



WALKING OUT

Hard line to no action, districts wait and watch

Jeanne Grimes
The Purcell Register

The Lexington Board of Education voiced unanimous support Monday for a district-wide teacher walkout on April 2.

“We will close the doors April 2 and they will remain closed until such time we feel it in the best interest of our children to reopen,” Lexington superintendent Ronda Bass said. “As superintendent, I am taking this one hour and one email at a time.”

A resolution adopted by Lexington’s board expresses confidence “our community, including parents, families, caregivers, faith

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Moving Holiday Inn dirt

The official Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce ground breaking for the Holiday Inn Express will be held today (Thursday) at 2 p.m. but crews were busy late last week getting the site, located at 2300 S. Ninth in Purcell, ready for the chamber shovels.

14 miles of fire

Flames char about 400 acres Monday

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A truck pulling a trailer is suspected to have sparked grass fires that reached from south of Maysville to Purcell on Monday.

Numerous departments

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Fighting fire

A lone firefighter extinguishes hot spots along State Highway 74 South.

Dates, times for downtown

Main Street Purcell to be busy in days and weeks to come

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City of Purcell officials have announced important dates for merchants in downtown Purcell and for the general public.

Massive beams for the new Purcell-Lexington Bridge will be moved from west to east down Main Street at the end of next week and the end of the following week, according to City Planning Supervisor

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The changing sign

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A slight alteration and Purcell’s Conger Field is home to the fictional Badgers. The edited sign is necessary for the filming of The Turkey Bowl here. **(More movie coverage page 4A.)**



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On the set

Camera crews and other staffers plan shots for the movie, The Turkey Bowl, at Conger Field.

A long memory

Man arrested on 26-year-old warrant

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Lady Justice may be blindfolded, but her memory is long and not the least impaired.

When a McClain County sheriff’s deputy pulled Christopher A. Morgan over on March 1 for improper tag display, Morgan’s problems didn’t stop with that or even the 24 grams of methamphetamine



Morgan

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Deadlines

- News: 12 noon, Tuesday
- Display Ads: 12 noon, Tuesday
- Classifieds: 11 a.m., Tuesday
- Legal Notices: 2 p.m., Tuesday

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Area players tabbed for postseason honors.

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March Madness

The Purcell Register’s contest has a bracket showing which merchant has which school.

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No clowning around

Skeeter the Clown surprised kindergarten classes at Purcell Elementary School on Monday, visiting them during lunch to promote the March 22 performances here for the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus. The shows will be at 5 and 7:30 p.m. under the big top at the McClain County Fairgrounds.

Circus coming March 22

The circus really is coming to town.

Purcell Lions Club is sponsoring two performances of the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus on March 22.

The shows will be at 5 and 7:30 p.m. under the big top at the McClain County Fairgrounds.

Now in its 33rd year, the circus has built an international reputation for quality family entertainment.

The authentic one-ring big top circus has been featured on National Geographic's Explorer TV series, Entertainment Tonight, The Los Angeles Times, The Chicago

Tribune and Arizona Highways magazine.

It has also been featured on the A&E special, Under the Big Top. Most recently, it was seen on On the Road with Circus Kids, a Nickelodeon special airing on Nick News.

Advance tickets are \$10 for adults, \$7 for seniors age 65 and older and children age 2 to 12. Children under the age of 2 are admitted free.

On the show day, ticket prices will be \$13 and \$8.

Tickets may be purchased at Shelter Insurance, First United Bank and McClain Bank.

There is one aspect, however, that is free to all.

Area residents are invited to watch the raising of the big top between 9:30 a.m. 10 a.m.

The event will also include a circus tour at which topics such as hygiene, grooming and veterinary care for the circus animals will be discussed.

Each 90-minute circus performance includes Miss Simone on the trapeze, Miss Paulina's "Big and Little" prancing ponies, the Arlise Troupe on unicycles, Natalie's American Eskimo Escapades, the Perez Family and performing jungle cats presented by Trey Key.

The Culpepper & Merriweather Circus is headquartered in Hugo.

7 day forecast from @PurcellRegister @OUNewsCrowd

Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
70°55° Mstly Sunny	73°46° Mstly Sunny	70°50° Mstly Sunny	72°50° 20% Rain	70°50° Windy	61°47° Mstly Sunny	67°55° Prly Sunny

Spring temperatures return

Those spring like temperatures are back again this week. High pressure is dominating our region and as a result we will see sunny skies and tem-

peratures in the 70s through the weekend. There is a slight chance of rain of Sunday, but this rain looks like it will stay more in eastern Oklahoma.

Sunny skies and warmer temperatures will stick around to start off next week's work week.

— Leah Hill

Wauhillau Austin Gale Memorial Scholarship



Wauhillau Austin Gale

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

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

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

Mrs. Gale was the Purcell High School Art teacher and sponsor of many clubs for over 20 years. Though she was not a graduate of Purcell, four of her children graduated from Purcell. Upon her passing in 1997, her family chose to create a scholarship for future graduates of the school that she loved. The fund has been fortunate to

see the award amounts increase from the initial \$500 to the current \$2,000 scholarship.

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

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

Program Year 19 State Cost-Share Signup

The McClain County Conservation District State Cost-Share Program Year 19 signup will begin March 8 through March 30, 2018. This is a locally led program for producers in the county.

Applications will be avail-

able at the conservation district office in Purcell.

Practices available for cost-share assistance are Brush Management, Herbaceous

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PCCC to meet March 27

The Purcell Chickasaw Community Council will meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, March 27, at the Purcell Area Office, 1430 Hardcastle Blvd., in Purcell.

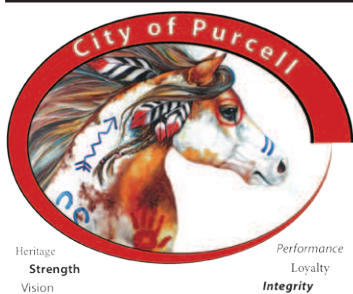
Haleigh Ralls, Sr. Recruitment Manager for the division of Human Resources in the Dept. of Interior Services, will be our guest speaker.

She will provide information regarding application and resume review, interview techniques training, interview advocacy assistance, career fair services and hiring process overview.

All interested Native Americans are encouraged to attend.

There will be light refreshments available at the meeting.

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



NEWS from the City of Purcell

Site Address Section R319

SITE ADDRESS
R319.1 Address Numbers. Buildings shall have approved address numbers, building numbers or approved building identification placed in a position that is plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting property.

These numbers shall contrast with their background. Address numbers shall be Arabic numbers or alphabetical letters.

Numbers shall be a minimum of four inches (102 mm) high with a minimum stroke width of 1/2 inch (12.7 mm).

Where access is by means of a private road and the building address cannot be viewed from the public way, a monument, pole or other sign or means shall be used to identify the structure.

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St. Anthony is pleased to announce that pulmonologists Dr. Syed Naqvi, Dr. Shoab Ahmad and Dr. Kaleem Ishaq will be seeing patients by appointment at Purcell Municipal Hospital on the third Wednesday of each month beginning in February, 2018. The specialists accept most insurance plans. Call 405-772-4400 to schedule an appointment.



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NEWS In Brief**PTO Food Trucks**

The Purcell PTO will be hosting a variety of food trucks at Parent-Teacher Conference Night Thursday, March 15, from 3:30-6:30 p.m.

The trucks will be located at Purcell Elementary School and Purcell Intermediate School.

Part of the proceeds of sales that night will be donated to the PTO.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Purcell Junior High School parent-teacher conferences will be held Thursday, March 15, from 3:30-7 p.m. and Friday, March 16, from 8-11 a.m. at the junior high building.

Indian Tacos

Indian tacos will be available Friday, March 16, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Chickasaw Nation Senior Center, 703 Sherri Classic Blvd., in Purcell at a cost of \$7.

Deliveries will be made on orders of five or more.

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

Treasures for Eddie

A fundraiser church yard sale and \$5 burger baskets for Eddie, a senior at Washington High School who is undergoing health issues, will be held Saturday, March 17.

The yard sale will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. with an auction at 2 p.m. and burger baskets at the Goldsby Baptist Church, East Building, 153 W. Center Road.

Donations for the sale or monetary donations can be made by calling Kelli at 795-8948.

Assessment Notices

The McClain County Assessor's office mailed the Change of Assessment Notices today, Thursday, March 15.

This is an important, time-sensitive document. Please take time to review the notice. This is not a tax bill. If you do not receive a notice and think you should have, please contact our office.

The notices are mailed to the last, best known address. It is the taxpayer's responsibility to report any change of address to the assessor's office.

For questions please call 527-3520.

Purcell JOM

A Purcell JOM meeting will be held Tuesday, March 27, at 7 p.m. in the administration offices.

Property**Tax Deadline**

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

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

Chamber Luncheon

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

Speakers will be from Webber Construction.

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

Bluegrass, BBQ Dinner

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

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

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

For more information contact Tim Roberts at 288-2523.

Basketball**Tournament**

Washington's 16th Annual 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament will be held March 31 at the Washington MS gym.

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

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

All proceeds go to benefit the Washington School Band.

Lunch and Learn

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

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

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

Teen**Relationships**

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

Join us on Thursday nights from 6-8 p.m. at Frontline Family Solutions located at 118 S. 2nd Street to be a part of our It's My Life program.

For more information, call 527-2424.

Parenting**Classes**

If you're looking for ways to reconnect with your family, come be a part of our successful parenting program that has allowed families to restore their relationships and grow.

Parenting class workshops are taking place on Tuesdays from 6-7:30 p.m. for 12 weeks at Frontline Family Solutions located at 118 S. 2nd Street.

For more information, call 527-2424.

Dance Aerobics and Toning

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

The programs are fun and free.

For more information call Purcell Parks at 527-7227.

Breaking Free

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

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

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

Lex Senior**Citizens Lunch**

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

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

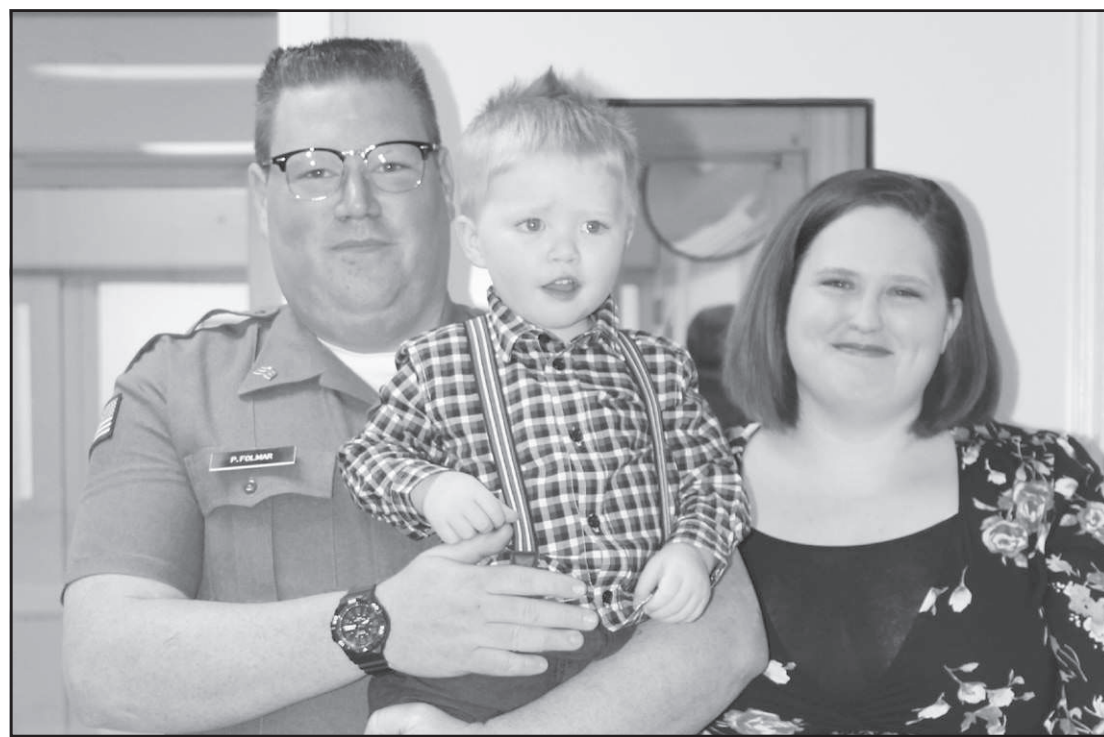
The Lexington Community Center is located at 131 S. Main.

