



# In the HOT ol' summer time

## Needless deaths

Children, animals succumb in hot cars

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

Statistics tell a grim story, one that doesn't have to be. According to the website HeatKills.org, from 1998 through July 8, 814 children died of pediatric vehicular heatstroke after being left unattended in parked cars. The shocking thing is every one of those deaths was 100 percent preventable. Twenty-three of those needless deaths occurred right here in Oklahoma. And it gets worse.

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### Vehicle check

**Purcell Police** Cpl. Joshua Van Oort looks into a parked vehicle as summer temperatures ramp up in the city. On July 9 Sgt. Jerome Hayes rescued two young children from a locked car in the Walmart parking lot.

## Under the sun

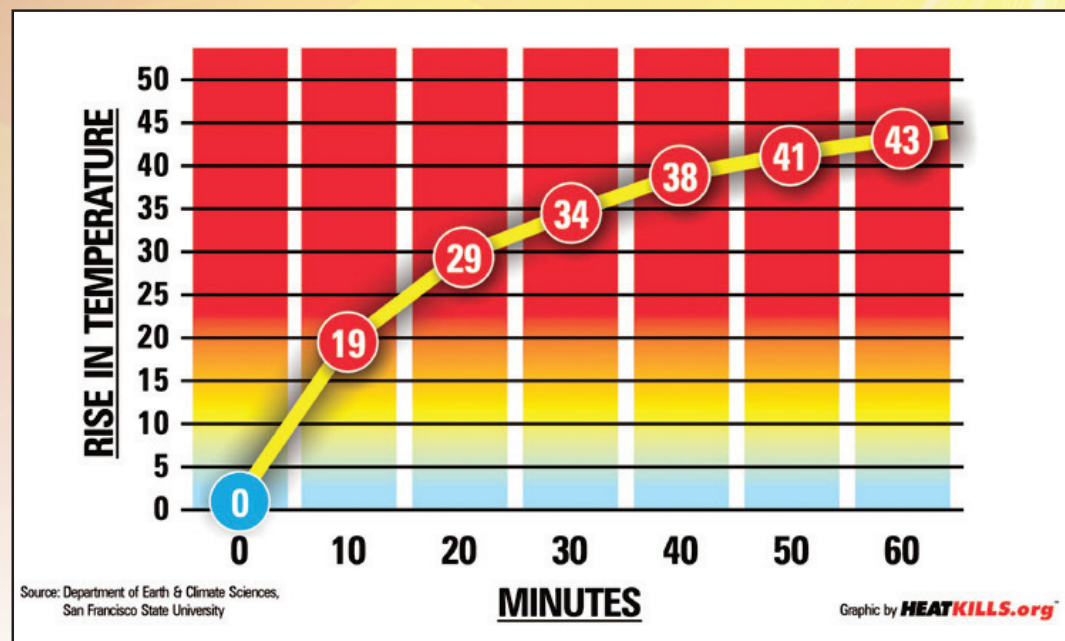
Mom charged; left two kids in hot car

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It is July in Oklahoma and that means it is hot. On July 9, Purcell Police Sgt. Jerome Hayes was in the Walmart parking lot when he heard a car alarm sound nearby. The alarm stopped, but a few seconds later started up again. Hayes investigated and found a 2011 Honda parked in a space close to the store's north entrance. The Honda's doors were locked, the engine turned off and the windows rolled up. Inside were two children – a 21-month-old girl and a boy, 4. It was 4:39 p.m. and the temperature was typical July – 93 degrees with a heat index of 104 degrees, according to a probable cause affidavit. Hayes called for backup, but was able to get the boy to

unlock the doors before other officers arrived. As Officer Dakota Norman arrived, he saw a woman running toward the car where Hayes was standing. When asked why she left the children alone in the hot car, Hotona Smith, 25, of Wanette, replied the 4-year-old was "being a pain." Det. Sgt. Scott Stephens, the department's public information officer, said Smith told Hayes she'd gone into the store to check on an order. She said she was gone for just a short time, although store video revealed she was inside the air-conditioned store for at least 10 minutes. Smith called her husband who had his father pick up the

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## Surviving summer

Beat the heat with common sense, hydration & shade

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July and August are the dog days of summer for a reason – heat and humidity. While central Oklahoma is spared the humidity coastal states must contend with, the area makes up for it with unbearable, fry-an-egg-on-the-sidewalk, moisture-sucking heat.

And if you don't watch what you're doing outside on those days, you could find yourself paying the price and suffering from one of the heat-related trifecta – cramps, exhaustion or stroke. Jackie Wadley of Wadley EMS said Friday the ambulance hasn't run on any heat-related calls – yet.

"We've been lucky," Wadley said, adding Oklahoma City emergency responders have run on 50 to 75. McClain County typically has a few cases each year. McClain-Grady EMS ran on a possible heatstroke

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**Tournament champion**  
**Purcell's** Jude Leggett (left) recently received the CO2 Dragster Tournament Champion trophy from Alan Kirby of PITSCO at the 2019 National TSA conference in Washington D.C. Also pictured is Purcell TSA Advisor Paul Wollenberg.



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**Taking a stand**  
The home stands at Conger Field have begun to take shape this past week as construction continues in preparation of the September 6 home opener with the Lindsay Leopards.

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### Christmas in July

McClain County Operation Christmas kicked off its Christmas in July campaign by accepting a monetary donation from Purcell Municipal Hospital. Peggy Christian, center left, receives a check from Kem Scully, PMH chief executive officer. From left are hospital employees Matt Housley, Misty Zebert, Kimberly Yeary, Mary Morris, Beth Herron, Brittany Scully, Renee' Barber and Taylor Martin.

## Purcell Elementary, Intermediate Schools enrollment confirmation

All students in grades pre-kindergarten through fifth grade planning to attend Purcell Schools this fall should confirm enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year. Enrollment will be held at Purcell Elementary and Purcell Intermediate on Monday, August 5, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Tuesday, August 6, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Returning students and those pre-enrolled last spring need only provide a current proof of residence and up-to-date student information. Students new to the school

district must bring a birth certificate and a current immunization record in addition to a current proof of residence in the Purcell School District. A current utility bill with parent or guardians name and physical address is the most efficient way to establish residence. Lease agreements or housing contracts are also acceptable. General mail will not be accepted as proof of residence. Children who will be four years of age prior to Sept. 1, 2019 are eligible for enrollment in the pre-k program. Pre-K

is currently filled and new enrollees are being placed on a waiting list. Students who will be five before September 1 are eligible for enrollment in kindergarten. Open house at Purcell Elementary School will be held on Monday, August 12, from 5:30-7 p.m. Intermediate School open house will be from 6-7:30 p.m. Classes will begin Wednesday, August 14, at 8 a.m. Please call the school office at 527-2146 with any questions regarding enrollment.

## Purcell Elementary supply list

**Kindergarten**  
1 school box, small size only, approx. 8"x5"x2-1/2"  
3 boxes crayons, 24 count  
1 box 8 washable markers (classic colors, broadline)  
2 sets of watercolors (8 count, classic colors) (Prang brand preferred)

2 large Elmer's glue sticks  
2 large pkg. Clorox Wipes  
1 box tissues  
**First Grade**  
1 school box, small size only (approx. 8"x5"x2-1/2")  
2 pkgs. (12 count) #2 pencils (yellow, wood only)  
2 boxes crayons (24 count)

2 boxes 8 washable markers (classic colors, broadline)  
1 set of watercolors (8 count, classic colors, Prang brand preferred)  
2 large Elmer's glue sticks  
1 large pink school eraser (Gum preferred)  
1 large pkg. Clorox or Lysol disinfectant wipes  
1 box tissues

**Second Grade**  
1 school box, small size only (approx 8"x5"x2-1/2")  
2 boxes crayons (24 count)  
1 box thin washable markers (classic colors)  
1 box 8 washable markers (classic colors, broadline)  
1 large Elmer's glue stick  
1 large pkg. Clorox or Lysol disinfectant wipes  
1 set watercolors (8 count, Prang brand preferred)  
1 box tissues  
2 pkgs. 12 colored pencils (tall, not short)  
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Sunny	Mstly Sunny	HOT	HOT	Sunny	Prtly Cloudy	Sunny

## The Heat Is On

### Hot Oklahoma summer is upon us

This upcoming week is going to be the hottest we have seen so far this year. High temperatures in the 90's all week with heat indexes over 100 degrees. There will be a consistent light southerly wind to ease some of the heat but don't forget those hats and water bottles. This pattern is going to continue through next week as well.

- **Conner Bruce**

## Purcell Intermediate supply list

**Third Grade**  
2 boxes Crayola crayons, 24 count  
1 small plastic school box  
18 #2 yellow pencils (Ticonderoga preferred)  
3 plastic sturdy folders (Red, green, blue, no brads)  
1 pair 5" Fiskar scissors (pointed)  
2 composition books (basic black, no design please)  
4 black Expo markers  
1 yellow highlighter  
1 box (8 or 10 count) Crayola markers (classic colors only)  
4 glue sticks  
1 large box tissues  
1 large pkg. Clorox or Lysol Wipes  
Optional - Large bottle of hand sanitizer


**Fourth Grade**  
1 box Crayola Crayons (24 count)  
24 No. 2 yellow pencils (Dixon, USA Gold or Ticonderoga preferred)  
2 pink Bevel Erasers  
2 plastic sturdy pocket folder with brads (1 red and 1 green)  
1 pencil box  
2 wide ruled black marble composition book, 100 count  
1 Expo black chisel tip dry erase markers  
1 box 7" pre-sharpened colored pencils, 12 count  
2 wide ruled 8x10.5 filler paper, 100 count  
1 Elmer's liquid glue  
2 boxes of tissues  
Optional - Antibacterial wipes

**Fifth Grade**  
1 box 7" presharpened colored pencils, 12 count  
1 box Crayola Crayons, 48 count  
3 vinyl pocket folders, no brads (Red, green, blue)  
2 wide ruled notebook filler paper, 100 count  
Assorted color highlighters (Pink, blue, orange, yellow)  
2 Expo black chisel tip dry erase markers  
24 No. 2 pencils  
1 pair Sharp 5" scissors  
4 glue sticks  
1 bottle Elmer's school glue  
2 black composition books  
1 spiral notebook (wide ruled)  
Optional - Tissues

## Going down across Oklahoma

July's distribution of sales tax collections by the Oklahoma Tax Commission represent sales from May 16-31 and estimated sales from June 1-15. Municipalities received \$158,864,212 in sales tax collections, a decrease of \$768,194 from the \$159,632,406 distributed in 2018. The use tax disbursement to cities and towns was \$20,149,421. Counties shared \$28,521,962 in sales taxes and \$3,961,072 in use taxes.

