnd@yahoo.com.

The Citizen of the Year will be announced January 24 during the Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

Theme for the 2019 banquet is There’s No Place Like Home. Doors of the Grand Canadian

Theater will open at 5:30 p.m. and the banquet will officially start at 6 p.m.

Also to be announced at the banquet will be recipients of the City of Purcell’s Giving Time Guardian Awards.

There are four Guardian awards, each honoring distinguished leadership or service in one of four categories.

The awards and categories are Vision Guardian, educa-

tion; Cornerstone Guardian, business; Gateway Guardian, government, and Spirit Guardian, human services.

Giving Time is an annual program of public recognition of excellence in Purcell leadership.

It celebrates exceptional people and remarkable institutions who are selected from a deserving field of candidates.

## Neighbor:

graduated with a bachelor’s degree in 2003 and began working for the Pentecostal Holiness denomination’s headquarters in Bethany.

His job consisted of traveling across the country for conferences about starting new churches.

“I loved what I was doing. I wasn’t looking at becoming a pastor,” he said.

That changed in late 2007 when the Purcell church contacted the college looking for a preacher.

Justin was 27 and single

when he came to Purcell.

“I preached two weeks and they (congregation) voted me in the third week,” Justin said. “I’ve been here 11 years this month. It’s hard to believe it’s been this long.”

The then-84-year-old church was located at 3rd Avenue and Apache Street. Sunday attendance averaged about 40.

With Justin in the pulpit, the church began growing. When attendance increased to about 90 people in 2012, the church moved to its present location at 1106 W. Grant, the former

## Homecoming:

softball, and cheer team for the past three years. She was on the 2017 State Championship softball team and won defensive player of the year. She also won an academic achievement award and was a state qualifier in cheer for 2018. She is a member of Student Council, Key Club, Code Red, and National Honor Society. Her parents are Lora and David Stanton.

Billy is junior class vice-president, FFA president, and National Honor Society junior representative. She is a member of Code Red, Student Council, and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Billy is on both the Superintendent’s

## Thompson:

sionalism and integrity that he has exhibited throughout his distinguished law enforcement career,” Fallin said. “He was a dedicated state trooper and a respected leader with the Oklahoma Highway Patrol. He did a tremendous job as public safety commissioner, and is serving the state well as Oklahoma’s adjutant general and commander of our soldiers and airmen.”

Thompson earned a Bachelor of Science in criminal justice from Langston University, and a Master of Science from Oklahoma State University. He is a graduate of the resident Army War College, where he earned a second graduate degree, a Master of Strategic Studies.

Thompson has been accepted in, and has completed course work towards a doctorate degree at Oklahoma State

Honor roll and Chickasaw Honor roll. She is the daughter of Phillip and Lisa Billy.

Berrey, 18, is president of the senior class and is an officer in Code Red and FCA. He is also a National Honor Society member. In 2018, he was Class 3A-2 Receiver of the Year and as a junior was first team in All-Conference basketball. He is the son of Mike and Penny Berrey.

Galyean, 18, has played football and basketball and participated in track at PHS the past 4 years. He was All-District in football in 2018. He is the son of Gil and Becky Galyean.

Milner, 18, was PHS Student

of the Month in November. He is in the Chickasaw Honor Club and is a 3-year Letter “P” Award winner. He is on the Superintendent’s Honor Roll and is a National Honor Society member. He is also a ROAD crew member. He plays basketball and tennis. He is the son of Tracy Folsom and Clay Milner.

Roman is 5 and is in kindergarten. She likes to draw, color, and do yoga with her older sister. She is the daughter of Mitsy Roman.

Autry, 8, is in second grade. He plays baseball and basketball. He is the son of Queston and Lisa Autry and Greg and A. Hawkins.

University. Thompson is a graduate of the 208th session of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia, for senior law enforcement officials.

Thompson and his wife, Debbie, reside in Edmond. They have two children, Maj. Brandon Thompson, serving in the Army, and Jared Thompson, an Afghanistan combat veteran currently serving in school. Thompson’s daughter-in-law, Roxie, also serves as a captain on active duty in the Army.

Thompson’s brother, Les Hudson, is also in law enforcement currently serving on Don Hewett’s McClain County Sheriff’s Staff as a deputy sheriff.

In addition to his induction, Thompson received the Bill Tilghman Public Service Award.


That award is given to indi-

viduals who have, during his or her service to the State of Oklahoma, advanced the profession of Law Enforcement by acts of courage, bravery, sacrifice and support for the rule of law in Oklahoma.

Thompson began his career as a public servant with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections before joining the Oklahoma Highway Patrol in 1990. He rose through the ranks of the Highway Patrol to become the Commissioner of the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety where he served as adviser to the governor on all matters related to law enforcement and public safety for the state.

“In life it’s not where you start but where you finish,” said Thompson. “I had some of the best experiences of my life wearing that brown uniform”

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## Mr. Eads’ Bridge

Written by Duane Porter  
Illustrated by Nona Cady

### CHAPTER TWO

#### We Start at the Bottom

Workers drove wagons loaded with metal tubes to the shore where a massive structure lined up with the river piers. Rows of brick arches supported the masonry as it approached the water. From there a web of tubes and braces lifted into the air in a graceful shallow curve much like the suspended metal hanging from the piers.

“Marvelous, isn’t it?” A voice said.

Becky turned to see a woman in a long dress carrying a sketchbook. The woman continued, “I come every day to see the progress. In another week they’ll connect the span between here and the west pier. Do you know Mr. Eads?”

Becky shook her head. “No, actually I just arrived not too long ago. You seem to know a lot about this though. I’d love to hear more.”

“Certainly. My name is Laura Ascot. I’m an architecture student and artist. I’ve been following the construction for about five years now.”

“Really,” Becky said. “So, when did you start?”

“1868. Most of the work has been out-of-sight, so to speak, until recently. The piers are the key to the bridge design.”

“Why is that?”

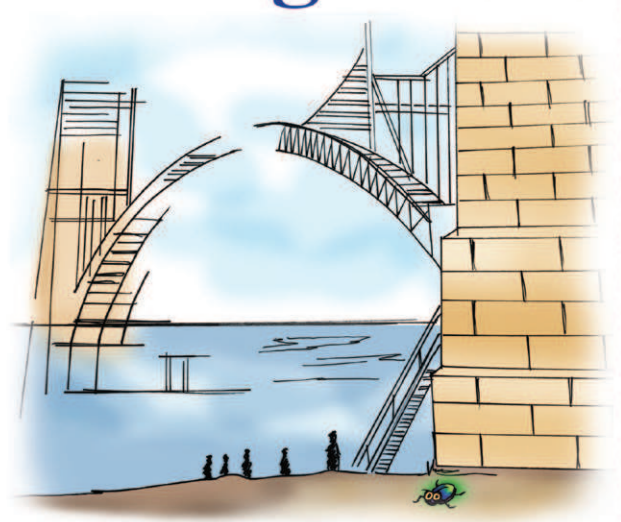
“See how everything rests on the piers. The arms coming out from both sides will eventually meet and form the superstructure where trains and vehicles will cross. You’re familiar with how an arch supports weight, surely?”