Purcell**NA Group**

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

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

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



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New stripes

Newly pinned sergeant Patrick Folmar is congratulated by his wife, Kristina, and son, William, at the Lexington Assessment & Reception Center on Tuesday. **See related story, page 7A.**

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Signup:

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The district will be accepting applications through March 30, 2018.

For more information contact the McClain County Conservation District at 527-3452. The district office is located at 1721 Hardcastle Blvd., Suite B, in Purcell and office hours are 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



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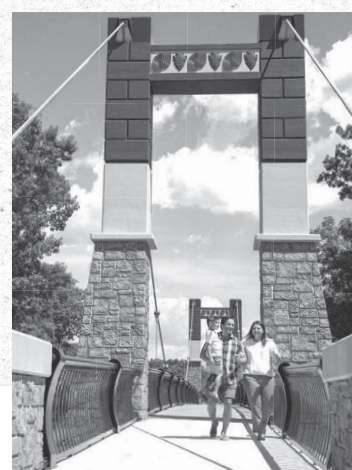
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Chickasaw Cultural Center Hosts Three Sisters Celebration

Celebrate the return of spring at the Chickasaw Cultural Center's annual Three Sisters Celebration, March 19-25.

The Three Sisters festival features a variety of outdoor activities and games which embrace the rebirth and rejuvenation of spring, with a special emphasis on the cultural connection to horticulture.

An ancient Chickasaw method of gardening, "Three Sisters" (beans, corn and squash) uses an intercropping system to grow the plants simultaneously while promoting soil fertility and healthy crops.

During the Three Sisters Celebration, horticulture-related activities such as butterfly garden tours, cultivation lessons, native plant tours and food tasting will be offered.

Participants may take part in a variety of games, including stickball, chunky and marbles.

Other scheduled events include make and take art, stomp dance demonstrations, and storytelling.

"Bearer of the Morning - The Life of Te Ata Thompson Fisher" documentary will be screened daily at 1 p.m., in the Anoli' Theater.

The gripping documentary traces the life of Mary Thompson Fisher, who was known as "Te Ata," from her Chickasaw roots in Indian Territory to the New York social scene and White House performances. It also offers details about her international travels in her later years.

A companion exhibit, "Bearer of the Morning - The Life of Te Ata Thompson Fisher," is now open in the Aapisa' Art Gallery.

The exhibit pays homage to Te Ata, which means "Bearer of the Morning," for her distinguished career.

Some personal items featured

include a beaded buckskin dress on loan from the Chickasaw Nation Council House Museum Collection, belts, purses and bracelets collected during her world travels, and hand-beaded moccasins, circa 1910. A hand drum used in Te Ata's performances and a pair of beaded sashes are also on display.

Authentic props used in filming the feature film "TE ATA," including a canoe, writing desk and a washing basin are also included in the exhibit.

The Chickasaw Cultural Center's Three Sisters Celebration is free and open to the public.

The Chickasaw Cultural Center, 867 Cooper Memorial Drive, in Sulphur is open Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday noon-5 p.m.

For more information, contact the Chickasaw Cultural Center at (580) 622-7130 or www.chickasawculturalcenter.com.

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We're Putnam Badgers

It seems like a script written in Hollywood.

Oh, wait. It is.

In football crazy Purcell and Norman, the home town of writer and director Greg Coolidge, it's only fitting "The Turkey Bowl" be filmed here in Central Oklahoma.

Coolidge, who played baseball and basketball here in Purcell during his years as a high schooler at Norman High, said Purcell is perfect.

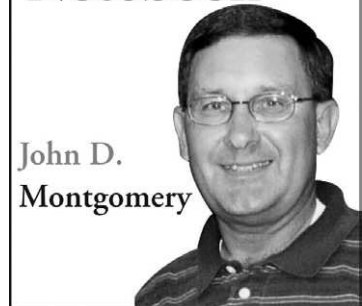
"I just love Conger Field," Coolidge said. "It's the coolest."

A parade scene will be filmed in downtown Purcell Monday, March 26.

Coolidge told me earlier this week he wants lots of people and especially children to be on hand for the parade scene.

Purcell, and especially Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce Exec Mandy Davis, has rolled out the red carpet for the cast and crew that numbers at least 100 every single day of the eight or nine weeks of filming. "We've got people work-

Editor's Notebook



John D. Montgomery

ing back in LA as we speak," Coolidge said.

For the parade scene, Davis said they'd like to have people gather about 10 a.m. with the filming that afternoon.

Al Musgrave cleared out room in the old Farm and Home Building giving the cast and crew a space to munch on their catered meals.

Coolidge, who is a graduate of The University of Oklahoma, has gone on to act, write, direct and produce numerous films including "The Troop", "Em-

ployee of the Month", "Ride Along" and "Sorority Boys."

Coolidge's writing partner, Kirk Ward, is also in Purcell for the shooting at Conger Field.

Coolidge got his hankering for movie making from attending movies as a child with his father.

"My Dad was heavily influenced by movies. He and I would go to movies sometimes just the two of us," Coolidge said.

Coolidge is hopeful "The Turkey Bowl" will be released in theatres around Thanksgiving time this year.

"If not it'll be next Thanksgiving. It's a holiday theme," he said.

The Putnam Badgers are fictional of course.

"But the location and epic feel of small town Oklahoma and especially Purcell is what you want in this type of movie."

Hollywood is just story telling and we're excited and happy part of that story telling involves The Heart of Oklahoma.

NEWS FROM CAPITOL HILL

National security superiority

Congressman Tom Cole

For decades, the United States has enjoyed uncontested and dominant military superiority. But just as we have come to depend on a rules-based security order, there are countries working to turn the tide and upend it.

Global stability is in question with a rising China and a resurgent Russia, and provocative actions sponsored by North Korea and Iran.

Our world is now experiencing a return to a great power competition dynamic. While our military is strong, our competitive edge continues to erode as our challengers move to close the gap.

We must meet these growing security challenges and fund the largest military modernization plan since the 1980s. This is necessary in order to keep pace with technological changes and roll back the negative impacts to military readiness from years of budget gaps.

America's military budget must be both robust and pre-

dictable. The recent bipartisan, two-year budget deal sets defense spending at \$700 billion for 2018 and \$716 billion for 2019, which is in line with the National Defense Authorization Act for 2018 and President Donald Trump's budget recently presented to Congress.

The budget deal also supports the President's priorities defined in the National Security and Defense Strategies, which directs our military to protect the American homeland, promote American economic prosperity and advance American influence throughout the world.

The increase in the defense budget will provide the resources needed to fund the largest military modernization efforts. In Fiscal Year 2019, the Army active force will increase by 4,000 soldiers to 487,500 troops. The service will continue to increase its size by 4,000 troops each year to reach a force of 495,500 by 2021.

Additionally, it provides for Long-Range Precision Fires and short-range air defense pro-

grams which are top priorities and key to missions at Fort Sill.

Additionally, the Air Force budget will fund 1.5 million flying hours at a cost of \$8.7 billion.

The modernization and recapitalization of key aircraft will support buys of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter and the KC-46 Tanker, as well as funding for upgrades to 4th Generation Fighters.

In the near term, it will reduce the back log in aircraft maintenance and improve sustainment and logistics, which plays a critical role at Tinker Air Force Base. The size of the Air Force will increase by 4,700 military personnel to include Active Duty, Guard and Reserve Airmen.

In peace and war, America's military has operated around the world protecting our homeland from attack and advanced our interests to include defending our allies from military aggression.

The current bipartisan defense budget provides for a resilient and lethal military to keep peace: now and in the future, at home and abroad.

A civics lesson

House Bill 3311 makes a pretty simple pitch: Oklahoma students should know a little something about civics before they collect their diplomas.

More specifically, the bill would add these two paragraphs to the statute that sets the academic rules for public education:

The subject matter standards for history, social studies and United States Government shall include the content of the United States naturalization test, with an emphasis on the specific content of the test and the ideas and concepts it references. The United States naturalization test shall be made available in physical and electronic online formats as an optional assessment tool for teachers.

The subject matter standards for United States Government shall include an emphasis on civics. For the purposes of this section, "civics" means the

study of the rights and duties of Oklahoma and United States citizens and of how those governments work.

The content of the U.S. naturalization test isn't challenging. The toughest questions are the number of amendments to the U.S. Constitution and the number of representatives in the U.S. House. Other questions on the civics portion of the exam ask for the names of the president and the vice president, the political party to which the president belongs, the relationship between the judicial, legislative and executive branches, and what documents established the United States.

It requires a basic knowledge of U.S. history and how our government works.

If that's not asking too much of someone who wishes to become a U.S. citizen, it isn't too much to ask of birthright citizens. The bill, which has been introduced in multiple

states, is the work of the Civics Education Initiative, which is part of the Joe Foss Institute. Joe Foss won a Medal of Honor and was governor of South Dakota and the commissioner of the American Football League. He was also president of the National Rifle Association and a national television host.

But this isn't a bill that blindly waves flags and eagles and semi-opaque copies of the top of the Constitution around hiding some nefarious motive behind a patriotic ruse. The bill is just about making sure that Oklahoma students understand how their government works.

Increasing that knowledge would be a boon on election days; it could inspire better voter turnout among young adults or lead to more active civic engagement.

We support HB 3311 and encourage legislators to pass it.

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The Purcell Register does not print anonymous letters to the editor. Only two letters per month will be printed from the same author. Letters should be kept to a maximum of one (1) single spaced typed letter-sized page.

The Purcell Register reserves the right to edit any and all letters.

Letters to the editor during any campaign cycle which seek to endorse a candidate or discredit another will not be published during the campaign cycle. Letters to the editor published in The Purcell Register do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the newspaper.

Your Views

Right on target

Dear Editor,

You hit the nail on the head. The editorial about no pool in Purcell.

When I was in high school we had a nice pool on Red Hill. A nice pool, slides and a locker room. Spent the summer there. Then the city let it go to rack and ruin, so they built a pool at the city park. Let it go to rack and ruin.

The parents are going to have to get together and let the city know they want a pool so their children can swim and have a wonderful time. I don't think the lake at the park is the answer. So parents, speak your mind to the city.

Keep up the good work. Tell it like it is. Hope you read this. Carolyn Breedon

Sunshine always right

Open government is not a political platform.

It is a basic American right.

The political landscape is more polarized than ever and there seems to be little common ground for conservatives and progressives.

Transparency — keeping the light on the people's business — ought to be something everyone can agree on.

Instead, conservatives want to reveal the secrets of liberals and liberals want to expose the actions of conservatives.

Openness in government is not a liberal, conservative, Republican, Democrat, independent, Libertarian or freedom caucus issue.

It often appears that whatever party is in the minority becomes the champion of transparency right up until the time it is in the majority.

Politicians stump on transparency and are all about open access, until they have something they want to keep secret.

The need for transparency in local, state and federal government transcends parties and political ideologies.