## JULY SALES/USE TAX REPORT



CITY	RATE	2019	2018	DIFFERENCE
Blanchard	.04	\$345,362.88	\$303,970.54	+\$41,392.34
Byars	.04	\$2,528.31	\$18,841.84	-\$16,313.53
Cole	.04	\$5642.86	\$7,715.75	-\$2,072.89
Dibble	.05	\$24,285.10	\$20,915.77	+\$3,369.33
Goldsby	.035	\$140,230.71	\$145,279.01	-\$5,048.30
Lexington	.04	\$36,333.56	\$38,727.24	-\$2,393.68
Lindsay	.04	\$242,322.90	\$303,307.80	-60,984.90\$
Maysville	.04	\$22,295.61	\$28,247.05	-\$5,951.44
Newcastle	.04	\$658,408.82	\$539,562.26	+\$118,846.56
Noble	.04	\$154,470.23	\$134,372.17	+\$20,098.06
Norman	.04	\$6,771,573.29	\$6,710,707.23	+\$60,866.06
Paoli	.03	\$3,733.49	\$2,821.47	+\$912.02
Pauls Valley	.045	\$605,454.85	\$566,549.84	+\$38,905.01
Purcell	.05	\$531,204.85	\$538,090.40	-\$6,885.55
Slaughterville	.02	\$17,457.10	\$17,174.43	+\$282.67
Wanette	.035	\$2,694.76	\$3,594.13	-\$899.37
Washington	.04	\$16,416.23	\$14,791.52	+\$1,624.71
Wayne	.035	\$20,897.63	\$25,759.73	-\$4,862.10
McClain County	.005	\$292,379.55	\$282,140.52	+\$10,239.03

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# NEWS In Brief

## Purcell Band

### Boosters Meeting

The Purcell High School Band Boosters will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 18, in the PHS band room.

Meeting organizers will be reviewing fund-raisers.

## Our Lady of Victory VBS

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Purcell will hold Vacation Bible School Tuesday and Wednesday, July 23 and 24, from 6-7:30 p.m. each evening.

All kids ages four to 10 are invited to attend.

The theme for VBS will be The Ten Commandments.

To register pick up a form in the church or call the church office at 527-3077.

## Back 2

### School Bash

The Heart of Oklahoma Back 2 School Bash will be held Saturday, August 3, from 5-8 p.m.

The event will be located at Main Street and 2nd Ave., across from the caboose between McClain Bank and the McClain County Courthouse in downtown Purcell.

There will be free school supplies, free food, games, outdoor laser tag, climbing

wall, music, prizes and lots more.

Everyone is welcome and everything is free.

## Farmers Market

### at Purcell Lake

Harvest from the Heart Farmers Market will be held from 4-8 p.m. each Friday at Chandler Park at the Purcell City Lake.

Vendors are welcome.

For more information call Dale Bunn, City Manager, at 527-6561.

## Required

### Immunization

All incoming seventh grade students at Purcell Junior High are required to get a TDAP shot before they will be allowed to enroll. This is a state requirement and must be received before the start of the 2019-2020 school year.

The McClain County Health Department will be open for those students needing to get their TDAP shot by calling 527-6541.

For more information, call Purcell Junior High at 527-6591 extension 3304.

## Grief Support

### Group

A grief support group, run by a licensed therapist, will be held the second Tuesday of every month from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Call (405) 519-4398 to register or with any questions. Space is limited.

## Hospice

### Volunteers

Loving Care Hospice is looking for volunteers.

Interested individuals can call Connie McDivitt, volunteer coordinator, at 527-3756.

## 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.

## Breaking Free

Door of Hope is presenting a new series "Breaking Free" each Thursday.

Food and fellowship begins at 6 p.m. with the meeting beginning 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.

## 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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## Replacement

Purcell Electric crews replace a power pole on 7th Street Thursday. Power was out for nearly two hours while the switch was made to replace the leaning pole.

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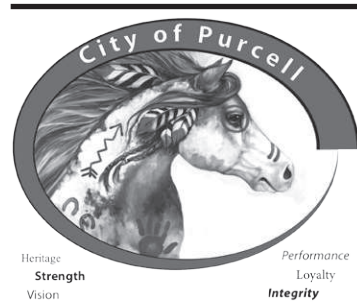
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# NEWS from the City of Purcell

## Cleveland Co. OHCE celebrates success

**Brenda Hill**  
Extension Educator

Seventeen Cleveland County members attended the 84th Oklahoma Home and Community Education annual meeting during which special awards were presented to recognize individual members and groups for their hard work and community service over the past year.

The winning awards from Cleveland County include Phyllis Tunender, OHCE Member of the Year, 1st in Membership Report, 2nd

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## Responsibility of Home Owner to Maintain Property

It is the responsibility of the home owner and or tenant to maintain their property or be subject to a \$260 fine. Violations are as follows:

1. Tall grass or weeds, junk, trash, debris, inoperable vehicles, and discharging grass clippings into the street.
2. You are responsible for maintaining your property from the edge of the road or curb to the center of the alley. The City will trim the large trees in the alley.
3. Bulk waste pick up is the last Monday of every month. Please do not set bulk waste out until that weekend before the last Monday. (No loose items, no items to exceed 75 pounds, no antifreeze, paint, or batteries, no hazardous materials. No refrigerant compressors. Limbs must be in three-foot bundles).
4. Brush set out to the curb will be picked up with a charge determined by the size. Brush pick up is free in May and October. You may also call and arrange for brush pick up.
5. It takes all of us working together to keep Purcell a home to be proud of.

If you have any questions please call Code Enforcement at 527-4656.

# Voter registration

## First deadline set for special election announced

August 16 will be the last day to apply for voter registration in order to be eligible to vote in a special school election for Blanchard.

McClain County Election Board Secretary Karen Haley said persons who are United States citizens, residents of Oklahoma and at least 18 years old may apply to become registered voters.

Those who aren't registered or need to change their registration may apply by filling out and mailing an Oklahoma Voter Registration Application form in time for it to be postmarked no later than midnight August 16.

Haley said applications postmarked after that time will be accepted and processed after September 10.

The county election board responds in writing to every person who submits an application for voter registration. The response is either a voter identification card listing the new voter's precinct number and polling place location or a letter that explains the reason or reasons the application for voter registration was not approved.

Haley said any person who submits a voter registration application and doesn't receive a response within 30 days should contact the

county election board office. Oklahoma voter registration

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# Our Views

## Epic disparity

It's sad that public education in Oklahoma is not on a level playing field.

The unfortunate trend of charter schools' growth has only added to the crisis facing our next generation of publicly educated Oklahomans.

A glaring example of the imbalance to public education generated from charters is Epic One School.

Some may have seen or heard the media campaign initiated by Epic.

A burning question we have is how do they have the money for such a recruitment campaign?

None of the public schools in the area have funds for such an undertaking.

How many thousands of taxpayer dollars have been used to beef up their enrollment figures, which again takes away from other students in the traditional school setting?

There are reports from State Sen. Ron Sharp he has been stonewalled from receiving public records concerning Epic's finances.

And now, the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation is investigating the charter school.

There are also four pending legal notices from former Epic teachers who intend to sue the charter over enrollment practices.

Something about all of it doesn't pass the smell test and it's not helping public or private education in the state.

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## Purcell Senior Citizens

By Fredda Perry

I heard one of the weathermen say the dog days of summer have arrived. Once again I remind everyone the very high temperatures the weathermen are predicting will bring chances of overheating in the very hot afternoons. This means everyone needs to be careful about staying out in the heat too long. It does not take much to get a heat stroke. Be sure to stay hydrated.

Our number has fallen off a little, probably because of heat. However, we are still averaging between 45 and 55 meals a day. We have had a full house the last few Thursdays, which we love. Lots of Skipbo and dominos were being enjoyed. Some of the guys are getting out their pool sticks and challenging each other.

We want the people to feel free to stay and play after lunch is served. The center is open until 3 p.m. every day except Friday at which time we set up for the Friday night dance.

We love having guests for lunch. If you are planning to eat with the seniors, it is imperative to call and make a reservation by 8 a.m. that day or the afternoon before.

If you do not have a reservation you will have to wait until all the people who have a reservation are fed. Call Evelyn or John at 527-9462 to make a reservation. If there is no answer call 527-5070. This is an alternate number so please use the 527-9462 number first.

The senior garage sale for this week will be Thursday, July 25, and Friday, July 26. It will start at 8 a.m. and last until 3 p.m. There are always new items which have been brought in for the sale. We have lots of double knit material, a nice baby bed, large and small coffee tables, two bicycles, lots of shorts and nice swimsuits.

Lately there have been some items left on the carport at the senior building. We ask if you need to leave something over the weekend, you call 990-1840 and let someone meet you before you just dump it.

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 July 22-26:

Monday—Cheeseburger, potato chips, macaroni salad, frosted brownie.

Tuesday—Chicken and dumplings, green peas, carrots, cherry gelatin with topping.

Wednesday—Goulash, green beans, peaches, sugar cookies.

Thursday—Ham and white beans with sliced onions, hash browns, spinach, cornbread, margarine, reversing cobbler.

Friday—Meatloaf with topping, mashed potatoes with gravy, broccoli, sliced bread or hot rolls, margarine, pudding swirl.

Thought for the Week: Your future self will thank you for every positive choice you make today!

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## Dave:

"Crawl" managed to carve out its own niche in this horror filled summer.

And surprisingly, out of all the scary movies released over the past few weeks, it's the one I recommend checking out the most.

"Crawl" is rated R.

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Next up is "Stuber."

When a mild-mannered Uber driver named Stu (Kumail Nanjiani) picks up a passenger (Dave Bautista) who turns out to be a cop hot on the trail of a brutal killer, he's thrust into a harrowing ordeal where he desperately tries to hold onto his wits, his life, and his five-star rating.

It seems the time for Dave Bautista, comedic actor, has come.

Following in the footsteps of Dwane Johnson and John Cena, Bautista is the latest in a series of WWE performers who have turned their attention towards acting in feature films.

And through his role of Drax in the "Guardians of the Galaxy" films, Dave's made quite a name for himself.

To his credit, he makes a great straight man, an essential part of any comedy group, so it makes sense that he'd get hired for other comedic roles.

In fact if it wasn't for STX rescheduling their film slate he would have starred in two comedies in back to back months, with this film releasing in July and STX's Bautista lead featured dubbed "My Spy" originally set to come to theaters in August.

Sadly, "My Spy" was delayed until early 2020 to avoid confusion from two Bautista comedies releasing on top of each other.

Regardless, it's clear Bautista's chance to shine outside the Marvel Cinematic Universe has come. But the question remains, does he actually have the chops to lead a movie, or is he more suited to just playing supporting roles?

Well, I hate to say it, but if this film is any indication, I'd rather see him stay more on the sidelines.

I really didn't like Bautista's character here.

In the movie he plays this inconsiderate cop who essentially kidnaps his Uber driver, forcing him to drive across the greater Los Angeles area. Basically he's a brute who only thinks of himself.

It's a role some actors may be able to pull off, but Bautista just doesn't have the charisma for it. He isn't a likeable jerk with a heart of gold, he's just a jerk.

But regardless of how much I disliked Bautista in this movie, I think I may have liked the writing for Kumail Nanjiani's character even less.

Nanjiani plays a man without a backbone. That pretty much sums it up. Just think of all the stereotypes you'd

attribute to a weak, pathetic man, and you've more or less contrived every element of Stu's character.

Stu is friends in love with this person, but keeping with our theme of "pathetic man," he's too scared to tell her how he feels.

She's also been known to use Stu for sex while she's on the rebound, further playing with his feelings.

The whole thing makes for an incredibly frustrating sub-plot, and I hated every painful second of screen time it absorbed.