“I’ve seen arches before,” Becky said, “but I didn’t think about how they support weight, I guess.”

“That’s perfectly alright, dear. An arch supports weight at its top, and the downward force is distributed through the legs to the base. If those legs are not adequately supported, they would simply be pushed out and the entire structure would collapse. Therefore it is critical that the base of each leg is fixed securely so it will not move under pressure.”

“Oh, I see. And the piers form the base for the arch that crosses over the river?”

“They are the base for the span that connects the piers in



the middle of the bridge,” Laura said. “The outer spans rest both on the pier and are anchored by masonry abutments on the shore. The abutments are easier to build because they are on land, and they use large amounts of brick and limestone to ensure they won’t move. There are three spans in total, and all use the principle of the arch to support the weight of the bridge.”

“But the piers are in the middle of the river,” Becky said. “Why don’t they just float away?”

Laura smiled. “That is mostly because of Mr. Eads’ ideas. He became rich rescuing sunken ships from the bottom of the Mississippi River. He used diving bells of his own design to go under the water and bring up the valuables that went overboard. No one knows this river better than Mr. Eads!”

“So he used diving bells to make the piers?”

“A very special kind of diving bell. Would you like hear about it?”

Newspaper Connections:  
Look through your local newspaper for images and stories about bridges. How many different types of bridges did you find? Are any older than 1868?

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gets old.”

No two weeks are ever exactly alike. Justin is usually in the office Tuesday through Friday, but really being a pastor and ministering to a flock is a 24/7 job.

In addition to his responsibilities to the church, Justin serves as chaplain for the Purcell Fire Department. He’s also volunteered at Rob’s Ranch for the past five years, going to the drug and alcohol rehab facility on Mondays for a meeting with the men in treatment.

His visits there include a devotional and prayers for the men transitioning out of treatment that week.

Several of the men undergoing rehab at Rob’s Ranch attend Sunday worship at Landmark.

There’s more that Justin wants for his church and community in the future.

The church’s outreach includes benevolent ministries that offer food baskets at Thanksgiving and the community-wide back-to-school block party that’s been a Purcell fixture for several years.

Landmark Church recently opened Sharon’s Thrift Store

at 420 S. Green. Named after his late mother, the store is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays.

Profits from the store fund the church’s outreach.

Justin wants Landmark to “continue being a place reaching out to the community.”

“One of the things in my heart is a women’s rehab center in Purcell,” he said.

Such a center would offer a year-long work program as an alternative to incarceration. Justin also wants to expand the church building to “make more room for the kids.”

In 2015, Justin had more than his share of heartache. But it didn’t shake his faith.

His bride of a few months, Briannon, died of complications following a miscarriage. Twelve weeks later, ovarian cancer took his mother.

The twin losses left him a lot of questions as he sought to understand why these things happened.

It was difficult times and Justin credits his upbringing and his foundation for keeping him going.

In early 2018, he found another soul mate and in October, Justin married Sarah McElvany.

“God placed her in my life to restore a lot of things I lost,” he said. “Sarah was an answer to my prayer.”

In addition to her responsibilities as a pastor’s wife, Sarah works as an aide at Purcell Elementary School.

Though Justin will admit to missing the people he grew up around and the Southern food, he looks forward to raising a family in this community.

“I love being here. I love our community and I want to be available to making a difference in the community,” Justin said. “We feel like church should be outside the walls, making a difference. And the community should be lifted by the church being there.”

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**Scoring threat**

Garrett Galyean went off for 30 points against Lindsay Friday night as the Dragons defeated the Leopards 58-42. Purcell travels to Byng this week for the Winter Classic Tournament.

**Bulldogs back in action this week**

Traveled to AmPo Tuesday, Black Diamond tourney this weekend

**Emily Montgomery  
 The Purcell Register**

The Wayne cagers were back in action Monday night. Head coach Josh Trent's teams faced off with CCS and both came away with losses.

Wayne outscored the Lady Comets in the second and fourth quarters, but it wasn't enough to pull out the win.

Senior Morgan Posey had a team-high 21 points. Hannah Blackwood added 13.

The Comets were a tough opponent offensively, scoring 30 points in the first half, and 40 in the second.

Once they figure out how to put four quarters together I think we can be a tough team to play.

— Josh Trent,  
 head coach

The Lady Bulldogs fell to the Lady Comets 63-55 while the Bulldogs lost 70-48.

"The girls played really well tonight. It was probably one of the best games they have played all season," Trent said.

"I'm very proud of them." CCS jumped out in front of Wayne from the tip and never relinquished the lead.

**Tourney brackets  
 Page 2B**

According to Trent, his Bulldogs had two good quarters but struggled defensively in the other two.

"Once they figure out how to put four quarters together I think we could be a tough team to play," Trent said.

With 20 points, Rodney Gray led all scorers. Garrett Deo was also in double figures with 15.

The Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs were on the road at AmPo Tuesday.

Both teams will be in Rush Springs for the Black Diamond Tournament starting Thursday. The Bulldogs take on Central at 5:40 p.m. and the Lady Bulldogs take on Rush Springs at 7 p.m.

1/7 Boys		1/7 Girls	
Wayne	48	Wayne	55
CCS	70	CCS	63
Wayne	..... 16 9 10 13—48	Wayne	..... 9 16 9 21—55
CCS	..... 18 12 22 18—70	CCS	..... 18 11 16 18—63
Player	Points	Player	Points
Rodney Gray	20	Morgan Posey	21
Garrett Deo	15	Hannah Blackwood	13
Cooper Chick	5	Coralee Castle	8
Brannon Lewelling	4	AJ Gray	7
Dawson Mantooth	4	Lorena Martinez	3
		Allie Walck	2

**Galyean hits 30 point mark**

Leads Purcell to victory over Lindsay

**John D. Montgomery  
 The Purcell Register**

Led by senior Garrett Galyean's 30 points Purcell put it's best post-holiday foot forward at Lindsay posting a 58-42 victory to jump start 2019.

Galyean was consistent, scoring in every quarter while leading all scorers. Gavin Nation was also in double digits pumping in a dozen for the Dragons, who are now 6-3 on the year.

That was Galyean's second straight 30 point game. He flushed the strings for 31 against Bridge Creek, the last game played before the holiday break.

"He's turned into our go-to guy," head coach Roger Raper said. "As a team we've come a long way now that we've got some games under our belt."

Raper said it has just been a matter of time for the younger players to get up to the speed of the high school game.

"Early we were making as many as 26 turnovers in a game," Raper said. "Now we're only turning it over 12 to 13 times a game. It's a culmination of the younger kids coming around and everyone accepting their role."

"We're finding ways to get Garrett the ball. He was hot the other night and we kept

getting him the basketball."