Checks and balances provide few checks and little balance when officials broker deals behind closed doors and conceal documents that contain important information that the public has the right, and often the need, to know.

Local government has the biggest impact in the lives of people on a day-to-day basis.

Whether it is in the form of property taxes, sales taxes, business taxes, state-shared dollars or federal grants, loans and funding, local government is 100 percent taxpayer-funded.

The public has the right to know how its money is being spent.

The decisions being made, the dollars being doled out and the records being kept by city hall, the county commission, the board of education or the utility district all belong to liberals, conservatives, Republicans, Democrats, independents, Libertarians and even politically disinterested individuals.

All stakeholders have a stake in open meetings and public records and should care about transparency issues.

The lack of and need for true government transparency should be about the most bipartisan cause that exists.

Any elected official who truly cares about public service in a real and meaningful way and fully understands what a representative form of government is all about, should not only champion openness in government, but should be the most effective watchdogs, looking out for the public trust.

Sadly, those kinds of elected officials are hard to find.

The press tries to keep an eye on government and expose clandestine actions and in response journalists are often ridiculed, belittled and even threatened for just doing their jobs, as they work to keep government honest by making use of access laws.

But, the public needs to understand that access to government documents and actions is not just a media right.

It is your right.
By Jim Zachary
CNHI Deputy National Editor
Editor, The Valdosta Daily Times

Where is consistency?

Dear Editor:

Along with other parents, I recently had an encounter with a Purcell High School administrator and felt like the situation was very unfair and no guidelines were in place on how to handle the situation. Several students broke a rule by vaping on school property, including my child.

While I agreed the young men should be punished, I disagreed with the sentence given. First, the offense is not officially in

Society



It's a Small World

Gracie Montgomery

Happy St. Patrick's Day!
Celebrate like you're a little Irish, even if you're not!

Happy birthday to my daughter-in-law, Emily Montgomery of Purcell.

Emily celebrates her birthday Sunday, March 18.

A special happy birthday to my nieces, Kristin Rusler and Lindsay Budd.

Kristin and Lindsay celebrate their birthdays Wednesday, March 21.

Happy birthdays also go out to Merle Clark, Ernestine Cavnar, Garci Pollard, Craig Perigo, Nathan Brinker, Pam Dempsey, Dave Northcutt, Doug Buterbaugh, Tammy Rangel, Janie Braden, Glenda Carel, Leon Chausse and Joe Sheehy.

The Purcell PTO will be hosting a variety of food trucks at Parent-Teacher Conference Night Thursday, March 15, from 3:30-6:30 p.m.

The trucks will be located at Purcell Elementary School and Purcell Intermediate School.

Part of the proceeds of sales that night will be donated to the PTO.

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

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

March 20—Preschool and Toddler Story Time, featuring stories, songs and more activities for preschool-age children;

March 27—Family Play Time/la hora de jugar, a bilingual event with learning through art and play;

Registration is requested in advance for each of the programs.

For more information on

any of the programs, visit the library, call 527-5546 or go online to www.pioneerlibrary-system.org/purcell.

A fundraiser church yard sale and \$5 burger baskets for Eddie, a senior at Washington High School who is undergoing health issues, will be held Saturday, March 17.

The yard sale will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. with an auction at 2 p.m. and burger baskets at the Goldsby Baptist Church, East Building, 153 W. Center Road.

Donations for the sale or monetary donations can be made by calling Kelli at 795-8948.

I love slow cooker recipes and this is a good one.

Slow Cooker Taco Pasta

1 lb lean ground beef
1/2 cup water
2 tablespoons Old El Paso™ taco seasoning mix (from 1 oz package)

14.5 oz. can Mexican-style diced tomatoes, undrained
1/4 cup finely chopped white onion

1 garlic clove, finely chopped
4 oz. cream cheese, softened, cut into 1-inch pieces
8 oz. medium shell pasta
2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese (8 oz.)

In 10-inch skillet, cook beef over medium-high heat 5 to 8 minutes, stirring frequently, until beef is thoroughly cooked; drain.

In 4- to 5-quart slow cooker, stir beef, water, taco seasoning, tomatoes, onion and garlic until well blended.

Cover; cook on low heat setting 3 to 4 hours.

Cook pasta as directed on box; drain. Uncover slow cooker; stir in cream cheese until melted. Stir in pasta and shredded Cheddar cheese until well blended.

Cook uncovered on high heat 5 minutes longer or until cheese is melted.



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Mission work

Nancy Richardson, top, and Peggy Hill, members of McClain County OHCE, work on items to help with Mission Nicaragua.

McClain County OHCE help with Mission Nicaragua

Members of McClain County OHCE agree to help with Mission Nicaragua March 2.

Union Hill Baptist Church is going to Nicaragua on a mission trip again this year.

Marilyn Standridge gave a brief talk on her mission trip last year and saw a need for bags for the women to carry

donated medicine, Bibles, personal hygiene items and other items.

These bags would help them so much and they could take them home for storage, as well.

The OHCE members pinned, sewed, and ironed on the bags for four hours and made 63 bags.

ARTesian Gallery and Studios to host Easter Eggstravaganza March 23

The Chickasaw Nation will host an art-centric egg painting event open to the public at no charge 1-4 p.m., March 23, at the ARTesian Gallery and Studios, 100 W. Muskogee St., in Sulphur.

Participants will paint ceramic eggs using acrylic paint. Refreshments will include Easter-themed cookies and punch.

Visitors will also be able to peruse the wide selection of art on the walls and in the showcases of the ARTesian Gallery and Studios.

Currently available are the

works of Paula Loftin, Billy Hensley, Joanna Underwood, Mary Ruth Barnes, Brent Greenwood, Elihu Johnson and Shawn Harjo, among others. Their creations consist of photographs, paintings, jewelry, basketry, pottery and beadwork.

Five separate studio spaces are also occupied by various artists. James and Johanna Blackburn, Margaret Wheeler and Patta Butcher are current resident artists who work and sell out of the ARTesian's studio space.

For more information, call the ARTesian Gallery and Studios, 580-622-8040.

Okeyha Mothers Club has meeting

The Okeyha Mother's Club met Monday, March 12, in the home of Judy Moring with Judy and Betty Little as hostesses.

Twelve members were in attendance including Sheila Barfield, Kristy Brock, April Gillen, Valerye Haley, Jenny Hunter, Betty Little, Judy Moring, Dede Page, Kim Thompson, Sharie Wilhoit, Gisela Wolfenbarger and Heather Wyatt.

The Lord's Prayer was recited by all members in honor of this Lenten season. A fresh Hawaiian chicken salad on croissants, salad and banana pudding poke cake was enjoyed by all.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Jenny Hunter. Minutes were read by Secretary Valerye Haley. Treasurer's report was given by Dede Page and Sunshine report given by Kristy Brock.

One of the girls that the Okeyha Moms helped send to girls state, Camryn Dickerson, came and spoke about her experience.

Pat Martin, with the American Legion Auxiliary, also explained in detail what occurs at Girls State and the impact it has on the girls. It was decided that we will be paying for two full scholarships for two girls next year to attend.

In addition to pledging \$100, the Okeyha Moms will be heading to Oklahoma City to man the phones for the annual OETA Fundraising Festival.

A date has been set for our paint party. It will be Monday, April 23, from 6:30-9 p.m. at The Rusty Knot. Cost is \$40 and food/beverage will be available for purchase.

The next meeting will be held Monday, March 26, at Louie's Restaurant in Norman.

Jae L. Stilwell and Crossover invites performers to McSwain

Vocalists from around Oklahoma will join the Jae L. and the Crossover band to offer a diverse live music experience at 7 p.m., Saturday, March 17, at the historic McSwain Theatre, 130 W. Main Street, in Ada.

For nearly 100 years the McSwain Theatre has offered a compelling variety of entertainment, including silent films, Vaudeville acts and live musicals. More recently, the Jae L. and Crossover show has helped the McSwain stage become a Branson-style showcase of local vocalists.

Jae L. Stilwell is a singer, performer and lifetime Ada resident who has been a marquee attraction. She worked both behind the scenes and on the stage to keep the theatre a downtown musical destination. "The McSwain, through all these years, has given me a place to continue singing and that's what I love," Stilwell said. "The Jae L. and Crossover show is all about giving performers a place to hone their skills while the audience gets a happy and upbeat experience."

She said people come from all over to audition for the show—as close as Ada, Norman, Oklahoma City and as

far away as Kansas and Texas.

This month, guest vocalists have planned performances of favorites like Johnny Cash's "Folsom Prison Blues," Martina McBride's "Heartaches by the Number," Diamond Rio's "Gimme One More Chance," Miranda Lambert's "Mama's Broken Heart," Carrie Underwood's "I Know You Will," Reba's "The Night the Lights Went out in Georgia," and Roy Orbison's "Pretty Woman," among others.

Special guests include: Dwayne Yoesting from Ada, Darlin Darla and Kylee Laynee from Moore, Lela Dalby and Mike Dalby from Anadarko, John Mike Simpson from Okarche and Taylor House from Blanchard.

Jae L. and Crossover shows encourage audience participation and interaction. The band routinely takes requests and suggestions from the audience. Performances span many genres, from country to classic hits.

Crossover musicians have decades of combined experience performing with artists who specialize in all genres of

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Wayne School News

Chrystal Garza Wayne School



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Call With Your News

If you have any community news, let us know. We would be happy to report your events and news items.

News articles need to be delivered to the school by 9:30 a.m. each Monday.

Call Chrystal Garza at Wayne Middle School at 449-7047 or email her at chrgarza@wayne.k12.ok.us.

Wayne Band Spaghetti Dinner

The Wayne Band will be having its annual Spaghetti Dinner on Tuesday, March 27, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Wayne cafeteria.

The meal will be spaghetti, salad, dessert and a drink. Prices are adults \$6.50 and children 5-10 are \$3.50.

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, March 15—HS BB @ Central Marlow Tournament; HS SB @ Wayne/Lex Tournament; JH Cheer Clinic, 3:30 p.m.

Friday, March 16—HS BB @ Central Marlow Tournament; HS SB @ Wayne/Lex Tournament.

Saturday, March 17—HS BB @ Central Marlow Tournament; JH Cheer Tryouts, 9 a.m.

Monday, March 19—Professional Day.

Tuesday, March 20, -Friday, March 23—Spring Break.

Saturday, March 24—HS BB vs. Weleetka, 12 p.m.

Monday, March 26—Parent/Teacher Conference, 3 p.m.; HS SB @ Conference Tournament (Asher); JH SB @ Lex Tournament; HS BB vs. Stratford, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 27—Parent/Teacher Conference, 3 p.m.; Band Spaghetti Dinner, 5 p.m.; HS SB @ Conference Tourna-

Math Hall of Fame

The newest Math Hall of Fame recipients are Logan Simpson, Cash Sharp, Giovanni Caballero, Parker Woods and Cayden Johnson.

ment (Asher); JH/HS BB @ Bray-Doyle, 5 p.m.

Thursday, March 29—HS BB @ ECPTournament; HS SB @ Vanoss Tournament; JH BB @ Pauls Valley Tournament; Scholastic Meet @ Seminole State.

Friday, March 30—No School, Parent/Teacher Conference; HS BB @ ECP Tournament; HS SB @ Vanoss Tournament; JH BB @ Pauls Valley Tournament.

Saturday, March 31—HS BB @ ECPTournament; HS SB @ Vanoss Tournament; JH BB @ Pauls Valley Tournament.

Wayne High School Senior Spotlight

This week's Wayne High School senior spotlight features Nathan Conn and Christina Clink.

Nathan has attended Wayne Public Schools for six years and is active in basketball and FCA. The things Nathan likes the most about school are his friends and sports. His favorite teacher is Billy Lucas because he is funny, and a cool guy to talk to. He will miss seeing his friends, and sports. Nathan's

plans after graduation are to go to work and get a nice house.