The worst part of all though, despite this being dubbed a buddy comedy, Bautista and Nanjiani didn't have the least bit of chemistry together.

Sure, Nanjiani bounced off some of the other actors fine. There's even a few rare genuinely funny moments spread around here and there thanks to Nanjiani's timing and delivery, but it was never due to Bautista's character.

It's sad. I like both actors, and Bautista is certainly one of the highlights in the "Guardians of the Galaxy" movies, but the two of them just make for a terrible comedic duo.

And if the lackluster comedy wasn't enough of a reason to stay from this film, the final nail in the coffin for this unremarkable action/comedy is the action itself.

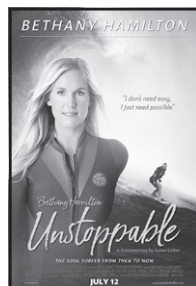
This movie is shot in the same style as many shoddy action flicks. If anything remotely exciting starts happening on the screen, the cameraman just shakes the camera around like they're having a seizure, and calls it a day.

I swear I almost felt seasick after watching the action in this movie. Shaking the camera around is a lazy way a scene seem more intense, without actually putting any effort into the choreography. Plus it hides any mistakes that happened while filming because the audience can't see what's happening anyway.

All in all, there might be a couple moments of good comedy here, but they're all buried under a mountain of annoying writing, terrible action scenes, not to mention a comedy duo with zero chemistry whatsoever.

"Stuber" is rated R.

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Last this week is "Bethany Hamilton: Unstoppable."

Bethany Hamilton is rewriting the rules on being a fearless athlete. This is the untold story of the heart of a champion and her resilience against all odds to become one of the leading professional surfers of our time.

Did you know that a docu-

mentary starring world renowned shark attack survivor and professional surfer Bethany Hamilton was being released last week? Because I know I certainly didn't. At least not until last Tuesday night when I looked up the new movies at the Moore Warren theater.

Frankly I didn't even know who she was until I started reading up on her. I vaguely remembered hearing about a 2011 movie called "Soul Surfer" about Bethany's experience, but beyond that I knew very little about her as a person.

For those who don't know, growing up Bethany was an aspiring surfer, born and raised in Hawaii.

But her life was forever changed in 2003 when a 14-foot-long tiger shark attacked her, severing her left arm just below the shoulder. Of course this tragedy made the news, but what really shot Bethany into stardom was her unshakable determination to go out onto the waters and surf again, despite the loss of a limb.

And surf again she did. She even went on to compete in the finals of a national competition less than a year after the shark attack, and she still actively surfs to this day.

It really is an inspiring story. One that made the rounds on just about every talk show imaginable back in the mid 2000s, and of course the previously mentioned feature film.

Which kind of led me to wonder why, over 15 years since her attack, are we just now getting a documentary about Bethany Hamilton?

Well it all started in 2014, thanks in large part to the power of crowdfunding. That's right, we've got ourselves another Kickstarter movie on our hands.

Like many Kickstarters, this film's release date was ridiculously delayed. From fall 2015 all the way until just last week.

So in the context of that timeframe, this documentary makes a bit more sense. Back in 2015 Bethany was just coming off of starring in a feature film, playing herself in "Dolphin Tale 2," and competing in CBS's "The Amazing Race."

But now, in 2019, I simply don't think this film has an audience anymore. The fact that I saw this movie alone, in

a completely empty theater on a Saturday night, really hammered that point home to me.

Bethany's tale has been well told over the past 15 years, and nothing in this film really adds anything compelling to that story.

Unless you're a dedicated Bethany Hamilton fan, there's nothing new of note here. At least not enough to fill a 98 minute runtime.

Though to the movie's credit, I thought the first 30 or so minutes were fine. I didn't know much about Bethany going into this, so seeing her story for the first time on the big screen was interesting.

But after Bethany's recovery and return to surfing, the movie just kind of meanders around for an hour.

Instead of becoming a professional surfer, she really goes on to become a minor celebrity. The screen time dedicated to that portion of her life felt more self-indulgent than anything. Like a former child actor reminiscing about how loved they were back before they grew into an old self-loathing curmudgeon.

And the rest of the movie after that isn't much better. The whole thing feels like a big ego trip, created just to show how great Bethany still is, even though her life just isn't nearly that interesting these days.

Sure, she's gotten married, had a kid, and even still competes professionally here and there. But information like that should fill up an epilogue, not two thirds of a movie's runtime.

Don't get me wrong. I think it's wonderful that she's led such a happy fulfilling life after surviving such a tragedy, but at the end of the day they're making a movie here.

Like all films, documentaries need a compelling narrative with solid story structure, and after the first 30 minutes, this movie just doesn't have that.

If you are interested in learning more about Bethany Hamilton, I do highly recommend looking her up. She is a very inspiring person.

I can't recommend this documentary though. Not unless you're one of the few fans obsessed with every boring aspect of Bethany Hamilton's life.

"Bethany Hamilton: Unstoppable" is rated PG.

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## Voter:

application forms are available at the McClain County Election Board office located at 121 N 2nd Ave., in Purcell, as well as most

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# Society



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## Pauls Valley Opry

David Paul Nowlin will be one of the guests at the next Pauls Valley Opry on Saturday, August 3. The show begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Pauls Valley High School auditorium.

## Benefit picnic

### Lindsay man has lymphoma

A benefit picnic for a Lindsay man recently diagnosed with lymphoma will be July 27 at Shady Grove Park in Lindsay.

Kyle Scruggs, 32, is receiving chemotherapy. He has two children and a third is on the way.

The picnic will run from 6 to 9 p.m.

Providing live music from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. will be the band Whiskey Tom.

Tickets are selling for a rifle which will be given away at 7:30 p.m.

There will also be a silent auction that will open at 6 p.m. and close at 8:30 p.m.

The splash pad in the park will be open until 9 p.m.

There will be sno-cones, as well as hamburger and hot dog baskets.

Organizers are requesting a minimum donation of \$8 for the food baskets

## Wrap up summer at the library with a celebration

The Purcell Public Library wraps up a summer of learning and reading with its "Mission Report: Summer Learning Challenge" at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 23.

Participants will engage in activities, crafts and a visit from the PLS Maker Mobile, as well as have a chance to

claim their Summer Learning prize.

Activities are geared to ages 11 and under and their families. No advance registration is required to attend.

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

## End of mission

### Library plans fun-filled event for kids

Purcell Public Library will wrap up a summer of learning and fun Tuesday morning.

Mission Report: Summer Learning Challenge is scheduled for 10:30 a.m., with activities geared toward youngsters age 11 and younger.

In addition to those activities, there will be crafts, a visit

from the Pioneer Library System Maker Mobile and, most important, chances to claim Summer Learning prizes.

The event is free and advance registration isn't required.

For more information, call 527-5546 or go online to [www.pioneerlibrarysystem.org/purcell](http://www.pioneerlibrarysystem.org/purcell).

## Pikes Peak School Museum ice cream social

Delicious homemade ice cream will be served at the Annual Pikes Peak School Social. This is a special event you will not want to miss.

Kent Turner with PASS representatives will be planning and overseeing fun activities on the large play area behind the rural school museum in Erin Springs across from the Murray Lindsay Mansion.

Plan now to bring your whole family at 5 p.m. Saturday, July 27, for fun and fellowship. You can enjoy air-conditioning inside the two room school chatting with friends and making new acquaintances or you can join the outside festivities. Share this information with

others and encourage them to bring their children and grandchildren to enjoy this special evening.

Pikes Peak History books will be on sale and you can speak with the author about the many interesting stories in the book.

This is the Annual Fundraiser to assist with maintenance of the yard and the building.

Your donations are always appreciated and you can mail a donation to PASS if you are unable to attend the ice cream social.

Please mail your donation to Lindsay Community Historical Society, P.O. Box 282, Lindsay, OK 73052.



## It's a Small World

Gracie Montgomery

A special happy birthday to my older son, John Denny Montgomery III.

John Denny celebrates his birthday Monday, July 22.

Another happy birthday goes out to my older brother, Richard T. Evans of Venice, Fla.

Richard celebrates his birthday Tuesday, July 23.

Happy birthdays also go out to Suzanne Woodrow-Snell, Marisol Franco, Marcela Auz, Mazy Murray-Konrade, Alejandro Compean, Dawn Howard, Samantha Arbery, Grant DiRienzo, J.E. Shea, Courtney Troyano, Amanda Ewing, Chuck Montgomery, Hannah Bayless, Traci McCrory, Kaitlyn Kim, Joe Ellis, Josh Pollard, Bodie Perigo, James Cox, Tim Wilson, Zane Isley, Alyssa Pritchett, Joe Dale Tompkins, Louis Bollenbach and Deanna Wilder.

Hope you read the story in **The Purcell Register** last week about McClain County Operation Christmas accepting donations for "Christmas in July."

Any items for McClain County Operation Christmas may be dropped off at **The Purcell Register**, 225 W. Main. Monetary donations may be sent to Darrell Ford at P.O. Box 756, Purcell, Okla., 73080.

For more information on Christmas in July, contact Peggy Christian at 990-4001.

The TSET Healthy Living Program is sponsoring the 1st Annual Play Streets on Wednesday, July 24, from 9-11 a.m. at 919 N. 9th Ave., on the south side of the Purcell Public Library.

Events will include jump rope, hula-hoops, bubbles, soccer, basketball, kickball, music and much more.

The entire family is invited to come and play in the street!

The Purcell Public Library invites its youngest guests to blast off into a summer of learning at the library's weekly Preschool and Toddler Story Times.

Story Times are scheduled for 10:30 a.m. each Thursday.

Each of the story times feature rhymes, stories, songs and more to help young children in developing their pre-reading skills.

Advance registration is requested, but is not required.

For more information, visit the library, call 527-5546 or go

online to [www.pioneerlibrarysystem.org/purcell](http://www.pioneerlibrarysystem.org/purcell).

The Purcell Public Library will offer its resources and the knowledge of an experienced genealogy researcher Wednesday, July 24, 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.

The Purcell Public Library is taking tweens ages eight to 11 on a journey in its weekly Space Camp series scheduled at 2 p.m. on Thursday, July 18.

The theme will feature Cooking Out of This World.

Space and supplies for each week's event are limited, so registration in advance is required.

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

Murder in Outer Space, a murder mystery dinner theatre, will be presented at the Purcell Public Library.

The play will be held Saturday, July 20, from 6-8 p.m.

Registration is required by call calling 527-5546.

Harvest from the Heart Farmers Market will be held from 4-8 p.m. each Friday at the Purcell Multi-Purpose Center.

For more information call Dale Bunn, City Manager, at 527-6561.

Here's a slow cooker recipe that is easy and sooo good.

### Slow Cooker Chicken and Mushroom Stroganoff

4 boneless skinless chicken breasts, cubed  
8 ounce sliced mushrooms  
8 ounce cream cheese, softened  
10-1/2 ounce can cream of chicken soup  
1 envelope (1 1/4 ounce) dry onion soup mix  
Salt and pepper to taste  
1 pound large egg noodles for serving

Place the chicken in the bottom of a lightly greased slow cooker. Add the mushrooms.

In a medium sized bowl add cream cheese, cream of chicken soup, and dry onion soup mix. Mix until incorporated and spread on top of chicken and mushrooms.