Coach David Sikes' girls came within a cat's whisker of taking down the Leopardettes behind the torrid scoring of sophomore Alicia Baker.

She torched the nets for 28 points.

Baker was limited to a pair of charity tosses in the first quarter but heated up after that knocking down six mid range jumpers in the second quarter.

"Alicia shot well," Sikes said. "She played great with her mid-range jumpers."

Jacie Carr was also in

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**Purcell 58  
 Lindsay 42**

Purcell ..... 21 10 13 14—58  
 Lindsay ..... 12 10 12 8—42

Player	Points
Garrett Galyean	30
Gavin Nation	12
Mojo Browning	8
Jake Berrey	6
Grant Smith	2

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**Purcell 46  
 Lindsay 52**

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 Lindsay ..... 13 14 13 12—52

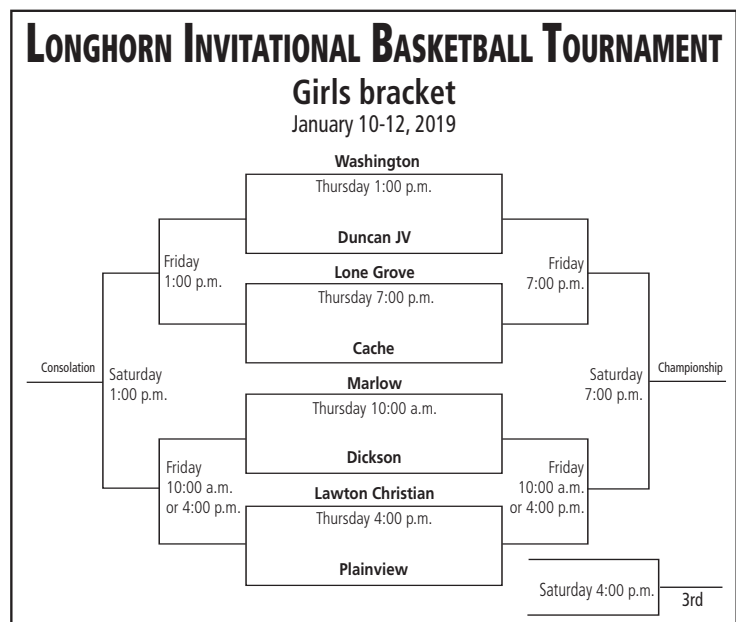
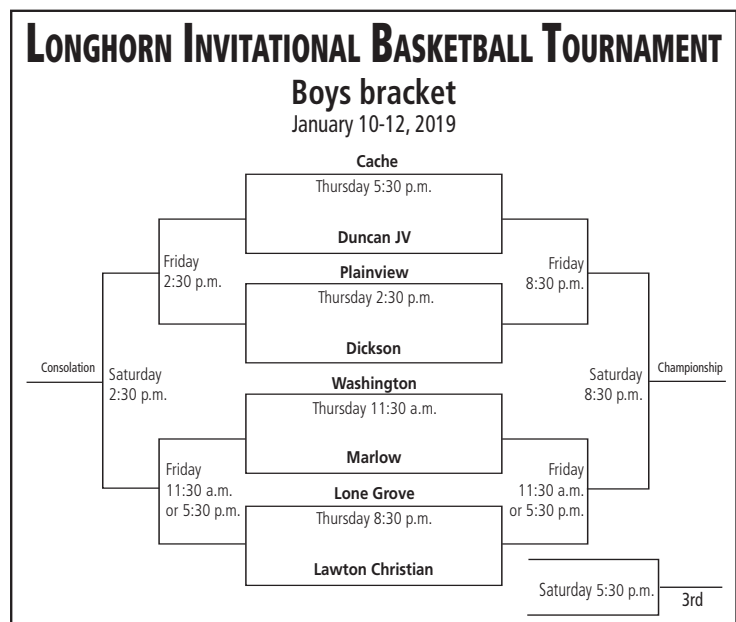
Player	Points
Alicia Baker	28
Jacie Carr	10
Emily Madden	6
Sandra Del Toro	2



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**Baby hook**

Garrett Deo puts up a shot against Minco. The Wayne Bulldogs travel to Rush Springs this week for the Black Diamond Classic Tournament.

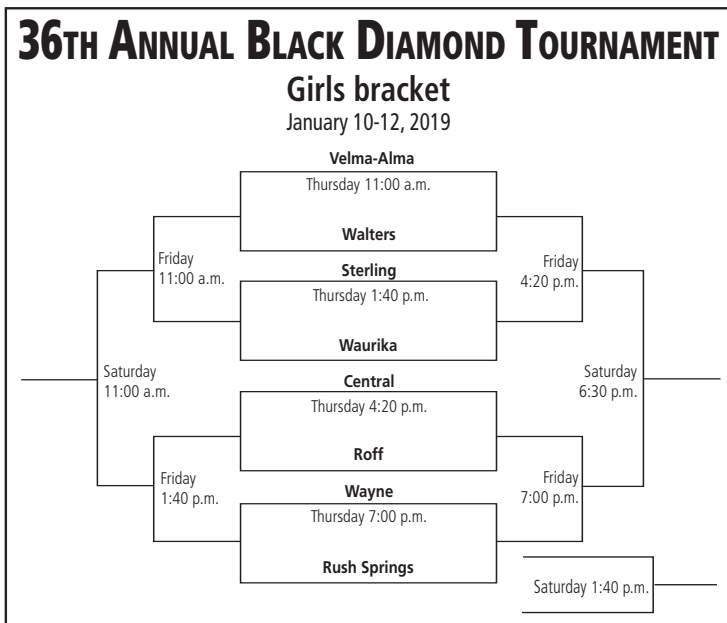




◀ Greg Gaston • double g images  
**Keep away**  
 Raegan Dill looks to pass out of a trap during their game against Minco. Wayne travels to Rush Springs this week for the Black Diamond Classic.



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## OMRF accepting Teen Leaders in Philanthropy applications

Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation is now accepting applications for its seventh annual Teen Leaders in Philanthropy class. Applications are due March 15.

High school sophomores, juniors and seniors are eligible to apply for the program, which helps students gain a deeper understanding of the nonprofit sector, develop hands-on leadership skills, learn about different types of giving and how they can best implement these skills in their communities.

Up to 45 students will be selected for the 2019-20 school year. The cost is free for students, and all expenses are covered by OMRF.

Students selected as teen leaders will learn the fundamentals of development, board structure, networking, fundraising and using social media. They will work collectively on a special event to cap off the program activities in the spring.

Group sessions will begin in September and continue throughout the 2019-20 school year. Students chosen for the program must demonstrate good academic standing and attend school in Oklahoma.

For more information, visit [omrf.org/teen-leaders](http://omrf.org/teen-leaders).



## Up strong

**Jake Berrey** goes up for a layup earlier this season against Bridge Creek. Purcell defeated Lindsay 58-42 Friday night. Berrey scored six points in the game. Purcell travels to Byng this week for the Winter Classic Tournament.