Christina has attended Wayne Public Schools for 13 years and is active in band, art, club skills USA, Kaps for Kids and is a member of NHS. The one thing Christina likes the most about school is taking advantage of the art room. Her favorite teacher is Michelle Matthews because she lets her have free rein over the art room. She will miss most the close knit community at WHS. Christina's plans after high school are to go to OSU for wildlife biology.

Wayne Middle School Student to Know

Wayne Middle Schools Student to Know this week is Xander Bayer. He is in the sixth grade and his friends are Maria and Destiny.

Things Xander likes to do are watch anime, playing his trumpet, taking photographs and having alone time. Something he would like to do someday is be a professional photographer.

Xander's favorite place is

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Boosting morale

Prison coping with hiring freeze

Jeanne Grimes The Purcell Register

When the Oklahoma Department of Corrections announced a recent hiring freeze to cope with the state's ongoing budget crisis, there were of necessity exceptions.

Three areas were deemed exempt – security, food service and maintenance.

But those exemptions came with a caveat. A 70 percent staffing cap in each of those areas.

Lexington Assessment & Reception Center Warden Jeorلد Braggs Jr., called the freeze “significant” for the prison.

But at a pinning ceremony Tuesday he said staff morale

at the facility remains high, even in the face of dismal news coming out of the Oklahoma Legislature.

The warden said in the past, few if any security personnel would apply whenever there was an opening at a higher rank.

Compare that to the present, Braggs said.

There were 14 applicants for a single sergeant position last week. An opening for a lieutenant attracted 10 applicants and another three or four applied for promotion to the rank of captain.

Those numbers, he explained, are “signals we are moving in the right direction.”

“I feel we’ve got the best staff in the state,” Braggs continued.

He credited Col. Everett Shea’s “outstanding leadership” for a portion of that success.

Shea’s own promotion to chief of security three months ago has been a catalyst for staff morale.

At a pinning ceremony on Tuesday, Shea said he encourages his staff to find their leadership potential.

Call it a matter of walking the walk, not talking the talk.

There are people who go around telling others they are

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“Bearer of the Morning- The Life of Te Ata Thompson Fisher” available

The true story of a Chickasaw woman who persevered to fulfill a mission of sharing Native American culture with the world is available now on DVD and Blu-ray, during National Women's History Month.

Chickasaw Nation Productions documentary “Bearer of the Morning—The Life of Te Ata Thompson Fisher,” traces Mary Thompson “Te Ata” Fisher’s path of changing perceptions and negative stereotypes while advocating the preservation of Native American cultures.

Through storytelling and performances, Te Ata devoted her life’s work to sharing and promoting Native American culture worldwide, during a prolific career which began in 1919.

Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby said the documentary is designed to share Te Ata’s story and her impact on American history and culture.

“Te Ata was a great ambassador for Chickasaw people and for all Native Americans.

Her performances helped others better appreciate the positive contributions of Native Americans and helped shape cultural understanding in this great country,” he said.

Born Mary Thompson in Indian Territory in 1895, she later married Clyde Fisher, director of the Hayden Planetarium in New York.

She was best known by her stage name “Te Ata” (Bearer of the Morning), during her long and distinguished career entertaining audiences across the globe.

Using archival footage, family interviews and Te Ata’s own words, the documentary offers a rare glimpse into Te Ata’s personal life and mission to share and promote Native American culture worldwide.

Filmmakers scoured museum archives across the country while researching the project.

The film includes never-before-released footage of one of Te Ata’s performances and rare video footage of Te Ata’s

performance at Hyde Park, New York, for King George VI and Queen Elizabeth.

In addition, several members of the Thompson family share intimate stories of the famed Chickasaw storyteller in the documentary. History scholars and longtime acquaintances of Te Ata also provide unique insights into Te Ata’s 60-plus year career.

Her dedication to educating children and quest to serve as a Native American ambassador is also detailed through personal stories, photographs and rare video footage.

Narrated by Peter Coyote, the approximately 60-minute documentary was produced and filmed entirely by Chickasaw Nation Productions.

“Bearer of the Morning – The Life of Te Ata Thompson Fisher” is available in March on DVD and Blu-ray.

To purchase online or to find a local retailer, or for more information, please visit chickasawfilms.com.

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McSwain:

music. Band members include Jae L Stilwell, Jody Teeter, Jeff Donaldson, Deni Stubbs, Greg Griffin, Wayne Morton, Mike Price, Gary Bryan, Kenny Anderson, Debbie Allen and Tara Scott.

Band members take great pride in offering high quality family-friendly entertainment.

Season tickets for all Jae L. and Crossover shows are now available. For ticket information, contact the McSwain office

at 580-332-8108 or at <http://www.mcswaintheatre.com>.

Follow theatre updates on Facebook at [Facebook.com/McSwainTheatre](https://www.facebook.com/McSwainTheatre) or on Twitter at [Twitter.com/McSwainTheatre](https://twitter.com/McSwainTheatre).

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Dave:

Beyond that, Oprah was pretty flat overall and Mindy Kaling just spoke in famous quotes most of the film because, you guessed it, whimsy.

All that said though, I hate to be completely negative about this movie.

There are some legitimately beautiful scenes to be found here and every once in a while you can see the film’s director, Ava DuVernay, and her vision shine through.

Sadly those moments are few and far between.

Most the visuals are filled to the brim with frightly garish looking CGI and creatures that were meant to be beautiful, but instead will forever haunt my nightmares.

Maybe kids or perhaps fans of the book will enjoy this film, but for my money this is a movie adaptation that’s best left unseen.

“A Wrinkle in Time” is rated PG.



Last this week is “Thoroughbreds.”

Two upper-class teenage girls, Lily (Anya Taylor-Joy) and Amanda

(Olivia Cooke), from suburban Connecticut rekindle their unlikely friendship and together they hatch a plan to change Lily’s life for the better.

This is a bit of a weird one. I’m not even sure how to talk about the movie without spoiling it.

This is a very dialogue heavy film. Nearly the entire movie is just Lily and Amanda talking to each other.

And thanks to Amanda’s sociopathic nature, almost all the dialogue is very blunt and incredibly honest.

Frankly I found it pretty refreshing and both ladies gave very convincing performances.

Sure the way they both talk can be kind of creepy, and their discussions do end up leading to a very, very dark place, but

at least I never found it boring

The more I think about it, the more this movie reminds me of a horror film, except it’s from the perspective of the killer instead of the victim.

The music definitely feels like it belongs in a horror movie. It’s all percussion and off putting quick violin notes. Like most of the film, it’s very strange, yet it all somehow works.

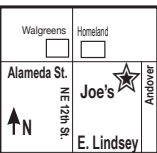
I don’t know. This movie definitely isn’t for everyone. It’s too strange and the characters are a little too off putting for most filmgoers.

I enjoyed it overall. It was definitely one of the better films I saw this weekend, though the other releases did set the bar pretty dang low.

“Thoroughbreds” is rated R.

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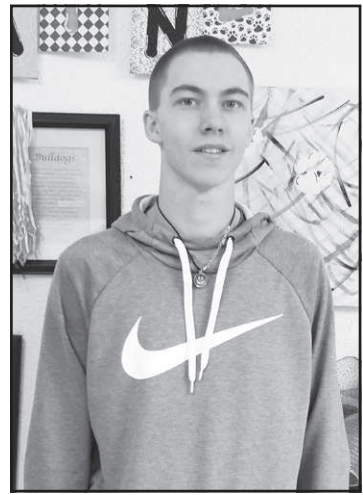
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his room and something fun he has done this year is play his trumpet at a football game in the high school band.



Xander Bayer



Ryan Blankenship

Wayne High School Student to Know

Wayne High Schools Student to Know this week is Ryan Blankenship. He is in the ninth grade and his friends are Darian, Adam and Andrew.

Things Ryan likes to do are fishing, bowling, playing cards and doing nothing at all. Something he would like to do someday is to go snowboarding.

Ryan's favorite place to be is Heyday and something fun he has done this year is going to Heyday.



Briley Cantrell

Mrs. Moreno's Third Grade Student of the Week

Mrs. Moreno's Third Grade Student of the Week is Briley Cantrell.

Briley's favorite color is blue, animal is dog, food is pizza, book is National Geographic, sport is softball, tv show is "Full House" and holiday is Christmas.

Briley enjoys going to school because she loves math. In Briley's free time she enjoys playing and watching softball, dancing and gymnastics.

When Briley grows up she wants to be an OU softball player.

Congratulations Briley Cantrell!

Mrs. Boles Fourth Grade Student of the Week

Mrs. Boles Fourth Grade Student of the Week is Aiden Beck-Woods.

Aiden's favorite color is blue, school subject is reading and food is goulash. When Aiden



Aiden Beck

grows up he wants to be a Marine.

In Aiden's free time he enjoys playing baseball and football, swimming, reading and playing with his dog Tilley. Aiden enjoys spending time with his family, going to church camp, and water skiing at the lake. He is looking forward to going deer hunting with his poppy.

Congratulations Aiden Beck!



Kamille McGee

Mrs. Keeler's Fourth Grade Student of the Week

Mrs. Keeler's Fourth Grade Student of the Week is Kamille McGee.

Kamille's favorite color is purple, school subject is math, and food is Chicken Alfredo. In Kamille's free time she enjoys playing outdoors and playing volleyball.

When Kamille grows up she wants to be a doctor.

Congratulations Kamille McGee!

Math Hall of Fame

At Wayne Elementary we know the importance of students knowing all of their math facts. Students who know their math facts have a great foundation ready to build new math skills as they grow.

As an added award, students receive a medal, school and local recognition, and a pizza party with Principal Donna Souttee at the end of the school year.

Wayne Elementary is proud to announce our newest members into the Math Hall of Fame are Logan Simpson, Cash Sharp, Giovanni Cabal-



Nathan Conn and Christina Clink

ero, Parker Woods and Cayden Johnson.

Elementary State Testing

Testing will begin during the week of April 2 and continue until April 20. Testing is very important to your child and to our school. Please make sure your child is in attendance every day.

Please make sure your children gets plenty of rest and are here and on time especially from now until the end of school.

Stationary will be sent home with students soon for parents to write letters of encouragement to their child. A few sweet words and knowing your parents are behind you can go a long way to ease some anxiety your child might be having.

Thank you for your support.

Pre-K Early Enrollment

We are trying to locate children who will be old enough for our Wayne Pre-Kindergarten for 2018-2019 school year. Children must be four years old on or before September 1 for Wayne Pre-Kindergarten.

If you have a child or know of a child this age, please come by the elementary office to pick up a form, if you do not have a child currently enrolled in the elementary.

Pre-K Early Enrollment will be held March 26 through May 3. Forms will be sent out with our current students and all forms need to be turned in as soon as possible.

Please refine potty training habits over the summer. If the student is not completely potty trained they will be asked to come back when they can use the bathroom independently.

For enrollment of your child, please bring the following items with you:

1. Birth Certificate (Copy of Original, from the State)
2. Immunization Record (Make sure all shots are up-to-date)
3. Social Security Card (Need a copy of the card)
4. CDIB Card (Need a copy of the card)
5. Proof of Address.

Lexington FFA Chapter

Conrad Moffat, Reporter

Agriculture Literacy 4

In this series of Agriculture Literacy, I have highlighted that agriculture is the base for all societies and how technology improves productivity.

Agriculture producers, or farmers, are many things. They are producers of food, fiber and materials for human life; they are producers and care givers of animals; and managers of a business, in many cases a very large business.

In the previous article, pesticides were highlighted. Another key to the farmer's success is marketing products.