Cook on low for 4-6 hours or high for 3-4. Serve over noodles and top salt and pepper.

Note: I served mine over rice and it was equally as good.



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# Moon landing anniversary has special ties to OMRF

Saturday, July 20, will mark a half-century since Neil Armstrong became the first human to walk on the moon. In the 50 years since, space missions have had an unlikely touchpoint right here in Oklahoma—at the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation.

In 1978, Shannon Lucid, Ph.D., then working as a post-doctoral researcher at OMRF, was selected as part of the first class of female astronauts in NASA's space shuttle program. Her time at OMRF, where she'd studied how chemicals cause cancerous changes in cells, had not prepared her for the media onslaught that followed the announcement.

Local and international news outlets, including crews from Time, Life and People magazines, came to OMRF to interview Lucid. She even appeared on the CBS Evening News with Walter Cronkite.

Despite Lucid's newfound fame, she remained "very down to earth," said Don Gibson, who worked in the lab with Lucid during the six-plus years she was at OMRF. She spent several months wrapping up her scientific projects at the foundation, determined not to leave any loose ends for her colleagues.

It took seven years of training, but in 1985, Lucid became

the sixth American woman to reach space. And as a mission specialist aboard three different space shuttles, she put her scientific training to use.

She conducted a project on the growth of ice crystals and studied the effects of space on wild wheat. She observed quail embryos and, in a nod to her days at OMRF, even did a project with lab rats.

"On the Columbia, we had 48 rats to tend, and I worked with them every day," Lucid told OMRF's Findings magazine in 2016. "No one else on the mission had ever done that sort of thing, so I was a natural for that task."

While NASA's research has focused on what transpires far above the earth's surface, many of the projects on space flights also aim to change things right here on our planet. That was the case with a pair of experiments that OMRF's Allen Edmundson, Ph.D., sent into space in 2003 aboard the shuttle Columbia.

The experiments involved taking cells from cancer patients in their natural, liquid form and transforming them into solid crystals.

Once the cells had been crystallized, which happens more readily in the gravity-free atmosphere of space than under earthbound conditions, Ed-

mundson planned to bombard them with radiation to study their structure. He hoped that unmasking the cells' structure might lead to new cancer treatments.

However, after 16 days in space, the Columbia disintegrated upon re-entry to the earth's atmosphere. All seven astronauts on the shuttle died.

When Edmundson later viewed photos of shuttle debris found near Nacogdoches, Texas, he was stunned.

There, amidst the wreckage, was a small, aluminum container that had held his experiments.

"I couldn't believe that our little box could have survived a fall from 200,000 feet," he said. Still, his experiments did not.

The Columbia tragedy put a temporary halt to human space flight, but those missions eventually resumed.

This past March, Vice President Mike Pence announced that NASA was aiming for a new generation of Americans to reprise Armstrong's lunar landing by 2024.

"We still have so much to learn from space," said OMRF President Stephen Prescott, M.D. "Judging from history, I feel confident that Oklahoma scientists will continue to contribute to this process of exploration and discovery."

# Families urged to practice water safety to avoid injury, drowning

As the summer continues, Oklahoma families are spending their time in the water to keep cool. In an effort to help prevent injury and drowning, the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) encourages the public to use caution and practice water safety.

In Oklahoma, there were 296 drowning deaths reported from 2015-2018. Among adults, the most common places for drowning were natural bodies of water such as lakes, ponds, rivers, etc.

One in four drowning deaths were children aged 0-19. Of those, more than half were children one to four years of age.

Drowning is the leading cause of death for children 1-4 years of age. Unlike adults, the most common place for young children to drown was in a swimming pool.

Lorry Gail Malcom is the OSDH childhood injury prevention project coordinator. She said drownings are preventable, but there must be multiple safe guards in place.

"People shouldn't rely on one method or product to keep themselves or their children safe," said Malcom. "Multiple strategies and devices must be used simultaneously to ensure everyone's safety in and around water."

The OSDH recommends the following safety tips while being in or near the water:

- If a young child is missing, check the water first. Most children who drowned in swimming pools were not expected to be in or near the pool.

- Stay within arm's reach when a child is in or near water – even if they know how to swim. Never leave a child unsupervised in or near the water, not even for a minute. Drownings are silent and can occur in less time than it takes to answer the telephone.

- Invest in swimming lessons and learning child and infant CPR. Swim lessons for children reduce drowning risk and early CPR intervention can improve outcomes in a drowning incident. Local CPR certification classes can be found through the American Red Cross website ([redcross.org/take-a-class/cpr](http://redcross.org/take-a-class/cpr)).

- Home pools should be surrounded by pool fencing with a self-closing and self-latching gate. The fencing should be at least four feet high with no gaps more than four inches wide.

- Empty bathtubs, buckets and other containers of water immediately after use. Install toilet seat locks. It takes less than two inches of water for a drowning to occur.

- Wear life jackets approved by the U.S. Coast Guard when boating. Swim noodles and water wings are not safety devices and should not be used in place of life jackets.

- Avoid alcohol and drug use when in the water or supervising children in the water. These substances impair judgment and slow reaction times – two

Please see **Drowning**, page 8A

# Senator seeks clarification of questionable Epic Blended Charter School funding

In March, Sen. Ron Sharp, a member of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Education, requested financial information from the Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) regarding funding to one of the state's largest public brick and mortar charter schools.

The agency told the senator they were working on his Open Records request but after nearly three months of receiving no answers, the senator's request was placed on hold. In June, OSDE's legal counsel responded that there would be an \$850 fee for the labor required to provide the financial information.

Sharp is seeking information as to why the OSDE provided allocations to Epic Blended Charter School for grade levels the charter school has acknowledged publicly it did not provide accommodation or instruction for during the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years.

"The legislature should have access to any and all financial information from the state agencies we're entrusted to fund and oversee. The public expects us to be good stewards of their money and we must hold our state agencies, including the State Department of Education, accountable for their spending," said Sharp, R-Shawnee. "I'm especially disturbed by the agency's unwillingness to provide information given that I've pointed out that Epic Blended Charter School received state aid for grades they didn't provide. I want to get to the bottom of this."

Under the Oklahoma's Open Records Act, public entities may charge limited fees for the cost of searching

and copying public records.

While he believes the fee is unreasonable, Sharp is more concerned with why the agency will not address the suspicious discrepancy in Epic Blended Charter School's state funding.

Epic Blended Charter School was created in May 2017 under the Oklahoma Charter School Act and is sponsored by Rose State College. The school opened in Oklahoma and Tulsa Counties in the Fall of 2017 with two sites (an Oklahoma City church and a Tulsa office building). In 2018, an additional site was opened at another Oklahoma City church.

Sharp pointed out that Epic Blended Charter School's website shows that during the 2017-18 school year it only accommodated Pre-K through 5th grade and Pre-K through 6th grade during the 2018-19 school year. Epic's Assistant Superintendent of Communications Shelly Hickman verified in an email to Senate staff on June 24, 2019, that the school only provided those grades during those years.

The school's website relates it will open a new facility in Midwest City for grades 7th-12th during the 2019-20 school year.

Sharp is concerned because Epic turned in enrollment numbers for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years for grades Pre-K through 12th and both years, the OSDE provided a state allocation to the school for all of the grade levels.

The school reported it accommodated 7,000 students during the 2018-19 school year at its three sites.

Epic Blended Charter Middle School received \$23 million in State Aid during

its first year in operation (2017-18) and \$40 million the following school year (2018-19). As the sponsor, Rose State College received 2.75 percent of the charter school's State Aid allocation the first year and three percent thereafter according to their 2017-2022 contract.

"The school's charter with the college allows it to provide pre-K through 12th grades. I'm just confused why they turned in enrollment numbers for grades that their website and an administrator said they didn't provide," Sharp said. "Perhaps this is a clerical error or an oversight but as legislators we must be good stewards of the people's tax dollars, especially when it comes to our education system."

In FY 2017-18, Epic Blended Charter School reported 3,078 enrolled students for 6th-12th grades and 3,995 enrolled students in 7th-12th grades in FY 2018-19 according to OSDE grade level enrollment numbers.

In 2018, the OSDE provided an A-F site grade complete with enrollment numbers to Epic Blended Charter Middle Schools (Grades 5th-8th) in both Oklahoma City and Tulsa. The final OSDE A-F grade for the two Epic Blended Charter High School sites was a "No Grade" but there were a total of 91 public school sites that received the same in 2018. A "No Grade" is commonly given because a school does not meet the required percentage of students taking end of instruction exams.

Both the Epic Blended Charter Middle School and High School sites were listed as having a 98 percent attendance

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# Trash hikes on the horizon

## Wayne announces new rates

New trash rates go into effect September 15 in the Town of Wayne.

Town clerk Jamie Cody said residents will pay \$13 per month for a polycart. Each additional polycart is \$10 per

month.

The monthly rate for a commercial polycart will be \$14.

The town offers 2-, 3- and 4-yard dumpsters to both residential and commercial customers.

Residential fees will be \$48 for a 2-yard dumpster, \$50 for a 3-yard dumpster and \$60 for a 4-yard dumpster.

New commercial dumpster charges are \$51, 2-yard; \$57, 3-yard, and \$62, 4-yard.

# OSDH warns about high temperatures for children's safety

As temperatures climb, so does the risk for heat-related illness due to hyperthermia (overheating). The Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) reminds parents that children's bodies overheat easily, and infants and children under age four are among those at greatest risk for heat-related illnesses.

Heat stroke is one of the leading causes of non-crash, vehicle-related death for children. In the United States, a child dies from heat stroke in a vehicle every nine days.

Parents and caregivers of young children should especially keep in mind that vehicles heat up quickly and can be extremely dangerous for children.

OSDH offers the following safety tips to keep Oklahoma children safe in cars during extreme heat:

Never leave a child unattended in a vehicle, not even for a minute, even if the windows are open.

The temperature inside a vehicle can rise to more than 140 degrees when the outside temperature is 101 degrees. A child's body temperature can increase three to five times faster than an adult's body temperature.

Even in cool temperatures,

cars can heat up to dangerous temperatures very quickly. Interior temperatures can rise almost 20 degrees within the first 10 minutes, even with the windows cracked.

It's not about being a good parent. Anyone can forget a child in the back seat. New parents can be especially vulnerable to sleep deprivation as they adjust to life with an infant; lack of sleep can impact memory and judgment.

Changes in routine can also contribute to unintentionally leaving a child in a car. More than 50 percent of cases of children dying in hot cars occurred when a distracted caregiver forgot a child was in the back seat. To prevent this, use these safety strategies:

- Look before you lock. Always check the back seat before walking away from the vehicle.

- One shoe off. When buckling a child into their safety seat, put an item that can't be left in the car, like one of your shoes, in the back seat.

- Stepping out of the vehicle with a bare foot onto hot pavement is a good reminder to go to the back seat to retrieve the shoe, and the child. Other personal items such as a purse, wallet, or cell phone are also good reminder items.

- Check with your child care provider. Make sure your child care provider has a system in place to prevent leaving children alone in their van or bus.

- Kids before cargo. Take children out of the vehicle before unloading other items such as groceries.

- Set up supports. Use a cell phone's alert system to set a reminder to take the child out of the vehicle. Enlist the help of a partner or friend to give you a reminder call to make sure the child isn't left in the car. Ask the child care provider to call you if your child isn't dropped off at the usual time.