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## PHS:

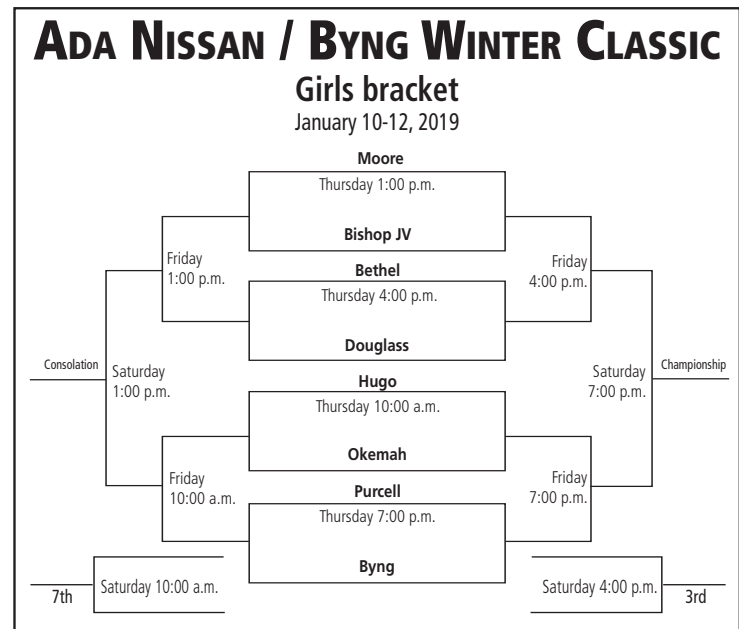
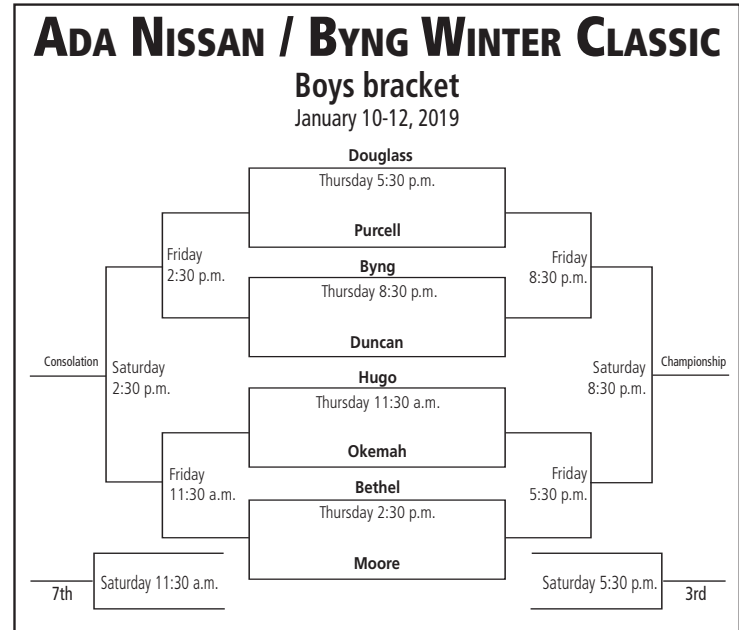
double figures with 10.

"Our girls played hard," Raper said. "We are young and still battling injuries. We did a lot of good things against Lindsay.

"I can see growth in our players with each game," he concluded.

Purcell will be playing in the Byng Tournament this weekend. The boys open with Douglass at 5:30 p.m. Thursday while the girls take on Byng at 7 p.m. The tournament concludes Saturday.

The Dragons played at Washington on Tuesday.



# Basketball teams to Lone Grove Tournament this week

**Angie Steele**  
Washington Correspondent

Washington yearbooks continue to be on sale. Pick up an order form in the school offices or you can order online at [ybpay.lefthand.com](http://ybpay.lefthand.com). Please specify Elementary (pk-5) CODE 13343919 or Middle School and High School (6-12) yearbook CODE 13319819. Order now! Prices will increase February 1.

**Washington School Calendar**

January 10-12—High School Basketball Lone Grove Tournament.

January 15—High School Basketball vs Marlow at home, 6:30 p.m.

January 16—Jr. High Basketball vs. Bridgecreek, boys home, girls away, 12 p.m.

January 17—Jr. High Basketball vs. Pauls Valley, boys home, girls away, 5 p.m.

January 18—High School Basketball vs. Kingfisher at home, 6:30 p.m.

January 19—High School Basketball at Lexington, 6:30 p.m.

January 21—Jr. High Basketball vs. Lindsay, girls home, boys away, 5 p.m.; Professional Day, No School.

January 22—High School Basketball at Pauls Valley, 6:30 p.m.

January 24—Jr. High Basketball vs. Bethany, girls home, boys away, 5 p.m.

January 31—Jr. High Basketball vs. Tuttle, boys home, girls away, 5 p.m.

February 4—Jr. High Basketball vs. Bethany, boys home, girls away, 5 p.m.

February 8—Parent/Teacher Conference, No School.

March 18-22—Spring Break.

May 16—Last Day of School.

**First Baptist Church of Cole**

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

Wednesday evening activities for all ages at 7 p.m. The church website is [www.fbccole.com](http://www.fbccole.com).

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

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

**Washington United Methodist Church**

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

You can call us at 288-1775, find us online at [washingtonumc.net](http://washingtonumc.net) or on Facebook under Washington United Methodist Church, Oklahoma.

**Union Hill Baptist Church**

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

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

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

**First Baptist Church Washington**

Weekly Worship Service Times: Sunday—10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Weekly Small Group Opportunities:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Connect with us at [office@fbcwashington.com](mailto:office@fbcwashington.com),

288-6060, Facebook: FBC Washington, Twitter @FBC-WashingtonOK.

**Dale K. Graham Veteran's Foundation**

Our veteran of the week is Ramiro Roca who served in the United States Army for 13-1/2 years. Mr. Roca has been a volunteer alongside Dale since 2005.

To those of you who answered our annual newsletter with a donation, I can't express my appreciation to you enough. Between your giving and those who give monthly, we will be able to continue our mission to improve the lives of veterans and their families.

Another way we raise funds is through our automobile donation program where we accept cars, trucks, motorcycles, or other vehicles that can be given to veterans or sold to raise funds to assist them. As a 501(c)(3) your donations should be tax deductible. We also accept handicapped items such as wheelchairs, scooters, lift chairs or other items that can be given to veterans and their families.

As I have always said, as veterans if we don't help each other no one else will. There will not be anyone knocking on your door to tell veterans you are eligible to receive VA benefits. Veterans tell me every day that they never knew they might qualify for benefits before coming to see us. Most of the veterans who visit us are on a fixed income, and we all know that the longer we live, the less our income will buy. That cost of living index added to social security, and other types of programs have not kept up with inflation.