On our farm we raise wheat, soybeans, corn and cattle. Our crops are mostly for animal feed; we also have a large garden for us. Much of the wheat and corn is used as feed.

Using our crops to feed our cattle saves money. The soybeans and some corn is sold, by semi-truck loads through a grain broker, to companies that make feed and probably some corn for ethanol.

Corn can be a double use crop, being used for ethanol is both fuel and feed. The byproduct of turning corn into

ethanol is something called distillers grains which makes good animal feed.

When my dad needs to market or sell products, he contacts the grain broker to get the best price. A farmer must daily watch the grain markets and know what is going on in the states and around the world.

Weather in another part of the US can affect prices and whether he plants a crop and how many acres. For example, if producers in another corn producing area are experiencing flooding our drought during any stage of production (planting, growing, or harvesting), they could experience much lower or no production.

My dad would plant more acres of a crop to meet the market demands. Dad has to know many things about the market, projects price, and other factors that affect the products he sells and the price he can get.

Our cattle are sold by the semi-truck load at sale barns in Oklahoma City or El Reno. This is another crop that dad must study markets and other factors to get the best price.

We have cows and bulls, to raise a crops of steers to sell

once a year. Marketing of cattle is getting more technological. The sale barn will post pictures on Facebook of the group of cattle.

Farmers of other products use many ways to market their products. Along with the broker like my dad uses, social media like Facebook, email, trade shows, and advertising in ag industry magazines are used. Farmers Markets use social media the most. They are good at getting their customers to know and buy from the farmer.

Farmers are producers of food, fiber and materials for human life; they are producers and care givers of animals; and managers of a business. They use many resources to improve and increase what they produce.

Marketing helps farmers sell and get the best price for their product.

The marketing is done through a broker, using sale facilities, and using technology.

As reporter of the Lexington FFA Chapter, I am writing a series of articles on Agriculture Literacy. The is one of the goals of my FFA Chapter, on the Ag Literacy Committee.

Tupper announces candidacy For District 21 District Judge

District Judge Michael Tupper Announces Candidacy for New Term



Tupper

office of Cleveland County District Judge.

Tupper has spent his career in the Cleveland County Courthouse as an assistant district attorney and as a special judge. He now serves as district judge, following a recent appointment by Gov. Mary Fallin to complete the term of District Judge Tracy Schumacher, who resigned from her District 21 post in May.

Because the interim term is due to expire at the end of this year, Tupper is registering his candidacy for a new four-year term. District 21 judges represent Cleveland, Garvin and McClain counties.

Serving in Cleveland County's judiciary since 2009, Tupper has become a leader, advocating for judicial programs from the state Capitol in Oklahoma City to the halls of Congress in Washington D.C.

"My entire, 16-year professional career has been dedicated to serving the citizens of Cleveland County in the state's third-largest jurisdiction," Tupper said. "This courthouse has truly become my life's work."

In addition to his dedication to fostering public trust in the legal system, Tupper has been devoted to the development of Cleveland County's innovative community sentencing, drug court and mental health court programs.

Cleveland County's treatment-court programs create alternatives to prison sentencing for offenders who suffer from a substance use disorder or other mental illnesses. Under these programs, seriously addicted and mentally ill individuals remain in treatment for long periods of time while under close supervision by the court.

Under these programs, offenders are randomly

tested for substance use and are required to appear in court for progress reviews. Meanwhile, they receive community-based treatment services to help them overcome addictions, manage mental illnesses and work to become lawful, productive members of the community.

"Since taking over Cleveland County's drug court, the program has expanded tremendously and is now widely recognized as the model drug court in Oklahoma," Tupper said.

Successes include: 139 participants; more than 523 graduates; an 80 percent graduation rate; a 23 percent recidivism rate; a 3 percent unemployment rate; a 40 percent reduction in participants lacking a high school diploma; a 59 percent increase in children living with their parents; more than 150 drug-free babies born; more than 1,000 years in prison avoided and more than \$17 million in taxpayer savings.

"Judge Tupper has a long-established track record as an outstanding assistant prosecutor, a judge and a community advocate," said William Hetherington, former district judge and judge of the Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals. "I can't think of a more experienced, qualified and dynamic leader to serve District 21."

"We all know the impact substance abuse and mental illness has on our society and our court system" Hetherington said. "These programs are the most intelligent, evidence-based and successful programs for reducing crime, reunifying families and overcoming addiction."

In addition to his work in the courthouse, Tupper has served as a national advocate for the drug court system, traveling to Washington D.C. in 2017 as Oklahoma's judicial representative to the National Association of Drug Court Professionals' Congressional Spring Fly-In event.

"I attended meetings with staff members of Oklahoma's Congressional Delegation and provided a front-line perspective on how drug court strategies are being used to effectively treat substance abuse and mental illness in Oklahoma,"

Tupper said.

In 2014, Tupper co-organized a legislative summit with state lawmakers, helping to establish professional relationships between members of the legislature and the judiciary. The summit provided legislators with an overview of the court system, its docket responsibilities and the judiciary's role in state and local government.

"Judge Tupper's advocacy and proactive approach to the judiciary has dramatically improved the lives of thousands of people," said Cleveland County Sheriff Todd Gibson. "He has set a high standard for other courts across the state."

Tupper, a 2002 graduate of the University of Oklahoma College of Law, began his legal career as an assistant district attorney in the Major Crimes Unit of the Cleveland County District Attorney's Office. In 2009, he was appointed to serve as a special judge in the Cleveland County District Court, where he has managed Cleveland County's treatment court programs along with other court docket responsibilities, which include civil litigation and family law.

Tupper said his recent gubernatorial appointment to serve the remainder of Judge Schumacher's term has been the honor of his lifetime.

"The position serves an incredibly important role in the administration of justice," Tupper said. "District judges preside over issues affecting virtually all aspects of citizens' lives, and the position comes with huge responsibilities, which are not to be taken lightly."

"My entire legal career has prepared me for this position, and as a district judge, it is my goal to focus on helping citizens solve problems and resolve legal conflicts. I firmly believe my experience, temperament, work ethic, passion, and intellect make me uniquely qualified to serve the citizens of District 21 as their district judge," Tupper said.

Tupper and his wife, Jennifer, have been married 15 years. They live in Norman with their three children, a 10-year-old son and twin daughters, who are 6.

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Just 2 towns see totals drop

The Oklahoma Tax Commission returned \$140,021,422 to cities and towns in March.

Of the cities and towns covered by **The Purcell Register** only Purcell and Maysville had

lower figures than last year. Counties received a total of \$24,822,537 in sales taxes.



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City maintenance crew

City of Purcell workers will be working in the alleys and streets, trimming trees and spraying. They will be marking the gas meters with orange or yellow p.v.c. pipe and yellow tape. "Please bear with us as we make these improvements to our community."

Into the wild blue yonder

December 9 honors Oklahoma women in aviation

Oklahoma Sen. Paul Scott and Sandra Shelton, public and government affairs liaison for the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission, are advocating other states create a commemorative day to honor women in aviation.

They made that known during a recent presentation to The Ninety-Nines, Inc., at the organization's international headquarters in Oklahoma City.

"Women have made such a tremendous impact in the aviation and aerospace industries and their accomplishments and hard work deserve to be recognized and celebrated nationwide," said Scott, R-Duncan. "It was an honor to visit with the leadership of The Ninety-Nines and we hope they can help us in persuading other states to create Women in Aviation and Aerospace Days in their own states."

"I want to think the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission in helping with this effort."

The presentation to the group of Ninety-Nines' chapter and state chairs from across the country highlighted the journey of Senate Bill 230 into law.

The idea for the special day first came to Shelton, who

worked on staff in the House of Representatives at the time, when she met famous female aviator Pearl Carter Scott.

She had a major impact on Shelton's life, so much so that Shelton wanted to commemorate the contributions made by Pearl Scott and others by declaring a date in statute annually honoring female achievements in aviation and aerospace.

During the 2017 legislative session, Shelton approached Sen. Scott about authoring a bill to create Oklahoman Women in Aviation and Aerospace Day.

Sen. Scott agreed to carry the measure and filed the bill on behalf of the Aeronautics Commission.

"When we passed the bill, we knew how meaningful and important the message was but we really had no idea how much enthusiasm and excitement the legislation would create," the senator said. "We spoke to the Ninety-Nines with a desire to motivate other states to select their own honoree and date, and emulate what Oklahoma has been the first in the nation to create."

Paul Scott has no known relation to Pearl Carter Scott. Representative Scott Biggs of

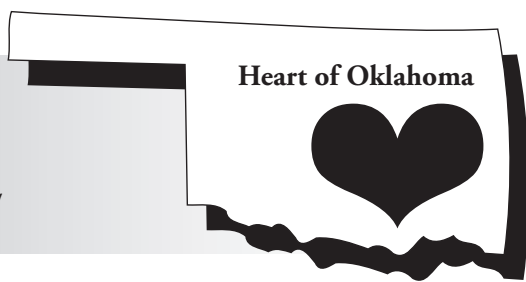
Marlow successfully carried the measure through the House of Representatives.

With the passage of the bill, December 9 became Oklahoma Women in Aviation and Aerospace Day.

The annual observance is intended to inspire the aviation

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MARCH SALES TAX REPORT



CITY	RATE	2018	2017	DIFFERENCE
Blanchard	.04	\$206,895.42	\$195,994.31	+\$10,901.11
Byars	.04	\$4,030.41	\$1,786.32	+\$2,244.09
Cole	.04	\$2,056.15	\$1,672.09	+\$384.06
Dibble	.05	\$21,113.42	\$17,205.76	+\$3,907.66
Goldsby	.035	\$93,794.38	\$80,243.14	+\$13,551.24
Lexington	.035	\$32,326.48	\$32,140.73	+\$185.75
Lindsay	.04	\$246,232.38	\$211,253.65	+\$34,978.73
Maysville	.04	\$23,590.01	\$29,341.76	-\$5,751.75
Newcastle	.04	\$427,365.34	\$408,793.24	+\$18,572.10
Noble	.04	\$115,177.78	\$97,300.47	+\$16,877.31
Norman	.04	\$5,785,644.03	\$5,469,242.36	+\$316,401.67
Paoli	.03	\$6,597.43	\$5,030.58	+\$1,566.85
Pauls Valley	.045	\$522,625.76	\$427,909.58	+\$94,716.18
Purcell	.05	\$438,106.67	\$441,389.05	-\$3,282.38
Slaughterville	.02	\$13,665.43	\$12,316.94	+\$1,348.49
Wanette	.035	\$2,698.59	\$1,950.56	+\$748.03
Washington	.04	\$12,059.64	\$10,012.98	+\$2,046.66
Wayne	.035	\$18,877.07	\$11,542.42	+\$7,334.65
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Dibble	.05	\$743.49	\$317.39	+\$426.10
Goldsby	.035	\$5,826.28	\$1,974.90	+\$3,851.38
Lexington	.04	\$3,142.73	\$6,333.09	-\$3,190.36
Lindsay	.04	\$15,824.93	\$26,767.88	-\$19,942.95
Newcastle	.04	\$32,821.53	\$14,432.02	+\$18,389.51
Noble	.04	\$10,359.96	\$6,792.60	+\$3,567.36
Norman	.04	\$439,944.68	\$264,488.80	+\$175,455.88
Paoli	.03	\$995.18	\$478.19	+\$516.99
Pauls Valley	.045	\$34,521.74	\$20,418.26	+\$14,103.48
Purcell	.05	\$29,803.33	\$17,740.45	+\$12,062.88
Slaughterville	.02	\$1,583.00	\$2,232.60	-\$647.60
Wanette	.035	\$374.86	\$931.09	-\$556.23
Washington	.04	\$3,239.72	\$1,853.20	+\$1,386.52
Wayne	.035	\$1,480.05	\$1,003.49	+\$476.56
McClain County	.005	\$21,166.14	\$5,986.89	+\$15,179.25

Explanation of use tax:

(This is in addition to the sales tax reported monthly.) Every state with a sales tax has a companion tax for outside the state. In Oklahoma, that tax is called "use tax."