Keep vehicle doors and trunks closed and locked. Up to one-third of heat-related deaths among children occurred when a child was playing in an unlocked vehicle and became trapped inside.

- Keep vehicle keys out of reach and out of sight. Teach children not to play in or around vehicles.

- Teach children that vehicle trunks are not safe places to hide. Show children how to use the emergency trunk release if they become trapped inside.

If a child is seen alone in a locked, parked car, it is permitted by law to forcibly enter the vehicle to rescue the child. Call 911 immediately for emergency assistance.

Once the child is out of the vehicle, stay with the child in a safe place near the vehicle until emergency responders arrive.

To receive more information on summer car safety, contact the OSDH Injury Prevention Service at (405) 271-3430.

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## Drowning:

critical tools in emergencies.

For more information on preventing drownings and other childhood injuries, parents and caregivers can visit our website, <http://ips.health.ok.gov>, the Safe Kids Worldwide website, [www.safekids.org](http://www.safekids.org), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Child Safety and Injury Prevention site, [www.cdc.gov/safekids](http://www.cdc.gov/safekids).



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## Paving the way

Detours and orange barrels are only a temporary inconvenience as work nears completion on the new bridge linking Purcell and Lexington.

# Undocumented Oklahomans without a criminal record increasingly face deportation

Trevor Brown  
Oklahoma Watch

Nebert Adala had a tough decision to make in 2014 when he found out his work visa would not be renewed.

Adala, a Kenyan immigrant, had arrived in the country about five years earlier and just begun to settle down in Tulsa. He studied radiological technology at Tulsa Tech and Hillcrest Medical Center, getting married and finding a job in assisted-living care.

Adala, now 41, knew he could voluntarily return to his home country, where he hadn't lived in years. Or he could stay in the United States and hope his clean criminal record would allow him to avoid government attention while he tried to pursue citizenship.

That hope withered when Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents greeted him as he arrived at work one morning in late 2016.

After a short jail stay and a fruitless, expensive legal challenge, Adala was detained again last year and put on a plane bound for Kenya, where he remains today.

"He wasn't doing drugs. He wasn't hurting anyone," said Adala's sister, 39, a Tulsa resident and fellow Kenyan immigrant who spoke to Oklahoma Watch on the condition of anonymity because she is afraid what could happen if she falls out of compliance with the

law. "He wasn't a criminal. His only crime was just wanting to stay and work here."

Adala's story is becoming increasingly common.

Of the 9,201 ICE arrests in Oklahoma between October 2014 and May 2018 – a period reviewed by Syracuse University's Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse – 20 percent of those arrested had no criminal record and 36 percent had only a misdemeanor conviction.

Under President Donald Trump, these arrests are becoming

more frequent. Allegro, executive director of the New Sanctuary Network, a pro-immigrant group based in Tulsa. "But what we are seeing is that just a lot of everyday people are getting swept up in this."

### Enforcement Within

The crisis at the border, where a surge of migrants has overwhelmed Border Patrol agents and the administration's treatment of unaccompanied minors and others has ignited protests, has dominated the immigration debate in recent months.

Less conspicuous is ICE's continued large presence in the interior of the country.

The agency's latest enforcement report shows it arrested 105,140 immigration violators in fiscal year 2018, which ended Sept. 30, 2018. That's up 10 percent over the previous year and 44 percent over fiscal 2016.

The report indicates ICE is also more frequently targeting those without a criminal conviction. In 2018, only 34 percent of those arrested had no criminal record, up from 14 percent in 2016.

The data is more striking for at-large arrests, which occur in the community, including the home and workplace. Custodial arrests, by contrast, occur when local or state authorities turn over undocumented immigrants to ICE.

Of the 40,536 at-large community arrests in fiscal 2018, 43 percent didn't have a criminal record, up from 18 percent in 2016.

The trend is also evident in Oklahoma, according to an analysis of records obtained by Syracuse University's clearinghouse.

From October 2014 to the end of Obama's term in January

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ing more frequent. A recent analysis from NBC News found ICE arrests of undocumented workers without criminal records jumped from 19,128 to 58,010, or by 203 percent, during the first 14 months of Trump's presidency over the previous 14 months of the Obama administration.

As ICE began carrying out raids across the country Sunday with a goal of rounding up thousands of undocumented families, local activists say the shift away from mainly targeting those with serious criminal records is increasing fear and concern throughout the immigrant community.

"I think there is this narrative that they are only going after these hardened criminals – gang members, child molesters and murders," said Linda

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# OHCA changes member outreach related to undeliverable mail

A rule being implemented by the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) reminds SoonerCare (Oklahoma Medicaid) members to keep their home addresses up-to-date with the agency.

Members who fail to do so risk losing their SoonerCare eligibility after outreach efforts are made by the agency to locate a current address.

The agency's board approved the rule at their May 21 board meeting and it was signed by Governor Kevin Stitt on June 28. The rule will bring the agency into compliance with guidance from its federal partner, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

At their May meeting, board members directed OHCA staff

to provide them with an operational process detailing steps the agency will take to contact members who need to update their addresses. That process was presented at the June 25 board meeting.

Aside from the agency's outreach efforts through social media and provider education, notice will also be posted to the member's online SoonerCare account. Beginning this month the agency will begin an out-bound calling campaign after hours and on weekends to speak to members and update their address.

The agency is also educating providers, advocates, other state agencies and partners about the importance of an updated address and asking them to encourage members

to update their address with SoonerCare.

Residing in Oklahoma is one of the eligibility criteria to qualify for SoonerCare. Returned mail indicates a potential change in circumstance with respect to residency.

Therefore, if a member's whereabouts are unknown and OHCA has made reasonable attempts to verify the member's current address, OHCA will send a 30 day notice of discontinued eligibility to impacted members by mail and by email, if the agency has an email address on file.

If you are a SoonerCare member and have questions about these changes, please contact the SoonerCare Helpline at 800-987-7767 or visit [www.mysoonerCare.org](http://www.mysoonerCare.org).



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## Scholarship recipient

Quincy McGee, right, of Purcell was the recipient of the DCT CLASS Graduate Endowment Scholarship during East Central University's 2019 Professional Programs in Human Services Awards and Recognition Event this past spring. Pictured with McGee is Dr. Paige Williams, professor in the Department of Professional Programs in Human Services.

# Health officials urge caution to prevent heat-related illnesses

Summer is here and temperatures are rising. Each year, more than 600 people die from heat-related illness in the United States.

In Oklahoma, there were 145 deaths associated with exposure to excessive heat from 2010 to 2017. Approximately 70 percent of those deaths occurred in males.

The Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) reminds residents that heat-related illness can range from heat rash, heat cramps, and heat exhaustion to hyperthermia (overheating) and heat stroke.

Heat stroke occurs when the body is unable to cool itself sufficiently, and it often results in severe organ damage or even death.

Heat-related deaths and illnesses are preventable. It is important to recognize the signs of heat exhaustion and heat stroke and act quickly.

- Heat Exhaustion**
- Heavy sweating
  - Weakness
  - Cold, pale, clammy skin
  - Fast, weak pulse
  - Nausea or vomiting
  - Fainting
  - Muscle cramps
  - Headache
  - Feeling dizzy
- Heat Stroke**
- Body temperature of 103 degrees or higher

- Hot, red, dry or moist skin
- Rapid and strong pulse
- Headache
- Nausea
- Feeling confused
- Feeling dizzy
- Unconsciousness

A heat stroke is a medical emergency. If any signs are observed, call 911 immediately and move the person to a cooler environment. Reduce the person's body temperature with cool cloths or a bath.

The OSDH offers the following safety tips for preventing a heat-related illness:

**Stay indoors.** Stay in an air-conditioned place. If a home is not air-conditioned, visit a mall or public library, or contact a local health department for the location of a heat-relief shelter in the area.

**Stay hydrated.** Increase fluid intake to two to four glasses (16-32 ounces) of cool fluids every hour. Anyone taking water pills or is on restricted fluids should consult a physician first.

Avoid liquids which contain alcohol or large amounts of sugar; they contribute to the loss of more body fluid. Very cold drinks can cause stomach cramps and should be avoided as well.

**Dress appropriately.** Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing as well as sunscreen with SPF 15 or

higher and broad spectrum or UVA/UVB protection.

Schedule outdoor activities carefully. Try to limit outdoor activity to morning and evening hours. When outside, rest often in shady areas to allow the body a chance to recover.

**Pace yourself.** Cut down on exercise during the heat. Someone who is not accustomed to working or exercising in a hot environment should start slowly and increase pace gradually.

If exertion in the heat makes your heart pound and leaves you gasping for breath, stop all activity. Get into a cool area or into the shade, and rest, especially when becoming lightheaded, confused, weak or faint.

Closely monitor those who are more vulnerable. Infants, children, people older than 65 years of age, those with mental illness, outdoor workers, athletes, and those with physical illnesses such as heart disease or high blood pressure should be closely observed.

Never leave pets or people in a vehicle. Never leave anyone, especially children, the elderly or pets in a parked vehicle, even if the windows are cracked.

For more information on summer heat safety, contact the OSDH Injury Prevention Service at (405) 271-3430 or visit <http://ips.health.ok.gov>.



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## Heating up

By 1 p.m. Tuesday the temperature in Purcell was in full July mode.

# For first time, 'Read or Fail' law is fully funded. Will it reduce retention?

Jennifer Palmer  
Oklahoma Watch

One of the state's most contentious education initiatives, the Reading Sufficiency Act, is fully funded for the first time, with \$12 million dedicated to fund supports for struggling readers in the 2019-20 school year.

The reading law has for six years contained a high-stakes component for third graders: They face being held back if they can't demonstrate reading proficiency.

Oklahoma Watch in December revealed that it's not just third graders being retained, but students as young as kindergarten are repeating a grade more frequently in Oklahoma than in every other state except Mississippi.

One of the major reasons is give students more time to learn to read before the reading act's high-stakes test in third grade, school administrators and parents say.

The increase of \$5.5 million allocated to the Reading Sufficiency Act in the fiscal 2020 education budget is being heralded as a win by both state Superintendent of Public Instruction Joy Hofmeister and Gov. Kevin Stitt.

What does the funding mean for Oklahoma students? Here are some answers.

**How much funding will schools receive this year and how are the funds distributed?**

Funds through the Reading Sufficiency Act are allocated per student who is in kinder-

Districts can spend the funding on items like salaries for teachers and teaching assistants; before-, after- and summer school programs; instructional materials for reading instruction; screening assessments; and professional development for teachers, paraprofessionals and reading interventionists. Individual districts can choose which approaches to take. A survey of teachers found the five most effective supports are reduced student-teacher ratio, a daily reading block, intervention reading program, additional in-school instructional time and intensive language and vocabulary instruction.

Bound, paper books remain a key tool in teaching a love of reading in early grades, as this row of books at Ketchum Elementary School in north-

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garten through third grade and is reading below grade level. When the reading act was approved, the Legislature's intent was to give schools about \$150 per struggling reader. But each year the actual amount has been about \$75 per student. This year, schools will receive about \$153 per student.