When I retired 16 years ago, I thought we would live out our years financially independent. Needless to say, that was before a new truck cost \$50,000 or more. It seems like everything cost more today than any increases in income we have. I have been trying to improve the lives of veterans and their families for many years by helping them receive any VA benefits for which they are eligible.

Another form of help is the free medications and healthcare available to those who achieve a certain level a service-connected disability. I have veterans who tell me without VA health care for themselves and the Champ VA medical insurance for their spouses they would go broke. Veterans rated at 100 percent may be eligible for the Champ-VA medical insurance for their spouse and dependents.

Last week we were only open Thursday as Tuesday was the beginning of our New Year. It was a cold and wet day for our volunteers and our visitors. When I arrived at 4:30 a.m., there were only 40 veterans who braved the slick roads and cold weather. We had everyone finished before noon and on their way home. Even with the inclement weather and the holiday, our drivers still donated 47 hours and covered 720 miles transporting 10 veterans.

We believe 2019 will be a great year for the thousands of veterans and surviving spouses who will visit us in Norman. We provide training that is second to none for all our volunteers. During last year we were averaging close to 300 veterans and surviving spouses each week. We expect that number to increase as more veterans and their families understand that by filing their VA disability claims using our evidence-based system most of the claims will be approved.

Several years ago, the Department of Veterans Affairs developed Disability Benefits Questionnaires (DBQs) to be used by the veteran and VA evaluators to diagnose and to evaluate the severity of veteran's disabilities. I can



• Photo provided

## Veteran of the Week

**Dale K. Graham Veteran's Foundation Veteran of the Week** is Ramiro Roca, United States Army Veteran. We appreciate Mr. Roca for his service to our country.

honestly say if the veteran has a medical provider complete a DBQ their chances of being approved for VA benefits will improve dramatically. When I first started assisting veterans many years ago, a service officer would just submit a list of everything the veteran wanted to be service-connected. When there was only a list of conditions most of their claims would be denied. At that point, a Notice of Disagreement was filed, and the claims were going to the appeals process in Washington DC.

To me, that is part of the reason for the backlog in the VA system. If the veteran would have provided a DBQ with their application for benefits, their claim would have most likely been approved the first time. We believe an evidence-based claim is much quicker and has a better outcome for the veteran filing for a new disability or a re-evaluation of a service-connected condition.

As a VA Accredited Claims Agent, I receive a copy of all of the correspondence from VA that I represent. This gives me the ability to review each VA rating decision for the men and women who are represented. We then send a letter to the spouse or veteran explaining what their next move should be. I also can review the Electronic Claims Folder in the VA Computer system. While evaluating electronic veterans claims in the VA system, I sometimes find evidence that supports their request for service-connection of a disability.

Recently one of the veterans I was working with had been denied service-connection for a back injury while in the military. While reviewing his claim, I found a Line of Duty event documenting his back injury. In my opinion, the VA does not have enough people to review all of a veterans medical and service records completely. I know how long it takes for me to review every page of their Claims Folder.

One of the things we do daily is request the veterans C-File under the Freedom of Information Act. When it arrives, we ask the veteran to review every page to determine if there is any evidence that may help prove service-connection of a disability.

Given last week contained a holiday, the amount of mail we received was considerably smaller. Four veterans received a 100 percent rating and will annually receive \$55,650. Four veterans received a rating of 10-90 percent and will annually receive \$71,383. One person was granted a pension and will receive \$7,044 per year. Why

not stop by and see what we can do for you or your loved one?

If you would like to donate to Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation, you can do so at [dalekgrahamveteransfoundation.org](http://dalekgrahamveteransfoundation.org) or mail a check to Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation at P.O. Box 592 Washington, Oklahoma 73093. As a 501(c)(3) your gift may be tax deductible. We appreciate your support of our nation's veterans and their families.

Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation has food sacks available to those in need. An application for this type of assistance will be available on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. A DD-214 or military discharge will be necessary to apply. Please contact 405-550-8806 Extension 103 to request a food sack.

If you need a ride to and from a VA Medical Appointment, please contact 405-550-8806 to reach Clayton at Extension 105 or Louie at Ext. 106.

We are available every Tuesday and Thursday morning with the doors opening at 5:30 a.m. We begin working as soon as volunteers have their computers ready. We stop taking clients as soon as we reach the quota for the day, and that time varies depending on the number of visitors and the number of available volunteers, which usually occurs around 7 a.m.

Contact us with any questions by email [dale@dalekgrahamveteransfoundation.org](mailto:dale@dalekgrahamveteransfoundation.org). For telephone assistance, please call (405) 550-8806 to listen to our options. For general information dial extension 101, to schedule transportation dial extension 105 or 106. For help with Surviving Spouse Benefits, dial extension 104, or stop by.

As always, I want to express my appreciation to all veterans and their families for their service to this United States of America.

Visit our website at [dalekgrahamveteransfoundation.org](http://dalekgrahamveteransfoundation.org). Semper Fi!

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

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

My contact information is [angiosteale73@gmail.com](mailto:angiosteale73@gmail.com) or 413-2471 if you have any news to share, story ideas, or if you have someone you would like to see a feature article about. Send me birthday, anniversary, or personal news that you would like to share with our community.

Angie Steele

# Courthouse News

The following persons have been charged by the State of Oklahoma with traffic or other violations or have filed other court actions in McClain County District Court between December 27, 2018 to January 2, 2019.

## Traffic

Robert P. Grider, speeding, 85/75.  
Crystal N. Mott, speeding, 85/75.  
Darren H. Southerland, no insurance.

Kelley M. Muldoon, speeding, 85/75.  
Michael B. Taylor, speeding, 85/75.  
Kristen B. Stehr, DUS.

Joshua A. Howard, failure to stay in lane.  
Joshua A. Howard, DUS (3rd offense).

Joshua A. Howard, no insurance.  
Joshua A. Howard, alter license plate.

Alexandra L. Gist, speeding, 85/75.  
Phaedra A. Moore, speeding, 85/75.  
Tyler D. Magee, speeding, 75/65.

Jay D. Kardaleff, speeding, 75/65.  
Monica X. Niemeier, improper passing.

Seung W. Cheon, speeding, 95/70.  
Montana J. Price, speeding, 80/70.  
Aysen G. Capps, improper passing.

Juan Mascorro Trujillo, speeding, 80/70.  
Michael K. Dang, speeding, 80/70.  
David Pierce, speeding, 85/75.

Joshua B. Fore, speeding, 93/75.  
Kenny W. Sifford II, speeding, 97/75.

Matthew T. Powell, operator not reasonable and proper.  
Taylor Harley, passing in no passing zone.

Joseph A. Sullivan, speeding, 85/75.  
Smitaben P. Patel, taxes due state.

Larry S. Newville, speeding, 75/65.  
Jerry D. Morrison Jr., expired registration.

Jerry D. Morrison Jr., no insurance.  
Anthony D. Palmer, no insurance.  
Savana R. Hestand, following too closely.