Those having purchased items for use in Oklahoma from retailers who do not collect Oklahoma sales tax, the buyer owes the state use tax on those items.

The use tax in the state was first enacted in 1937.



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Area response

At least nine fire departments, including Goldsby, responded to a grass fire that consumed vegetation along 14 miles of State Highway 74 South on Monday afternoon.



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Captain's bars

Eddie Rivera receives captain's bars Tuesday at the Lexington Assessment & Reception Center from Col. Everett Shea, left, and Deputy Warden Rick Whitten. A second new captain, Tina Spencer, was unable to attend the pinning ceremony. See related story on page 7A.



• Photo provided

Lessons at the auction

David Perry has some ring man tips for Grady "GO" Andrews at the recent Washington Bonus Auction.

Lexington Community News

By Hazel Shockey Daniels

Purcell Senior Citizens

By Fredda Perry

Everything is turning green at the center this week. The seniors have their St. Patrick's Day party on Friday. Many of the seniors are still looking for a green leprechaun to help them find the pot of gold. There are four days left before the pot of gold goes back to its favorite place for another year.

Gradually our number is coming back up. We still have several who either are still sick or about to recuperate from the ugly and cough that goes along with it. We are working hard to get our count back up to an average attendance of 50.

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

Activities have been good. The seniors have especially enjoyed the exercise class which is held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. When the exercise class started, the ladies exercised three days a week and walked two days a week. However, some of the ladies have gotten use to exercising and walking more than the regular days. Many of them walk after they have finished their regular exercise skills.

The senior garage sale for this week will be Thursday, March 15, starting at 8 a.m. and lasting until 3 p.m. Come by and check out the items in the sale. New

items are donated almost daily. Please do not leave donations on the patio without calling Hester at 990-1840.

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

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

Need a place to have a special event? The center is available for \$70 a day. If you're interested call

527-5070. Call early so you can get the date you want.

Menu for the week of March 19-23:

Monday—Chili with beans, whole kernel corn, pickled beets, crackers, peach crisp.

Tuesday—Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, steamed broccoli, wheat bread, gravy, dessert.

Wednesday—Meatloaf, red potatoes with green beans, steamed carrots, wheat bread, mixed fruit salad.

Thursday—Chicken and dumplings, baked sweet potato, spinach, strawberry dessert.

Friday—Seasoned pinto beans, oven fried potatoes with onions, tomato spoon relish, cornbread, chocolate mousse.

Thought for the Week: Every day is a gift.

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David Harlow
Minister at Wayne

The Lexington Senior Citizen meal program is going strong. Every day we look forward to seeing a lot more of our neighbors coming in to enjoy the good food and friendship.

This community service began when the bridge was down for about a year. Watch for the menu in **The Purcell Register** and hard copies will be available at the desk in the Center.

We are thankful to Loving Care for looking out for our blood pressure and blood sugar levels once a month. The exercise program is available to senior adults free of charge and you can call Sue Peery or ask at the Center for this information.

Invite your friends to go the center in Lexington, and just tell them to find out for themselves if the food is as good as everyone says.

Lunch is served from 11

a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday for a \$6 donation. To-go orders are \$7. The lunch is open to the public and home cooked and served by the volunteers at Lexington Community Center, 131 S. Main.

All menus are subject to change.

Menu for March 15, 21 and 22:

Thursday, March 15—Fried

chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, squash, rolls, salad bar, peach cobbler.

Wednesday, March 21—Meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, English peas, corn, rolls, salad bar, banana pudding.

Thursday, March 22—Pork chops, mashed potatoes and gravy, blackeyed peas, corn, rolls, salad bar, cherry dump cake.



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Post season honors

Wells, Berrey All-Conference

Senior Adam Wells and junior Jake Berrey have been named to the first team Canadian Valley All-Conference in the South Division.

Wells averaged 10.6 points and six rebounds a game while Berrey averaged 11.3 and 7.2 rebounds per outing.

Sophomore Gavin Nation and junior Garrett Galyean were listed on the Honorable Mention team.

Nation averaged 9.0 and 4.1 rebounds per game while Galyean averaged 13.3 points and 3.6 rebounds per game.

Dragons Head Coach Roger Raper was named as the Coach of the Year.



Adam Wells

First Team All Conference

Jake Berrey

First Team All Conference



Gavin Nation
Honorable
Mention

**Garrett
Galyean**
Honorable
Mention



Roger Raper
Coach of the Year

Lex All-Conference

Two basketball players from Lexington have been named Big 8 all-conference performers – Lauren Beason and Caden Jones.

Beason (who will be a junior next fall for Lexington) led the Lady 'Dawgs in scoring this season as she helped Lexington to a 10-14 record.

"She is a great person and a great player," said Lexington girls' basketball head coach Ryan Perry.

"She was a joy to coach along with her teammates. I believe Lauren along with her team have a great future ahead of them."

Jones, a senior, scored 8.8 points and grabbed five rebounds per game for the boys, who were 4-20. He was also a standout football player last fall for the 6-4 'Dawgs and is now playing baseball this spring.

"Caden Jones was selected by the coaches of the Big 8 for all-conference this last Wednesday," said Lexington boys' basketball head coach J.D. Beck. "Every game we played in this year, you could tell the opposing team was trying to take Caden away. Some of Caden's best attributes was his game knowledge and he had some of the softest hands on the team."

"He could always find a way to get his shot off. Caden has been a fine representative for Lexington athletics. He is a three-sport athlete and has excelled in the classroom."

Ciara Winterton and Emilee Jenks from Lexington were named honorable mention for the girls' all-conference team.



Lauren Beason and Caden Jones

Lexington Baseball 2018

Month	Opponent	Site	Time
3-12	Purcell	Away	4:30
3-13	Little Axe	Home	4:30
3-15	Lindsay	Away	4:30
3-26	Washington	Away	4:30
3-29-31	Am-Po	Away	TBA
5			
4-16	Purcell	Home	4:30
4-19-21	Purcell Tournament	Away	TBA
4-23	Washington	Home	4:30
4-24	Konawa	Home	4:30
4-26-28	District Tournamet	TBA	TBA
5-3-5	Regional Tournament	TBA	TBA
5-10-12	State Tournament	TBA	TBA

'Dawgs trending up

Bats coming alive

Todd Newville
The Purcell Register

The Lexington baseball team didn't get a whole lot of time to practice outside before the season began. But, now after a couple of losses to begin the year, the 'Dawgs seem to be on an early roll.

Lex began the campaign with losses to Community Christian (14-1) and Pauls Valley (11-2). But, the 'Dawgs picked up steam with two run-rule victories last week

by beating Davis, 12-2, and Wayne, 12-0.

Davis was 8-19 a year ago while Wayne had a 15-12 record.

The two victories were what Lexington head coach Jarod Ennis was expecting.

He was not surprised by his team's offensive onslaught against the latter two opponents.

Please see **'Dawgs**, page 5B



Dragons pelt Bethel, 11-4

Gunner Fink gets victory on the mound

John D. Montgomery
The Purcell Register

Riding the pitching arm of Gunner Fink, Purcell picked up its first win of the baseball season with an 11-4 victory over Bethel last Friday.

An RBI triple by Cooper Frankenberg opened the scoring in the second inning when Purcell jumped out to a 2-0 lead.

After Bethel went ahead 3-2 in the top of the third, Purcell unleashed the bats scoring four in the bottom of the frame.

The Dragons iced away the victory with five big runs in the bottom of the sixth.

Frankenberg, Grant Smith and Nick Albright had two hits apiece to pace the offense that finished with 10 hits overall. Ethan Wayland had a single in the contest.

Fink went the distance scat-

Please see **Dragons**, page 4B

Bringing heat

Cauy Hollis throws home Monday during Purcell's 5-2 win over Lexington. Hollis fanned 15 Bulldogs in the win.

Janet Moore • The Purcell Register

Washington All-Conference

Washington's Conner Kirtley and Manuel Trejo have been selected to the Canadian Valley All-Conference basketball team. Kade Hendrix was named honorable mention.

Kirtley was a three-year starter for the Warriors. He averaged 9 points, 5 rebounds and 2 blocks per game.

"Conner really stepped up from a toughness and leadership standpoint in the second half of the season," said head coach TJ Scholz. Kirtly was the lone senior to start for the Warriors this past season.

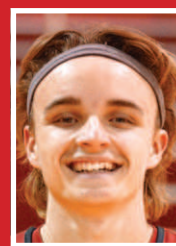
Trejo averaged 14 points, 3 assists, 3 rebounds and 2 steals per game. He shot 59% from the field and 36% from behind the arc.

"Manuel expanded his game as the season wore on and became a real threat scoring at each level of the court. He hit big shots that allowed us to continue on in the playoffs," Scholz said.

Hendrix averaged 10 points per game. He shot 40% from three point range and 86% from the free throw line.

"Kade's ability to hit the outside shot also contributed to our successful run including big free throws and the game tying 3 against Marietta. Kade also improved greatly on the defensive side of the ball," Scholz said.

Hendrix and Trejo are both juniors.



Kirtley



Trejo



Hendrix

Marching along

Area businesses bring March Madness home

The Purcell Register's advertising department decided to have a little fun with the March Madness basketball tournament.

Area merchants are represented in this week's edition of **The Register** with the team that was randomly drawn out of a hat.

As long as the team remains alive in the tournament the merchant will continue to get to play along in the newspaper with the eventual champion team winning a full page ad-

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Washington Softball



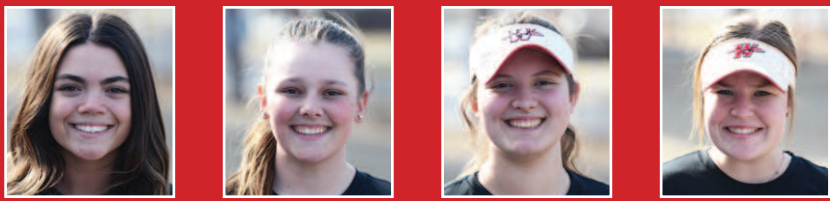
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Shane Labeth Asst. coach Jace Brewer Head coach

Lexington confident for '18

Contributors abound for 'Dawgs

Todd Newville
The Purcell Register

The Lexington slow-pitch varsity softball team began their season Monday at Wayne.

The Lady 'Dawgs could be a force to reckon with this spring on the diamond, according to head coach Kayla Stewart.

"We have the potential to be really good this year," Stewart said. "Once we get everything figured out mentally, we will be tough to beat."

Last year, Lexington went 20-12.

The Lady 'Dawgs beat Class 5A No. 7 Sulphur, 8-7, in Regional play last spring.

But, then they lost to No. 2 Morris, 18-2, before Sulphur got revenge with a 12-3 win to end Lexington's season a year ago.

This is Stewart's fifth year in coaching. She spent the first two years of her coaching career at McLoud as an assistant coach in fast-pitch softball, basketball, and slow-pitch.

"My first year at Lexington, I was the assistant in just fast-pitch," Stewart said. "My second year, I was assistant in fast and head in slow. Now my third year, I'm the head of fast and slow and an assistant in basketball."

While her team may only have three seniors, Stewart said she is confident that any of her

players can step up and contribute at any given moment.

Lacey Barber, Konnor McDonald, and JoJo Turnpaugh are the three seniors.

Lexington features four juniors: Bri Webster, Bryn Scruggs, Makayla Finley, and Ciara Winterton.