**What can those funds be spent on?**

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## Success:

in Membership Percentage Growth (14 percent), 1st place Hopewell OHCE membership growth (61.54 percent), Cultural Enrichment: 1st place Clothier #15 OHCE, Resource Management: 3rd Friendship OHCE, State Project: 3rd Place Cleveland County.

Rose Anne Jackson, Moore, received her 50 year membership pin.

For more than 81 years, members of the Oklahoma Home and Community Education group have gathered

yearly to exchange ideas, network with one another and generally just have a good time. In that aspect, things have not changed much.

However, OHCE members continue to make a big difference and invoke change in their local communities, with groups serving their areas for 100 years

or more, even before there was an official state organization.

Cleveland County OHCE welcomes new members to join in their next 100 years.

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# Surviving:

near Dibble last week. It's just a matter of time before someone in Wadley EMS' service area is affected. Wadley checked the water temperature in the above-ground pool at his home the other day. It was 92 degrees. No cooling off in that water.

"If you are working outside, stay hydrated and stay in the shade as much as possible," he said. "Don't mow the lawn in the hottest part of the day."

Heat cramps are the mildest ailment from overheating. Even so, they are still darned uncomfortable.

The Mayo Clinic defines heat cramps as "painful, involuntary muscle spasms that usually occur during heavy exercise in hot environments."

Most affected are calves, arms, abdominal wall and back. The loss of fluids and electrolytes in the body often contribute to heat cramps.

Replenishing those will put you on the road to recovery.

If you experience heat cramps, the Mayo Clinic advises you rest briefly and cool down. Drink clear juice or a sports drink containing electrolytes.

Gentle range-of-motion stretches and massage of the affected muscle group is advised.

And once the heat cramps subside, wait several hours before resuming strenuous activity.

Heat exhaustion symptoms include:

- Cool, moist skin with goose

bumps

- Heavy sweating
- Faintness/dizziness
- Fatigue
- Weak, rapid pulse
- Low blood pressure upon standing
- Muscle cramps
- Nausea/headache

According to the Mayo Clinic, heat exhaustion occurs when the body is unable to cool itself through sweating.

As sweat evaporates, it regulates the body's temperature. High temperatures or a high heat index which factors temperature and humidity can put one at risk.

A heat index of 91 degrees or higher – often exceeded in Oklahoma – is when you should take steps to keep cool.

Heat exhaustion is exacerbated by dehydration, alcohol use and over dressing. Other factors include age (children younger than 4 years and adults older than 65 are at higher risk of heat exhaustion), certain medications, obesity and sudden temperature changes.

You can protect yourself by wearing lightweight, loose fitting clothing, wide-brimmed hats and sunglasses, as well as using sunscreen with an SPF of at least 15.

Drink plenty of fluids to stay hydrated, the Mayo Clinic advises, and take time to get acclimated to the heat.

Take things easy during the hottest part of the day.

Heatstroke is the most serious

form of heat injury and requires emergency treatment.

Untreated, the condition can quickly damage the brain, heart, kidneys and muscles. And the longer treatment is delayed, the greater is the risk of serious complications or death.

Symptoms are:  
• High body temperature (104 degrees or higher with a rectal thermometer)

• Altered mental state or behavior (confusion, agitation, slurred speech, irritability, delirium, seizure, coma)

• Alteration in sweating (skin is hot and dry to the touch or, if caused by strenuous exercise, slightly moist)

- Nausea/vomiting
- Flushed skin
- Rapid breathing
- Racing heart rate
- Headache

"If you think a person may be experiencing heatstroke, seek immediate medical help. Call 911 or your local emergency services number," the Mayo Clinic advises.

While waiting for medical help to arrive, get the person in some shade or indoors. Remove their excess clothing and cool them with "whatever means available."

Those include placing them in a cool tub of water or a cool shower, spraying them with a garden hose, sponging with cool water or placing ice packs or cold wet towels on the person's head, neck, armpits and groin.



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## Garden gift

Joe Johnson, left, grantee coordinator for the McClain County TSET Healthy Living Program, takes a close look at the flowers growing in one of the plots at the Purcell Community Garden. The program recently donated \$500 for the community garden project. On hand to accept the donation were John Blue, center, and Purcell Parks and Recreation Director Cody Penner.

# A gift to grow on

## TSET donation funds community garden

The Purcell Community Garden just keeps getting better as an outdoor classroom.

The McClain County TSET Healthy Living Program presented a \$500 check to the city's Parks and Recreation Department.

"With this donation, the City of Purcell Parks and Recreation Department will be able to educate Purcell citizens on proper growing, watering, and maintenance techniques for these garden beds," said Joe Johnson, HLP grantee coordinator.

During the growing season citizens are encouraged to weed, feed, and water their specific beds and the items planted in them with assistance from the Purcell Parks Department.

In turn, the department will ensure in the off-season that the beds are properly groomed

and maintained leading into the next planting season.

Johnson said the HLP works on sustainable changes to make our communities healthier through efforts to prevent and reduce tobacco use, increase physical activity and improve nutrition.

For example, the program may assist cities and businesses with creating a workplace that is tobacco-free and which encourages healthy food and physical activity options.

In all endeavors from helping local grocery stores improve the nutritional value of foods offered to creating greater public access to farmer's markets and promoting physical activity, the goal of the HLP is to create and support an environment where the healthy choice is the easy choice and healthy options are easily available and accessible.

"The HLP helps improve the health of families, friends, and neighbors and gets Oklahoma closer to TSET's goal: Better Lives Through Better Health," Johnson said. "Oklahoma has consistently had poor health outcomes due to very high rates of diseases related to tobacco use, physical inactivity, poor nutrition, and obesity."

Johnson cited the statistics – half of all adult Oklahomans do not eat fruit daily, only 28 percent of Oklahomans reported they exercised in the past 30 days, and more than 1 in 5 Oklahoma adults smoke cigarettes.

Compared to other states, Oklahoma's rates of heart disease, stroke, diabetes, and obesity are among the highest in the 50 states. Just how high? The state ranks 2nd highest for stroke, 4th highest for diabetes and 4th highest for obesity.

## Wayne Senior Citizens

By John Webb

If you are a senior at least 60 years of age, I would like to suggest that one of these opportunities would be sharing lunch with some of our friends and neighbors at the Wayne Senior Citizens Center. We serve lunch at 11:30 a.m. every Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

Our attendance has dropped a little in the last couple of months, and we would love to see some new faces joining our current group of personalities for lunch. We need to increase participation in order to continue providing meals for our seniors as well as our recipients of home delivered meals.

If you would like to reserve a meal, please call the kitchen in Purcell at 527-9462 and ask for Evelyn or John. It is best to call before 8:30 a.m. to ensure a meal will be available for you.

Also if you know a person at least 60 years old who would like a meal delivered to them, please call either the Wayne or Purcell center.

Our weekly menus are listed in the Purcell Senior Citizens Center article in this week's paper.

So come and enjoy lunch with your fellow seniors and make some new friends at your senior citizens center. We look forward to seeing you at your Wayne Senior Citizens Center.

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**Progress**

**Stands** are going up and players and coaches are utilizing the new fieldhouse as construction continues on Conger Field as the calendar hits the middle of July. The photo was taken high above Red Hill looking down as generations have seen the field before.

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**Charged:**

children. Police arrested Smith and she was booked into the McClain County Detention Center.

On Friday, prosecutors charged her in McClain County District Court with leaving unattended children in a vehicle, a misdemeanor. Smith posted \$10,000 bond. Her next court appearance will be at 9 a.m. July 25.

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**Cars:**

The state's death rate due to pediatric vehicular heatstroke is 28.63 per 1 million population.

That is the fourth highest per capita rate in the country. Only Louisiana, Mississippi and Arkansas have a higher per capita death toll at 30.22, 30.21 and 29.09, respectively.

On average, 38 children died in overheated vehicles each year from 1998 through 2018. The national death toll in

2018 was 52. There were 19 deaths recorded this year between January 1 and July 8.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, when a car is parked in direct sunlight on an 80-degree day with the windows rolled up, the interior temperature will quickly climb to 130 degrees.

In a local case, two children were left alone last week in a locked car with the windows

rolled up for at least 10 minutes.

It was 93 degrees that day and according to researchers at San Francisco State University's Department of Earth & Climate Sciences, the temperature inside a vehicle increases 19 degrees in 10 minutes.

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# Neighbors

## Bryan Benefiel named AGM at Atlanta Airport

Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport has named Bryan Benefiel assistant general manager of Finance and Accounting.

Benefiel, a Purcell native, is an expert in financial reporting and internal controls. In his new role, the certified public accountant will manage and monitor the nearly \$1 billion annual budget at the world's busiest and most efficient airport.

Benefiel began working for Hartsfield-Jackson in October 2012 as director of financial planning and analysis after

serving as the director of general accounting for the City of Atlanta from 2009 to 2012.

The new AGM has worked in accounting and finance for over 20 years. Before joining the City of Atlanta, he was the director of accounting for the American Cancer Society.

He moved to Atlanta from Oklahoma City in 2007. There, Benefiel served as controller for Accord Human Resources. Before Accord, he was senior auditor for Grant Thornton, a audit, tax and advisory firm.

With several designations under Benefiel's belt, including AAEE certified member

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**Benefiel**

## Washington Elementary PTO playground project

**Angie Steele**  
Washington Correspondent

Washington Elementary PTO is hosting a Playground Clean Up Day on Saturday, August 3, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Bring your family, rakes and shovels to pitch in and make the playground school time ready. We appreciate your support!

**Washington Athlete Physicals**

Washington Athlete Physicals for the new school year will be on Thursday, August 1, at the Indoor Facility.

Females physicals will be at 6 p.m. and males at 7 p.m. There is no charge for the physicals.

All student athletes sixth through 12th grade must have a physical every year.

**Washington Masonic Lodge**

Washington Masonic Lodge will host a breakfast Saturday, July 20, from 7-10:30 a.m. This breakfast will help fund the lodge's yearly insurance and other maintenance projects.

The usual breakfast items and maybe a surprise or two will be available. All you can eat for \$5 including take away.

The Washington Masonic Lodge is located one block North of Washington Baptist Church then left on Sharp Street. Come hungry and leave full!

**Washington Little League Football Sign Ups**

Little League Football will host a sign up/parent/player meeting on Sunday, July 21, at 2 p.m. in the indoor facility, behind the high school football field.

If you have a child that is going into the first through sixth grades that is interested in playing football, please plan to attend this meeting.

**Washington Senior Center Lunch**

Lunch is served at the Washington Senior Center at 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday for senior citizens in the community.

Come on down and enjoy a free lunch and time with friends.

Live music begins on Fridays at 10 a.m.

Menu for July 22-26:

Monday, July 22—Swiss chicken, sweet potatoes, corn, salad, brownies.

Tuesday, July 23—Hot sliders, pork and beans salad bar, fruit salad.

Wednesday, July 24—Beef enchilada casserole, Mexican corn, salad bar, chocolate no bake cookies.

Thursday, July 26—Beef stew, cornbread, salad bar, fruit.

Friday, July 12—Hamburgers, cheese, chips, baked beans, salad bar, chocolate chip cookies.

**Washington School Calendar of Events**

August 5-7—Professional Days.

August 6—Open House.

August 8—First Day of School.

September 2—Labor Day, No 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.fbcole.com.