Christopher G. Peters, speeding, 85/75.

## Misdemeanors

Juhiree B. Berryhill, possession of CDS.  
Terence D. Ashford, protective order violation.

Amber L. Hinkle, possession of drug paraphernalia.  
Crystal D. Biddy, public intoxication.

Jeromy S. Franklin, trespass after being forbidden.  
Maria C. Sorrells, embezzlement.  
Tralisa E. Walker, embezzlement.

## Felonies

Robert S. Myrick, unauthorized use of a vehicle.  
Jordan E. Womack, unlawful possession of controlled drug with intent to distribute.

Montrell D. Jackson, unlawful possession of controlled drug with intent to distribute.

session of controlled drug with intent to distribute.

Alex R. Wood, unauthorized use of vehicle.

Matthew B. Cody, unlawful possession of controlled drug with intent to distribute.

Avery L. Stockton, unlawful possession of controlled drug with intent to distribute.

Jaime A. Hamilton-Williams, unauthorized use of vehicle.  
Jessie L. Neil, unauthorized use of a vehicle.

## Small Claims

Prairie View Apts vs. Quai S. Stanley et al, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000.

Prairie View Apts vs. Lisa Cullen et al, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000.

4 Star Coding & Medical Billing vs. Allied Medical Center LLC, small claims over \$5000.

Pointe Property Management vs. Diane Wilson, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000.

OKC Residential Income LLC vs. Joacim Robles, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000.

OKC Residential Income LLC vs. Michael Sanders, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000.

## Civil

Midland Funding LLC vs. Ricki Waltersheid, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Midland Funding LLC vs. Allison McGary, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Midland Funding LLC vs. Junelle High, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Midland Funding LLC vs. Stephanie L. Helton, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Midland Funding LLC vs. Pamela Ramsey, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Discover Bank (Discover Card) vs. Larid G. E. Garrett, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Midland Funding LLC vs. Phyllis Eary, civil action \$10,000 or more.

Shayna Phillips vs. KS Analytical Systems, Inc, civil action \$10,000 or more.

Discover Bank (Discover Card) vs. Eric F. McCaul, civil action \$10,000 or more.

Krista G. Russell vs. Cord Arnold, civil action \$10,000 or more.

Freedom Mortgage Corp. vs. Darryl A. Franks, civil action \$10,000 or more.

## Marriages Filed

John W. Davis Jr., 55, and Deborah E. Martin, 49, both of Blanchard.

Gregg L. Wilkes, 52, and Stacey D. Spratt, 51, both of Purcell.

## Divorces Granted

Michael Harman vs. Shannon N. Harman.

Cathy Robinson vs. Louis Robinson.

Latasha Cardona vs. Andrew Cardona.

No. 3-January 3-3 Times  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
OF MCCLAIN COUNTY,  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
DISCOVER BANK  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
BONIFACIO HERNANDEZ  
Defendant  
CASE NO. CS-18-255  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO:  
BONIFACIO HERNANDEZ  
The Sheriff of MCCLAIN County,  
Oklahoma, Greetings:  
You will take notice that the  
Plaintiff, DISCOVER BANK, filed  
its petition in the District Court  
of MCCLAIN County, Oklahoma,  
against the above-captioned  
Defendant, BONIFACIO HERNANDEZ,  
seeking a money judgment  
against Defendant, BONIFACIO  
HERNANDEZ in the amount of  
\$5903.58, with post-judgment  
interest at the statutory rate, and  
costs of this action, and unless  
Defendant answers said petition  
on or before the 1 day of March,  
2019, said petition will be taken  
as true and judgment will be  
rendered for Plaintiff for \$5903.58,  
with post-judgment interest at  
the statutory rate, and costs of  
this action.  
Dated this 20 day of December,  
2018.  
COURT CLERK  
BY /s/ Kathy Peterson  
Court Clerk or Deputy Clerk  
(Seal)  
/s/ Leah K. Clark  
Stephen L. Bruce, OBA #1241  
Everette C. Aitdoerffer, OBA  
#30006  
Nicholas L. Massey, OBA  
#30399  
Leah K. Clark, OBA #31819  
Kyle W. Riddell, OBA #30418  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
P.O. Box 808  
Edmond, Oklahoma 73083-  
0808  
(405) 330-4110

No. 31-January 10-2 Times  
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE  
CJ-2018-82  
Notice is given that on the 12th  
day of February, 2019, at 10:00  
AM, at Room 121 of the County  
Courthouse, in the City of Purcell,  
McClain County, Oklahoma, the  
Sheriff of said County will offer  
for sale and sell, with appraisal-  
ment, for cash, at public auction,  
to the highest and best bidder, all  
that certain real estate in McClain  
County, Oklahoma, to-wit:  
Lot Eighteen (18), in Block One  
(1), of the Final Plat of Meadow  
Creek Addition, Section One,  
being a part of the Southwest Quarter  
(SW/4) of Section 10, Township 6  
North, Range 4 West, Indian Meri-  
dian, City of Newcastle, McClain  
County, Oklahoma, according to  
the recorded plat thereof;  
subject to unpaid taxes, ad-  
vancements by Plaintiff for taxes,  
insurance premiums, and expens-  
es necessary for the preservation  
of the subject property, if any,  
said property having been duly  
appraised at \$226,000.00. Sale  
will be made pursuant to a Special  
Execution And Order Of Sale is-  
sued in accordance with judgment  
entered in the District Court of  
McClain County, Oklahoma, in  
Case No. CJ-2018-82, entitled  
PennyMac Loan Services, LLC,  
Plaintiff, vs. Steven Komers and  
Megan Komers, being all of the  
Defendants and persons holding  
or claiming any interest or lien in  
the subject property.  
Don Hewett, Sheriff of  
McClain County, Oklahoma  
By: /s/ Don Hewett  
Don Timberlake - #9021  
BAER & TIMBERLAKE, P.C.  
P.O. Box 18486  
Oklahoma City, OK 73154-0486  
Telephone: (405) 842-7722  
Facsimile: (405) 848-9349  
BT File No.: 116090

*Oh, the things you will learn when you read*

**PUBLIC NOTICES.**

Kept informed about what's going on in your community by reading public notices in your local newspaper.

# Religion

## Church Directory

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

**Emmanuel BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Purcell, OK  
2705 N. 9th • 527-2535  
Pastor: Wally Kelly  
Sunday services 9 am Sunday School 6:30 pm Bible Study  
Wednesday services 6:30 pm Awana's & Youth  
6 pm Evening worship  
www.ebcpurcell.org

**true vine church**  
...finding our source, supply, and ultimate delight in God.  
Goldsby, OK 405.288.2117  
www.truevineok.org

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

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

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

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

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

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH LEXINGTON**  
Connecting People With God and One Another  
Team Kids • The Way (Youth)  
Upward • Senior Activities  
Sunday School 9:45  
Morning Worship 8:30 • 10:45 • Evening 6:00  
Rusty Canoy Pastor 527-6758  
800 E. BROADWAY • LEXINGTON

**Memorial Assembly of God**  
7th & Monroe, Purcell  
Pastor Duane Elmore  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Services 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Night Services 7:00 p.m.  
We Invite You to Worship With Us.  
527-2769

**LANDMARK CHURCH**  
Pastor: Justin Blankenship  
1106 W. Grant • Purcell • 527-3342  
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship .....10:45 a.m.  
Sunday Night ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday ..... 7:00 p.m.