The nine sophomores include Amanda Graddy, Anna Sample, Hannah Robbins, Kaylee Fink, Kenzie Lawson, Lindsey Barber, Raegan Adkins, Emilee Jenks and Lilli Perry.

There are also five freshmen who will play for Lexington:

Jaci Idlett, Maddy Pack, Zayla Hyde, Harley Salisbury, and Sierra Petit.

"We have three seniors who know their roles on the team and do a great job of executing those roles," Stewart said.

"We have so many different girls who will have their moments and step up big for us. That's the great thing about this team. You never know which player is going to have a big game, but you have the confidence that it could be any number of girls on any given night."

Lexington Slow-pitch 2018

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
March 12	Wayne	Away	TBA
March 13	Davis/Byng	Home	5
March 15-16	Wayne Tournament	Wayne	TBA
March 26	Blanchard/Newcastle	Home	5
March 27	Purcell/Harrah	Purcell	5
March 29-30	Harrah Tournament	Harrah	TBA
April 2	Tecumseh/Dale	Tecumseh	5
April 3	Little Axe/Washington	Washington	6
April 9	All Conference	Little Axe	7
April 10	Plainview	Plainview	4:30
April 12	Norman North	Home	5
April 13	Dale FireLake Festival	Firelake	TBA
April 17	Dickson	Home	5
April 19-21	District Tournament	TBA	TBA
April 26-28	Regional Tournament	TBA	TBA
May 1	State Tournament	HOF OKC	TBA

2018

Lexington Softball



Jaci Idlett Fr. 17 Zayla Hyde Fr. 23 Sierra Petit Fr. 16 Madeline Pack Fr. 5 Harley Salisbury Fr. 12



Lacey Barber Sr. 4 Kenzie Lawson So. 9 Makayla Finley Jr. 8 Amanda Graddy So. 9 Anna Sample So. 10



Hannah Robbins So. 20 JoJo Turnpaugh Sr. 14 Lilli Perry So. 13 Brianna Webster Jr. 6 Lindsey Barber So. 7



Kaylee Fink So. 11 Konnor McDonald Sr. 10 Emilee Jenks So. 2 Bryn Scruggs Jr. 21 Raegan Adkins So. 24

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Nimmo, Shea at state competition

Caylin Nimmo and Jacyln Shea both competed for the Purcell Dragons at the State Power Lifting championships.

Nimmo lifted in the 157 pound class and finished 6th with a total of 1,020 pounds.

He had a 385 pound squat, 225 pound bench and a 410 pound deadlift.

Shea lifted in the 242 pound class and had a total lift of 1,130 pounds and finished 11th.

Jacyln had a 420 pound squat, 225 pound bench and a 485 pound deadlift.

Bulldogs start 3-2

Wins over Wanette and Maysville,

Emily Montgomery
The Purcell Register

The Wayne Bulldogs kicked off the 2018 season with two wins over the Wanette Tigers.

Last Monday, in a double header, the Bulldogs got an 11-1 victory and a 6-3 victory.

Jake Brazell got the win on the mound, going three innings. He struck out six and gave up one run.

Junior Mason Smith led the team at the plate, going 2-3 with an RBI. Rodney Gray also had success with his bat. He was 1-1 with two RBIs and a double.

In the second game with Wanette, Wayne snagged a 6-3 win over the Tigers.

Dalton Mullins got the win on the mound, pitching for two and two-thirds innings. He gave two runs, walked four and

struck out six.

"Dalton threw the ball well. We're sticking to a pitching count for all the guys while we get experience. He stayed out there for 30-50 pitches. Rodney came in after and got the save," head coach Chance Sharp said.

Gray led the team, going 2-3 with a double and two RBIs. Cooper Chick was also 2-3 at the plate.

Next up, the Bulldogs traveled to Maysville on Tuesday for a double header with the Warriors.

Wayne snagged a 6-2 win in game one. Gray was on the mound for all five innings. He allowed two runs on three hits and fanned one batter.

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Rough start for Lady Bulldogs

Wayne is 0-3 heading into a busy week on the field

Emily Montgomery
The Purcell Register

The Wayne Lady Bulldogs kicked off their season at Lindsay. The Leopards bested the Bulldogs with a 13-5 win.

Wayne jumped out in front 3-0 early, but Lindsay scored nine runs on two outs and pulled out the 8 run win.

"When they scored those runs, we just couldn't get anything else going," said head coach Scott Brewer.

The Lady Bulldogs scored their five runs on 12 hits.

Hannah Wissinger led the team at the plate, going 2-2 with two doubles. Kyzee Johnson, Madysen Jenks and Morgan Posey were all 2-3. Maddison Hunt and Bailey Kennedy were each 1-3, while Kennedy added a triple.

Next up, Wayne hosted ECP,

where they fell 14-1 to the Lady Pirates.

Lilly Singleton was in the circle for the loss.

The Lady Bulldogs scored 1 run on 10 hits and had four errors.

"We could get runners on base, but we failed to get them in. ECP really hit the ball well and we couldn't get them out," Brewer said.

Kennedy, Hunt and Jenks were all 2-2. Kennedy had a double in the loss. Sydney McGowen was 1-1.

Friday Wayne hosted Ampo and fell to the Lady Panthers 20-9.

The Lady Bulldogs scored their nine runs on 14 hits and had three errors.

Abby Lee was in the circle for the loss.

Wissinger led the team, going

2-3 with a homerun. Morgan Posey, Shelby Miller and Johnson were also 2-3. Hunt went 2-4 and Kennedy was 1-3.

The Lady Bulldogs' second week of the season is jam packed.

Monday, Wayne was scheduled to host Lexington. Tuesday, the Lady Bulldogs traveled to Chickasha for the Dibble Festival. They took on Central Marlow, Hammonds and Rush Springs.

Thursday (today) Wayne hosts six teams in a round robin format for the first day of the Wayne-Lexington tournament. Wayne faces Stratford at 10 a.m., Lindsay at 5 p.m. and Bray-Doyle at 6 p.m.

Friday at Wayne is the single elimination tournament where Wayne takes on Little Axe at 12:30.



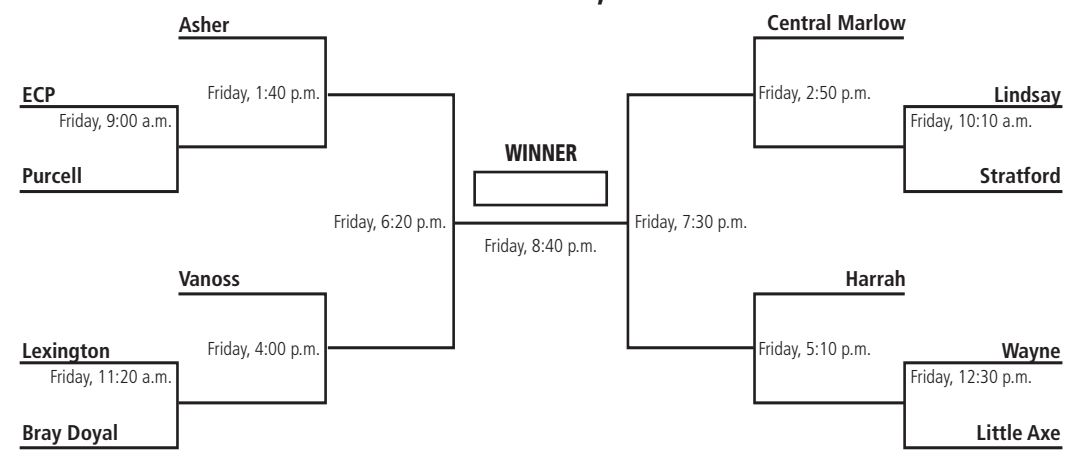
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Karate kids

Members of the JFA Academy karate school turned in good performances in The Cage open Karate Tournament in Cushing last weekend. Audrey placed first in forms, point sparring and continuous sparring. Olivia placed first in forms, point sparring and continuous sparring. Wyatt placed first in forms, third in point sparring and second in continuous sparring. Elaine placed first in weapons, second in forms and first in continuous fighting. Master Jimboy said he is very proud of the group. From left are Master Mark Jimboy, Audrey Williams, Wyatt Palmro, Olivia Williams, George Putman and Elaine Guilloz.

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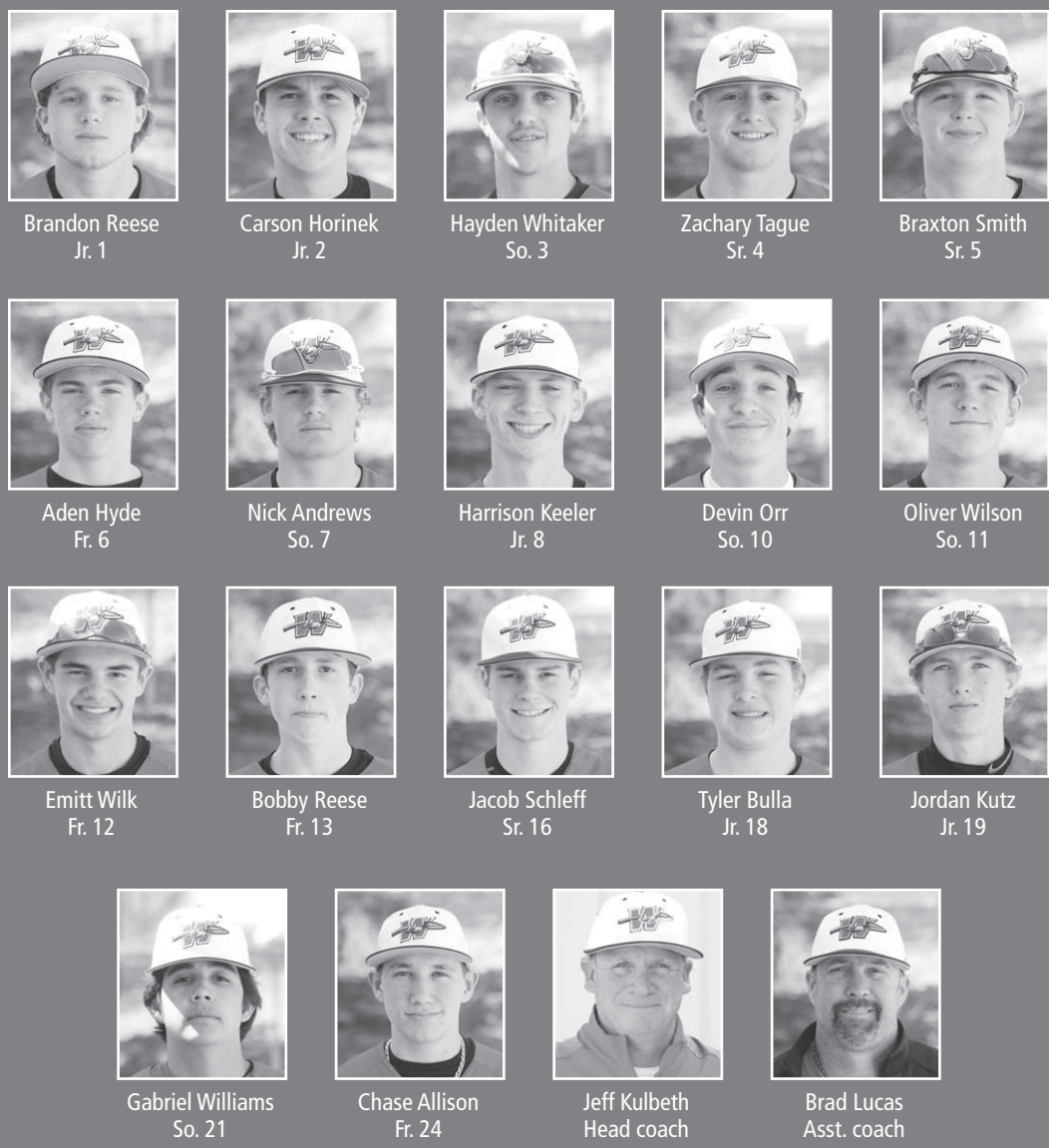
Black belt promotions

Korbin Page, George Putman and Mattie Stewart tested for two days with two promoted to black belt and two to dan. They ran a mile, did 1,000 pushups, 1,000 sit-ups and more. They also showed techniques of self-defense and fighting. To end the test they did board breaks and one brick break. Pope got his first dan. Putman also got his first dan. Mrs. Stewart was promoted to her second Dan in Senshi Ryu.