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

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

**Washington United Methodist Church**

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

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

**Union Hill Baptist Church**

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

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

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

**First Baptist Church Washington**

Weekly Worship Service Times:

Sunday—10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Weekly Small Group Opportunities:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bible Study, Sunday, 5 p.m.

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

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

Today we recognize Leslie Guttery as our Veteran of the Week. Mr. Guttery served honorably in the United States Military and got to ring the bell last week for his 100 percent.

We are reaching the maximum number of veterans and surviving spouses every Tuesday and Thursday. We will only be able to accommodate the first 150 in line. We open the doors as soon as we have enough volunteers onsite to begin processing claims.

We are looking at ways to increase the number of veterans and their family members we can accommodate each week. Some of us are volunteering over 12 hours each day to ensure each visitor is taken care of. If we were getting paid to do this job, we would most definitely be racking up the overtime.

I receive calls, messages, and emails from veterans who live from the East Coast to the West Coast and many states in between wanting to know if we have an office in their state. Many of them plan a trip to our location in Norman for a meeting about their VA claims. I do not know why

other veteran organizations who help veterans and their families with claim assistance are not using our evidence-based claims system.

We have found that by supplying the evidence needed to support a veteran's application for service-connection of disability the VA will most likely approve them. One of the ways we have found that does help a veteran to service-connect a new disability or to show one has increased in severity is by using the VA Disability Benefits Questionnaire. These forms are filled out by the veteran's medical provider.

The Department of Veterans Affairs uses the DBQ forms to evaluate a veteran's disabilities. We believe if the VA uses them, the veteran should be able to submit their DBQ as evidence in support of their application for service-connection or an increased rating. I am very concerned about the men and women who are turned away each Tuesday and Thursday morning when we reach the maximum we can accommodate. We are open for suggestions on ways to improve our services to the men and women who served our country's military.

As a VA Accredited Claims Agent, we receive a copy of all rating decisions and other communications the VA sends the veteran. Each decision the VA makes is reviewed, and we send a letter explaining what steps to take next. One of the benefits of receiving these decisions is that we can know what we are doing and can keep track of what is working for veterans and surviving spouses.

One of the ways people learn about the success of those we assist is the number of rating decisions we receive each week. Fourteen veterans were rated at 100 percent and will receive a combined annual total of \$511,426. This group of veterans will be eligible for the state benefits Oklahoma provides to veterans found to be totally disabled service-connected to their time in the military. We had 47 rated between 10-90 percent and those veterans will receive a combined annual income of \$674,582. Those rated 60 percent and higher

are also eligible for some of the Oklahoma State benefits. One surviving spouse was approved for benefits and will receive \$15,829 a year.

One of the best changes the VA has made is allowing veterans and surviving spouses to have their video hearings in a secure setting at the OKC VET Center with a veteran law judge in Washington, D.C. Previously, we were required to hold all hearings in the Muskogee Regional VA Office which required veterans and Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation representatives to spend five hours traveling for a 15-minute hearing.

In the last six months, we have attended over 100 hearings before a veteran law judge. Last Friday, we were able to represent seven veterans using the new video hearing system. One of the hearings was a three-way video hearing with a veteran in San Antonio, the judge in Washington, and us in Oklahoma City. The VA is working very hard to process hundreds of thousands of veteran claims in the appeals process. This is another way which will help alleviate the backlog in these appeals.

For those of you who would like to join our team of volunteers, please stop by any Tuesday or Thursday for an application. An OSBI background check is required on each volunteer.

Please remember everything we do is at no charge. We spend over \$25,000 a month in direct support of veterans and their families. All donations go to provide transportation, help pay for DBQ Exams, food items, rent, and other unforeseen needs of our veterans and their families.

Our organization is a 501(C)(3) non-profit that relies on donations to be able to provide services to the thousands of veterans and their families who need assistance. We accept the donations of cars, trucks, motorcycles, or other types of items that can be given to veterans or sold to raise funds to provide for veteran's needs. Please remember that your donations

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## Bonner recipient of two scholarships

Elizabeth Bonner of Lexington was the recipient of both the James Droddy Freshman Scholarship and the Bertha and Myrtle Sturdevant Scholarship during East Central University's Harland C. Stonecipher School of Business Scholarship and Awards Banquet this past spring.

The Droddy Scholarship, awarded to an incoming freshman, is named after James 'Jimbo' Droddy, who was a member of the ECU

Band and an accounting major who enrolled as a Freshman Business Scholar in 2015. He was tragically killed in an automobile accident in 2017.

Bertha and Myrtle Sturdevant were professors in business education and the scholarship was funded by Lynda K. Simpson, who has a long history with ECU and is thankful for the education she received from the School of Business.



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## Double scholarship winner

**Elizabeth Bonner** of Lexington, right, was the recipient of both the James Droddy Freshman Scholarship and the Bertha and Myrtle Sturdevant Scholarship. She is shown with Wendell Godwin, dean of the Stonecipher School of Business.

## Mid-America Technology Center wins Pacesetter Award

Mid-America Technology Center in Wayne is the winner of a 2019 Gene Bottoms Pacesetter School Award from the Southern Regional Educational Board.

MATC was honored at SREB's Making Schools Work Conference on July 10 in Baltimore, Md.

Pacesetter School Awards recognize schools that are implementing one of SREB's Making Schools Work school improvement frameworks and are achieving success in meeting bold goals related to increases in student graduation rates, readiness for college or careers, and credential attainment

Using strategies learned

at previous summer conferences and SREB's Technology Centers That Work school improvement framework, MATC faculty pinpointed areas for improvement.

Low attendance was identified as an opportunity for growth.

MATC found that teachers who taught new content every day had higher attendance. Classes were held with uninterrupted teaching time that was free of competing activities. Faculty built stronger relationships with parents, leading to a decrease in absenteeism.

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## Veteran of the Week

**Dale K. Graham** Veteran's Foundation Veteran of the Week Leslie Guttery rings the bell to signify his VA Benefits Approval! We appreciate Mr. Guttery for his service.

# 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 10 am Worship 6:30 pm Awana & Youth  
6 pm Evening worship  
www.ebcpurcell.org

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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  
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**Memorial Assembly of God**  
7th & Monroe, Purcell  
Pastor Duane Elmore  
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**LANDMARK CHURCH**  
Pastor: Justin Blankenship  
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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

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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  
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Worship 10:45 a.m.  
Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Class 7 p.m.  
Search Ministries Sunday 7:30 a.m. Channel 34  
www.searchtv.org

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

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Purcell, OK  
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Wednesday Evening 6:30

### Green Avenue Church of Christ

The Wednesday evening auditorium class studied in the sixth chapter of Second Corinthians where the apostle Paul explains why Christians should not form partnerships with unbelievers. The Sunday morning adult Bible class studied the 12th through 14th chapters of Romans where Paul compares the church to the human body where different members perform different functions, set forth the obligation all have to respect

civil authority and the obligation of Christians to avoid causing a weaker brother to stumble. During the Sunday morning assembly Keith Shackelford preached on why all are not reached by the gospel beginning with the reading of Romans 1:16. The lesson looked at what many churches do to attract people then contrasted that with scriptures such as Colossians 3:2 which discourage earthly thinking.

The Sunday evening sermon examined the concept of sympathy beginning by reading Romans 12:15. The lesson looked at sharing both sorrow and joy with others. 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.

### Lexington Westside Church of Christ

Good week to all. Welcome to the "front porch."

Recently, I rehearsed the story you are about to read in a conversation with a friend from Little Rock. My friend Doug and I were in a deep conversation when this story happened to come to mind; and, as always, I had to take a deep breath and pause a time or two to finish it. You'll see why when you hear it.

I've told you of my mama's setting sail gloriously On October 3, 1973. Through the years, when I've dared to tell it, I left out a detail that, for some reason, stayed just out of my mind's reach. I won't leave it out today.

On the afternoon of Wednesday, October 3, 1973 I rushed home to Grandma's house as soon as school let out. Grandma took care of Mama in the front bedroom of their brick home on Truitt the last several months of mom's fight with the brain tumor.

I had to rush home that day because I was to start a job across town over at the mill on Hillside. My mama Louise had worked at the Callaway Cotton Mill for a quarter of a century, but I don't know if I ever went

inside it. I waited outside the gate a hundred times for her to get off of work, but inside a mill was no place for a boy.

After just completing a summer of working on the bricklaying job with Red Williams, Brian Light and Doocy, and the rest of that chain gang, I had to lay aside my shovel, wheelbarrow and calloused, bleeding hands so I could take up my English and math books and begin my senior year at LaGrange High.

After a month, I figured I needed some money, so a good gentlemen at Hillside offered me a job. He knew Mama and Grandma and was more than happy to put me to work.

I rushed to Grandma's house that day, gobbled down the lunch she had waiting for me, changed clothes, and rushed to the door to head to work. Being the first day on the job, I was in a bit more of a hurry than usual and wanted to be prompt.

Besides, Red had taught me that summer that I'd better be on time if I knew what was good for me. To Red what was "good for me" was a tongue-lashing that would make you melt right there by the sand pile and make you want to crawl

underneath a 70-pound bag of mortar mix. I learned pretty fast that it was best to be on time.

I told Grandma bye that Wednesday afternoon, October 3, and rushed to the front door, reached for the door knob... and stopped.

Something stopped me right in my tracks. I'll always believe that the Lord put a stop sign there for me at Grandma's front door. Maybe an angel stood there with a flaming sword the way one stood in front of Balaam's donkey back in the Old Testament, I don't know.

I paused that day, just as I had to pause the other day as I told this story to my friend Doug. I stopped at the front door, turned, and walked in to see Mama before going to work. I even remember that I walked over to the far side of the bed. I suppose she was lying on her side facing the wall.

I leaned over and kissed her, and I told her I loved her - two things I did not do nearly enough in my life.

Then, I was then off to the cotton mill to do a similar work

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### Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

By Fr. Jim Chamberlain  
Freedom to follow a higher law

How many times do we cut off God's grace? How many times do we cut someone off from our lives, and by doing so, cut off the potential for God's grace?

Many years ago, I had an old pickup truck. It was often breaking down. I was building a log cabin with my good friend, Todd, in the mountains of North Carolina. Each day we would stop at this old gas station to buy groceries before going up the mountain to work. There were three or four men who would always be in that gas station, sitting around, smoking and talking. They had beards, were rugged and rough - mountain men. They were not my type of people!

But one time I was at that same gas station with my truck, and it was running very badly.

I was by myself, and felt much distress, because I would not be able to drive home. One of those men saw me working on the truck. He ran out to help me. He gave me help for more than one hour, and together we got the truck to run again.

This taught me a valuable lesson. God's grace comes from unexpected places. Even from people who are the least likely ones to be his messengers.

In Jesus' parable, why was the Samaritan a good man? (Luke 10:25-37) In one of his sermons, Martin Luther King Jr. pointed out that the priest and Levite were asking themselves the question: "What will happen to me if I stop and help this man?"

The Samaritan asked himself a very different question, one of human concern. He asked himself: "What will happen to him if I do not stop and help this man?" The Samaritan was thinking not of himself, but of the other person, the man in the ditch.

In Catholic theology, we call this the "natural law". It is the law written on the hearts of all men, to assist someone in need. Natural law means that all people - Jewish or non-Jewish, Christian or non-Christian -

can arrive at a true moral vision that is implanted by God in our hearts, all of us.