**CALVARY Holiness Church**  
Pastor David Bittle  
403 N. 4th, Purcell  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:50 a.m. Morning Worship  
6:00 p.m. Sunday Night  
7:00 p.m. Wednesday Night  
Independent Pentecostal  
Holiness Church

**Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church**  
CORNER OF THIRD & JEFFERSON  
Saturday - 5 pm (English)  
Sunday - 11 am (English)  
1 pm (Español)  
Parish Office/Oficina: 527-3077  
Priest House/Padre Jim: 527-4242

**GRACE CHAPEL GCLEX.ORG**  
118 W. Broadway/Hwy 39 Downtown  
Post Office Box 1028  
Lexington, OK 73051  
Sunday - 10:00am/6:30pm  
Wednesday - 7:00pm  
Pastor Charles Barton  
527-5726

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

**Goldsby Baptist Church**  
153 W. Center Road  
Goldsby, OK 73093  
288-2514  
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.  
Worship - 10:45 a.m.  
Evening - 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening - 6:30 p.m.  
Steve Roach, Pastor

**Trinity United Methodist Church**  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Rev. Dr. James Kim  
Pastor  
211 N. 2nd, Purcell  
527-2256 Office

**Purcell's First Baptist**  
4th & Main 405-527-3327  
www.fbcpurcell.org  
Come worship with us!  
10:15 a.m. & 6 pm Sundays  
6 p.m. Wednesdays  
Activities for all ages & child care provided for all services!  
James Wilder, Pastor  
HIS HEART, HIS PASSION, HIS PURPOSE

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

**Church of Christ**  
Purcell, OK  
Sunday 10:30 & 1:30  
Wednesday Evening 6:30

**You Are Always Welcome At**  
7th & Monroe St.  
**Church of Christ**  
Purcell, OK  
Sunday 10:30 & 1:30  
Wednesday Evening 6:30

### Lexington Westside Church of Christ

Front-Porch Gospel: The end of the Story

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

Well, friends, we have come to the end, oh, no, not that final "end," at least, not that we know. But after four years of travelling steadily through the Word of God, both Old and New Testaments, we have come to the last book, God's final revelation for all time which, of course, is the book of Revelation itself.

Of the millions and millions of pages in the world's libraries, shelves reaching as if up to the sky for miles and miles, I do not believe there is a single page to which you or I could turn in any of those books that is more awe-inspiring than the pages of the book of Revelation. If the readings in this final inspired message from our God do not make us realize that we have come to holy ground, I am absolutely sure that nothing will.

So, we open the book together, and the images and scenes are stunning.

We see John, the aged and great apostle, exiled on an island called Patmos, some 25 miles off of the shore of Asia Minor. It is the Lord's Day, and, suddenly, he hears a great noise behind him, a blast as powerful as a trumpet. Turning, he sees the Lord Himself, his Lord and Jesus.

He sees Him for the first time since he had watched Him ascend up to heaven from the

historic Mount of Olives half a century before. But he doesn't see Jesus as he saw Him then, because His face is like the sun shining at noon, and His feet like brass burning in a furnace.

John immediately falls on his face as if he were dead, but His Lord speaks to Him in the same gentle tone he had spoken on the stormy Sea of Galilee many years before, and with the same comforting words, "Fear not!"

The Lord Jesus, in His brilliant, gloried state, reaches His right hand to comfort the disciple whom He loved, and He follows with this command: Write, my faithful servant, write everything you are about to see into a book, just as you have written your gospel and epistles. So, John, obediently, takes his pen in his hand and awaits the heavenly message. What he sees are the most amazing scenes any man on this earth has witnessed.

Having seen His Master before, He now watches as He walks among seven glowing candlesticks, those candlesticks being the seven churches that worshipped faithfully not far to the east of where John was on Patmos.

Then a door opens in heaven, and the Spirit transports John up to that door, all the way to the throne of God. John witnesses - and he writes of - the august scenes around God's throne: There are heavenly creatures, some angelic, some the redeemed who had walked as John walks on the earth.

And there, amazingly, is God Himself sitting on his throne, and seeing Him is like looking upon the brightness of a jasper stone or a fiery sardius. A rainbow, also, surrounds God's majestic throne.

John sees a book in God's right hand, a book sealed securely with seven seals. The book is so sacred that there is not a man, neither in heaven nor on the earth, who is worthy to take the book from God's hand and open it. John, overwhelmed in his spirit, cries at the scene, for he longs to see the contents of the book.

But one of the redeemed, one of 24 saved ones whom he had seen around God's throne, steps forward to comfort John, and he assures him that there is someone who can open that book.

Then John looks again right into the midst of the throne of God, and John sees the One - the One and only One who would dare even touch that book or open it ...

John's powerful visions continue, and they become more and more brilliant with each step. Stay tuned, please - stay with us here on the "front porch" in the weeks ahead - and as we open this book of Revelation we also will see the opening and the contents of that powerful book that is in the hand of the One to Whom the hosts of heaven are bowing, saying, "Holy, holy, holy."

coachbowen1984@gmail.com; frontporchgospel.com

### Green Avenue Church of Christ

Wednesday evening services were canceled due to the weather and the regular first Wednesday song class was postponed until next week.

The Sunday morning adult bible class began a study of the book of Acts. The class started by looking at the setting of the events recorded in the early chapters of the book.

During the Sunday morning

assembly Keith Shackelford discussed the subject of the worship of God beginning with the reading of John 4:24. The lesson looked at the practice as both a duty and a privilege, looking at factors such as honor, duty and remembrance of important events and facts.

Sunday evening the sermon examined some of the events recorded in the second chapter

of Acts such as the Sabbath days journey, the sound of a strong wind, and the tongues of fire.

Bible classes begin at 9:45 a.m. Sunday morning and 7 p.m. Wednesday evening, with worship at 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday. Bible study correspondence courses are available. You can call the office at 527-4052.

### Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

By Fr. Jim Chamberlain

One of my favorite books on prayer is Centering Prayer and Inner Awakening by Cynthia Bourgeault. Cynthia is an Episcopal priest who grew up in a Quaker school and later studied under Fr. Thomas Keating, a Catholic Cistercian monk and a leader in the centering prayer movement.