Jesus is saying that to be a good neighbor is someone who acts upon this true human response. He may look or think very different from us. He may not look like my friend.

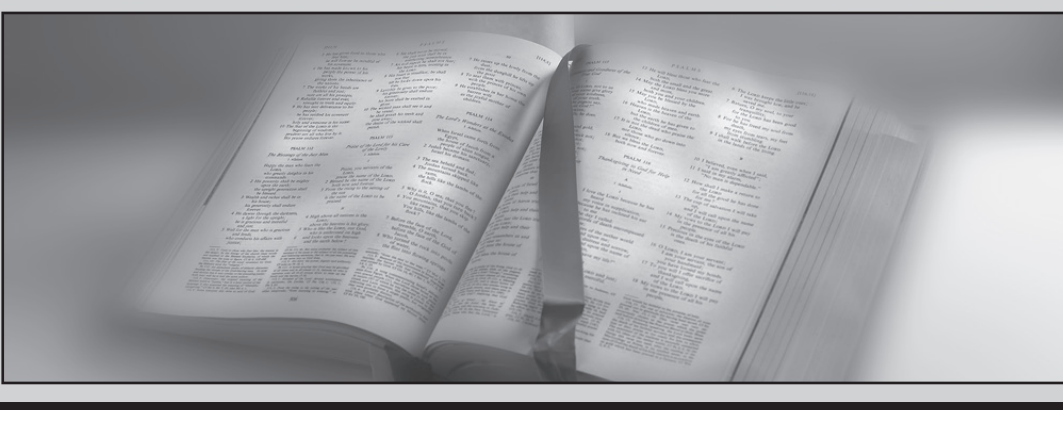
He may even seem to be my enemy. But it might be through him that God's grace will come to me.

When I was growing up, there was a TV show called "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood". Fred Rogers was a Presbyterian minister who also liked to sing. Each day he would welcome children into his imaginary neighborhood and teach them small valuable lessons about how to be a good neighbor. He taught children about how to take care of their pet, how to eat healthy fruits, and why you should not be scared to go the barbershop.

He respected the real feelings of children. He assured them of their self-worth. And he taught them how to be good neighbors, even to people who are strangers to you.

Mister Rogers once said this: "When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, "Look

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**Sports**

## Andrews committs to OU

Washington senior Nick Andrews has verbally committed to play baseball at the University of Oklahoma.

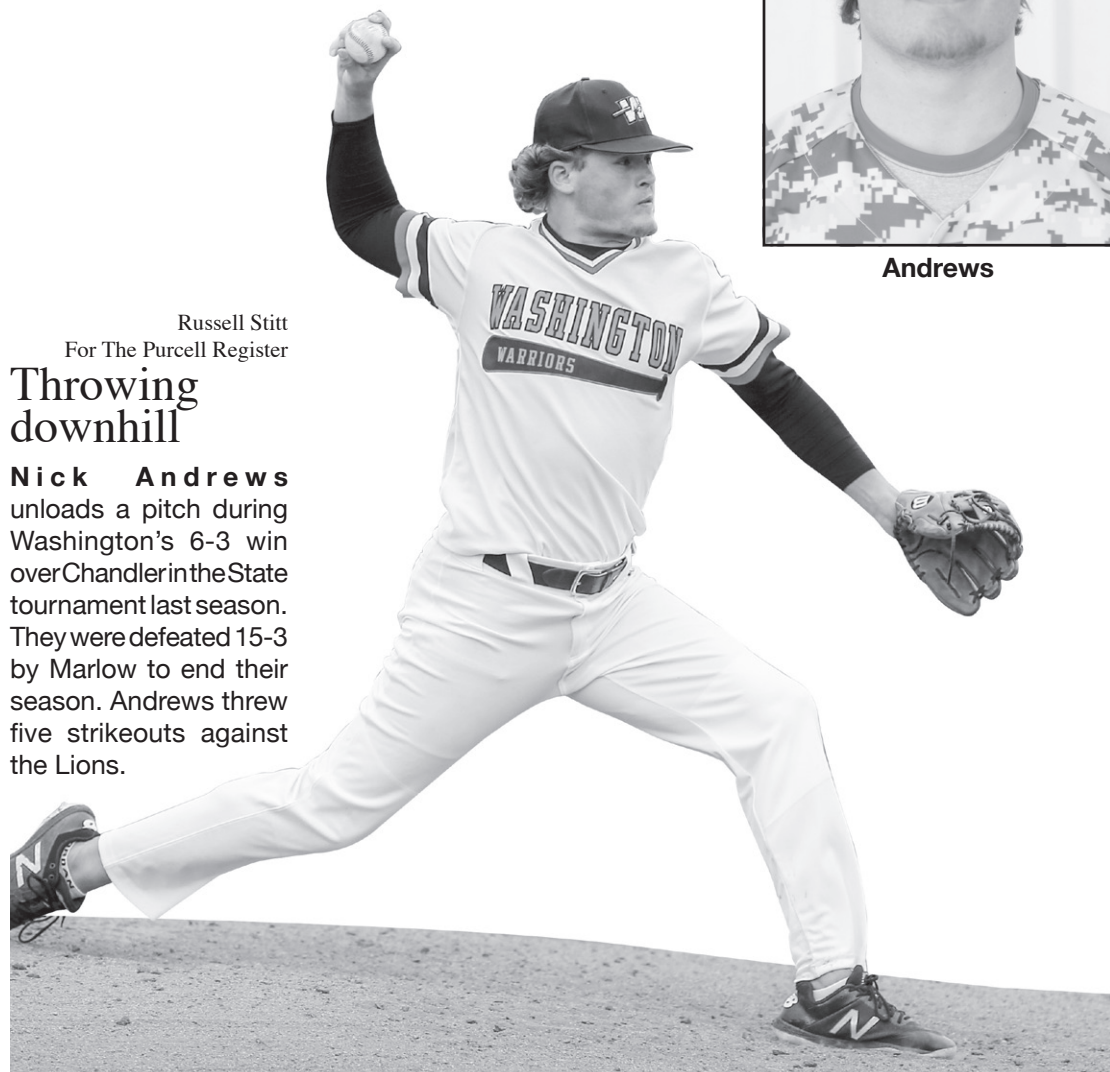
The Warrior pitcher committed Tuesday, July 9.

"It's exciting for our program

and for him," said Washington Head Coach Jeff Kulbeth. "He's grown physically and mentally and he's seeing the benefits of those two. He's been lights-out this summer."



Andrews



Russell Stitt  
 For The Purcell Register

### Throwing downhill

**Nick Andrews** unloads a pitch during Washington's 6-3 win over Chandler in the State tournament last season. They were defeated 15-3 by Marlow to end their season. Andrews threw five strikeouts against the Lions.



### Fielding on the run

**Purcell junior** Kyleigh Smedley fields a ball for an out Monday during a preseason scrimmage for the Dragons.



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### Softball seniors

**Purcell senior** softball players Sunny Sanders, Addie Stanton, Katelynn Carwile, Chelsea Spain and Sandra DelToro look forward to the Dragons' 2019 campaign.



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### Dragon's den

**Chamber of Commerce** members took in a tour of the new field house at Conger Field Thursday morning at the chamber's Community Coffee.



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### Smiles for miles

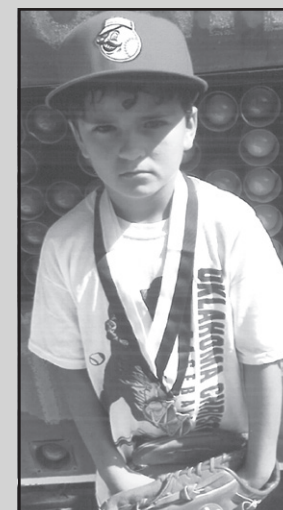
**Brook Fleming** heads to third base for a triple Monday evening during Purcell's intrasquad scrimmage. Purcell will scrimmage at home against Blanchard Aug. 6 and Lindsay on Aug. 8.



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### Golf campers

**Over 30** junior golfers hit the links at Brent Bruehl Memorial Golf Course last week for their annual golf clinic. Attending were, Max Richardson, Ethan Harding, Westin Cunniss, Lilly Gwin, Samantha Hankins, Owen Milner, Tyler Best, Chase Anderson, Hayes Anderson, Jack Montgomery, Chance Midkiff, JJ Hines, Isaiah Hines, Erin Gray, Elin Gray, Gage Arvidson, Ella Tolman, Kole Tolman, Mason Moreno, Colt Giltner, Cash Cook, Blane Nicklas, Layton Bone, Brecken Burson, Whitney Bruehl, Aubrey Swain, Alexis Swain, Liam Cummings, Olivia Howell, Harper Trent, Cooper Trent, Brylan Williams, Koooper Price and McKenzie McKay.



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### Baseball camper

**Purcell second** grader Caden Fatheree recently attended the Oklahoma Christian College Baseball Camp in Edmond. Caden won a medal for Most Improved Hitting and a medal for Arm Strength and accuracy. He is the son of Joe Don Fatheree and Tina Palmer.










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**10 ACRES** on Banner Rd. Excellent well, creek w/lots of trees down the middle. Deer & turkey. Includes travel trailer. \$54,500 #875374

**127 EALMOND** 2 br brick home built in 2018. 1123sf with large lr, custom cabinets w/granite counter tops, wood floors & lots of energy efficient features. Privacy fenced backyard. Concrete drive with carport. \$109,900 #874715

**REDUCED/23281 PONY LN** 3/2/2 brick home built in 2008. Metal roof, Handicap accessible. 30x50 insulated shop \$235,000 #863561

**PURCELL/WAYNE/WASHINGTON/DIBBLE**

**705 CROSSWIND** 3/2/2 on corner lot. REO Sold AS-IS. \$145,000 #870262

**830 W BRULE** 65 X 130 ft lot with old rundown house. No value given to the house. \$15,000 #867442

**1334 FOREST LN** 3/2 doublewide off Southfork Rd. Secluded lot with large trees & landscaping. \$69,000 #867839

**639 WILLIAMS** 3/2/3 brick w/1952SF open concept living, granite, crown molding, gas FP, gas range. Split brdms w/double vanities in both baths. Ample storage. Large covered patio, mature trees, sprinkler. \$208,000 #867640

**514 BOBWHITE** 3/2/2 Super clean! 2044SF. Remodeled kitchen, new carpet, this one is move in ready! #866874

**23498 GRANDVIEW** 40 acres of immaculate ground. Gated entry. Two ponds. 1/1/1 in a 30x40 building, plus 2nd floor storage. \$429,000 #866525

**706 WILLIAMS** 4/2/2 brick w/2394sf on huge lot. Nicely landscaped, privacy fenced backyard with lots of fruit trees. #864519

**629 LESTER LN** Good investment property. 2/2 frame home \$30,000 #864536

**130 W BRULE** Investment property. 2 bed frame fixer-upper. \$25,000 #853840

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**816 WASHINGTON** 3/2/2 brick home on large lot. Office space in partially converted garage. \$179,900 #843557

**1611 GARLAND ST** 3/2 on large lot close to highway. \$149,900

**624 W APACHE** Investment property, 2 bed frame home. Selling as-is \$15,000 #854738

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