One day I was reading along and was struck by these words: "The goal of contemplative prayer has been the radical transformation of the human person in service of the Kingdom. It requires only honesty, commitment, and a good sense of humor. From these three raw

ingredients, great saints can be fashioned." (p. 159)

These lines struck me because suddenly I saw how I was trying too hard! I was forever comparing myself to Fr. Jim who was a great preacher, or Fr. Tom who spoke Spanish so well, or Msgr. John who always knew what to say as a pastor.

Instead, in order to live out my vocation, I only need to be committed (faithful), to be honest, and to have a sense of humor about it all.

I admit that "being honest" is for me the hardest part. It means being honest with what I can and cannot do with my particular talents and temperament. It means letting God be

God and giving up control over things for which I have little control.

Most days I don't think I can be a superhero priest. But most days I think I can be faithful, I can be honest about my limitations, and I can always have a sense of humor!

The three wise men followed a single star that led them to the manger at Bethlehem. It led them to the Christ Child, the Prince of Peace. A single star. How simple and pure! How uncomplicated. Perhaps we are all trying too hard.

How are you living out your

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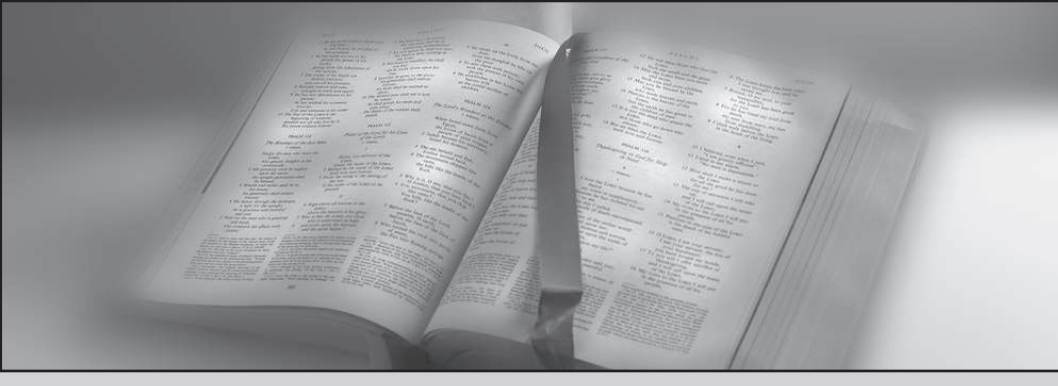
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### Archer Family Vocal Edition sets performance at Lex UMC

The Archer Family Vocal Edition will perform at Lexington United Methodist Church on January 20.

The 2 p.m. music ministry performance is open to the public. The Rev. David Cook, pastor, said the performance will include a wide variety of traditional gospel songs and hymns. The family group ranges in age from 7 to 19 years and members play piano, guitar, tenor guitar, tenor banjo, ukulele, melodic, Indian flute, harmonica, trumpet and percussion.

The church is located at 601 E. Ash. For more information, call Cook at 406-6174.













# Lexington Community News

By Hazel Shockey Daniels

Happy 2019 to all our friends that enjoy the great meals prepared and served at the Lexington Senior Center.

Perhaps you have asked why this group of elderly ladies would get out of a warm bed so early in the morning to volunteer to do all the planning and the actual work to make this all happen two days a week. It could be the joy of seeing so many smiling faces and all the compliments on the food and the service.

We are glad to be back after a break for the holidays, and you can expect the same good meals, same price and if you haven't ate with us, everyone is welcome, no age limit.

Anyone wanting to get back in shape after the extra pounds you gained through holidays you can join the free exercise program at 9 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

If you like to play cards, you can check with some of the volunteers and find out when they play.

I appreciate all the volunteers that so willingly give of their time for this community service. I also appreciate all the people who have contributed financially to give back to our public effort.

If you ask any of the 12 or 14 unpaid workers why they do it, the answer would most likely be, "because we care about our community." This has been proven, by our being able to give back to some families in 2018 that had specific needs.

If you fail to get a new menu monthly, you can find it in **The Purcell Register**. I appreciate Gracie for always making sure it gets printed.

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 January 10, 16 and 17:

Thursday, January 10—Meatloaf, fried potatoes, blackeyed peas, fried okra, rolls, salad bar, chocolate delight.

Wednesday, January 16—Beef tips, peppers and onions, macaroni and cheese, hominy, rolls, salad bar, bread pudding.

Thursday, January 17—Fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, corn, rolls, salad bar, cherry cobbler.

## Make a resolution to be healthier with ideas from library series

The Purcell Public Library is making a resolution to good health with its continuing Healthy Challenge series, a monthly activity next scheduled at 6 p.m. on Thursday, January 17.

This month's theme is "Sugar Shockers," with representatives from the Chickasaw Nation discussing ways to find beverages and snacks with less sugar and participants will be given several challenge activities to undertake in the

next month. Ages 18 and up may attend, and registration in advance is required.

The series is funded through the Oklahoma Department of Libraries with a federal grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and supported by multiple community partners.

For more information, visit the library, call 527-5546 or go online to [www.pioneerlibrary-system.org/purcell](http://www.pioneerlibrary-system.org/purcell).

No. 30-January 10-1 Time Legal Notice

The Southwest Oklahoma Regional Transportation Planning Organization (SORTPO) Policy Board is holding a public hearing January 24, 2019 at 10:00 am at the Western Technology Center,

621 Sooner Dr. in Burns Flat, OK and the Red River Technology Center 3300, Bois D'Arc Ave., Duncan OK to consider adopting the 2040 McClain County Long Range Transportation Plan. For information contact Becky Cockrell 580-562-4885.

No. 19-January 10-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY, STATE OF OKLAHOMA

In the Matter of the Estates of Jimmy R. Mullins, Husband, Deceased, and Loretta M. Mullins, Wife, Deceased.

Case No. PB-2018-166 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All creditors having claims against Jimmy R. Mullins, deceased and Loretta M. Mullins, deceased, are required to present the same, with a description of all security interests and other collateral, if any, held by each creditor with respect to such claim to Jennifer Gail Reynolds Pinnick, Beverly Jo Mullins and Dale Christopher Reynolds, Co-Personal Representatives, in care of Dan Barney, Attorney for Co-Personal Representatives, PO Box 1014, Pauls Valley, Oklahoma 73075, on or before the following Presentment Date: March 8, 2019

or the same will be forever barred. Dated this 4th day of January 2019.

/s/ Jennifer Gail Reynolds Pinnick  
Jennifer Gail Reynolds Pinnick, Co-Personal Representative of the Estates of Jimmy R. Mullins, deceased and Loretta M. Mullins, deceased

/s/ Beverly Jo Mullins  
Beverly Jo Mullins, Co-Personal Representative of the Estates of Jimmy R. Mullins, deceased and Loretta M. Mullins, deceased  
/s/ Dale Christopher Reynolds  
Dale Christopher Reynolds, Co-Personal Representative of the Estates of Jimmy R. Mullins, deceased and Loretta M. Mullins, deceased  
Dan Barney, OBA #19043  
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