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3/15	Sulphur	Away	4:30
3/16	Vian	Home	4:30
3/17	Atoka/Hobart	Home	TBA
3/22-24	Chandler Tournament	Away	TBA
3/26	Lexington	Home	4:30
3/27	Purcell	Away	4:30
3/30-31	Beggs	Three Games	TBA
4/3	Lindsay	Home	4:30
4/5-7	Marlow Tournament	Away	TBA
4/10	Purcell	Home	4:30
4/12	CCS	Away	4:30
4/16	Marlow	Home	4:30
4/17	Latta	Away	4:30
4/19-21	Purcell Tournament	Away	TBA
4/23	Lexington	Away	4:30
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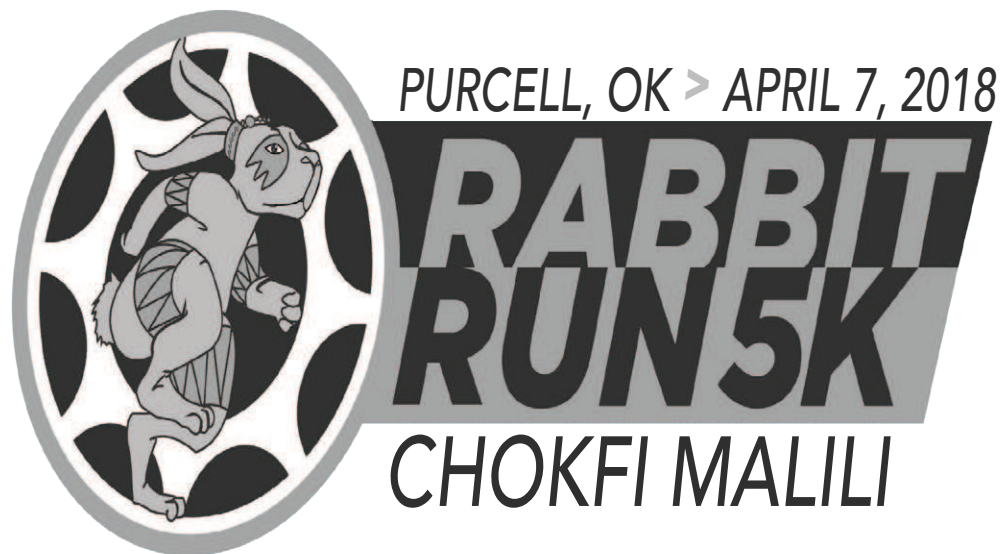


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Three Peat

Washington Warriors third grade boys basketball have won back to back to back league and post season championships! Team members include Gage Hunter, Ganon Springer, Creed Barrett, Carson Reed, Riley Gay, Kade Babcock and Adam Sharp. Coaches are Seth Barrett, Jennifer Gay and Jonnie Reed.



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League champions

Washington's first grade girls team were the COYB League Champions and Post Season Champions with a 12-0 Regular/Post Season Record. Team members include (from left) Stella Slaughter, Harper Lahnam, Briley Orr, Rylin Reed, Avery Jones, Auburn Adkins, Ellie Musgrove, Lilly Christian, Payton Blackburn and Payton Fraijo.

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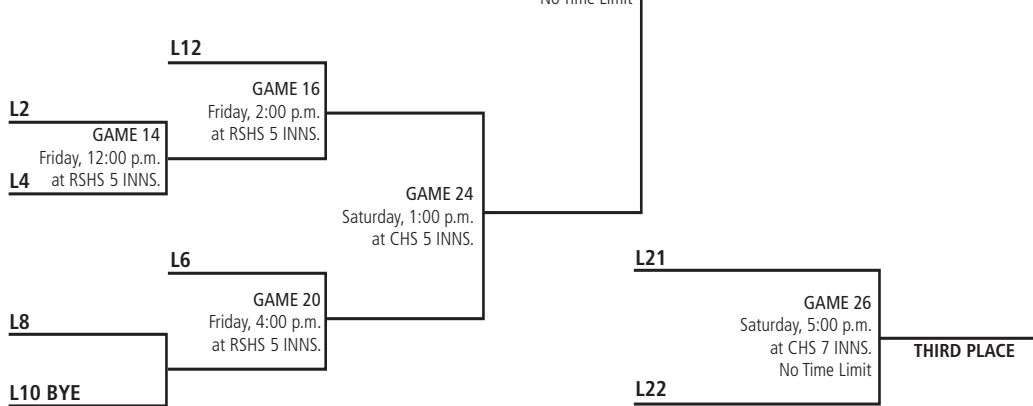


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Bulldogs:

“Rodney threw the ball well in game one. He came through for five strong innings,” Sharp said.

Freshman Cade McGowen and Gray led the team, each going 2-3. Gray also had an RBI. Smith went 1-2 with two RBIs.

The second game with the Warriors was going along just fine through four innings. Wayne gave up 9 runs in the fourth and fell to Maysville 10-2.

Chick was on the mound for the Bulldogs, throwing well, according to Sharp. He gave up just one hit and allowed one run and fanned five batters.

But, the wheels fell off for the Bulldogs when Chick was on second after a base hit. He turned back to the base and hurt his knee. Chick came out of the game and Sharp was forced to play some of his younger guys who haven't had as much game time experience.

Matthew Bless came in and gave up five runs. McGowen, with a fresh arm, relieved Bless, but allowed three runs, giving the Warriors the run-rule win.

“A bunch of these kids haven't had much baseball experience with throwing and playing time, so it's all a learning process for

us,” Sharp said.

Gray was 2-3 with an RBI in the loss.

Wayne ended their week with a trip to Lexington. Committing nine errors through three innings, Wayne fell 12-0.

“Lexington hit the ball well. They seem to be a good team with good hitters and good throwing,” Sharp said.

Wayne had no hits in the loss.

The Bulldogs were scheduled to travel to Elmore City on Monday and travel to Apache for the first game in the Central Marlow tournament Thursday. They face off with Rush Springs at 11 a.m.

Bulldog notes: Sharp said he was happy with the effort of his team. Starting the season with five games in one week is no easy task.

Gray had a great week at the plate and on the mound and Sharp said he will continue to look to him for leadership.

Chick had his leg checked out and has a bone bruise. He will return after spring break.

“Cooper is a returning starter and when he went out, that hurt. But, we'll be glad to get him back out in the field after spring break,” Sharp said.

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Dragons:

tering seven hits and struck out four.

“Overall, I think we did a really good job hitting the baseball and our pitching was good,” head coach Cole Sharp said.

“We really focused on what we needed to do to get the job done.”

Last Thursday the Dragons came up on the short end of a 13-4 contest at Noble.

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

But the Bears answered with one in the bottom of the frame. They scored two more in the third and blew the game wide open with five runs in both the third and fourth innings.

Frankenberg took the loss on the mound giving up eight hits over three innings.

Cade Smith tossed one inning in relief.

Meanwhile, the Dragons had a tough time generating offense.

Cauy Hollis fanned 15 Lexington Bulldogs Monday in a 5-2 Purcell victory.

The Dragons did the majority of their damage in the bottom of the fourth when they scored four runs on the Bulldogs.

Hollis tossed a complete seven inning game while Fernando Auz collected a pair of RBIs.

The Dragons were 2-3 heading into Tuesday's home date with Dibble, the second game of a seven game home stand.

The Dragons were to host Pauls Valley Thursday, Lindsay Friday and Anadarko March 23.

To close out the home stand, Washington will pay a visit to Purcell March 27.

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Arm strength

Drake Wells lets it fly during Lexington's game against Purcell Monday. The Bulldogs fell to the Dragons 5-2.

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'Dawgs:

"We're starting to get into the flow of things," Ennis said. "We didn't have a lot of time to work on things before the first two games. It was trial by fire and those were pretty rough.

But, we bounced back and played well against Davis.

"We played good defense, hit the ball well, and threw strikes against Davis.

Against Wayne, we did pretty much the same thing. We threw strikes, played good defense, and hit the ball well again."

Colton Penner was 2-for-3 with two RBIs against Davis while Hunter Findley had two hits, three runs scored, and a ribbie.

Drake Wells had a couple of hits and two RBIs while Seth Comer had two safeties and an RBI.

Sophomore pitcher Coby

Bear was sensational on the mound for Lex against Davis.

He threw a complete game and registered nine strikeouts in five innings of work.

In the Wayne game, Comer threw a complete game and got the victory on the bump.

Wells had two hits and two RBIs while Bear had a hit and two ribbies.

Findley and Andre Ibarra each had a hit while Penner collected three hits and five healthy ribbies.

"That's what we're looking for from Colton," said Ennis of Penner, who's just a sophomore.

"He's in a good spot right now at the plate."

Lexington was defeated by Purcell, 5-2, on Monday.

The 'Dawgs entertained Little Axe on Tuesday and travel to Lindsay today (Thursday).

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Coach's instructions

Jade McCurdy receives some advice in reading the green from Purcell golf coach Mike Gowens Tuesday during the Purcell Invitational Golf Tournament. McCurdy shot 89.



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Watching closely

Bryce Tuck tracks his golf ball Monday during a cold and windy Purcell Invitational Golf Tournament. Tuck shot 90.



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Holding the runner

Devin Orr holds the runner at first base during Washington's 11-10 win over CCS Monday.

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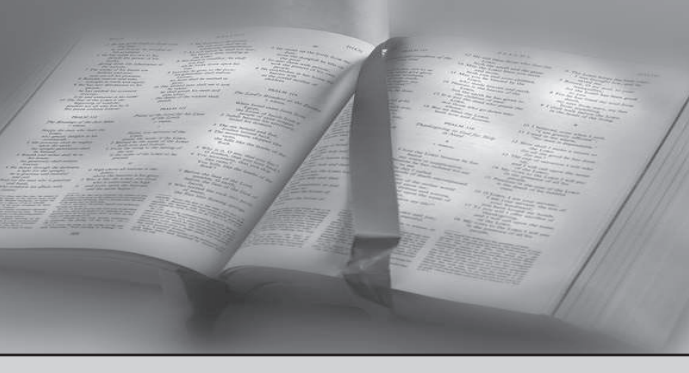
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Green Avenue Church of Christ

Wednesday evening the congregation studied four songs from the song book the church uses comparing the words of the song with scripture.

The Sunday morning adult Bible class continued looking at the first three chapters of Matthew, Mark and Luke which covers the temptation of Jesus, the ministry of John the Baptizer and goes into the selection of Jesus' disciples.

During the Sunday morning assembly Keith Shackelford asked the question, "who is Jesus," then examined a few of the terms used in the Bible to describe Him like creator, fulfillment of prophecy, wonderful, counselor, mighty,

everlasting father, prince of peace, Emmanuel (God with us), great High Priest and king of kings.

The Sunday evening lesson was on the dependability of the prophecy of Jesus beginning with the reading of Second Peter 1:19, emphasizing that "prophecy" is not limited to predicting future events.

The church is located at 407 Jackson Street in Purcell. 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.

Westside Church of Christ to hold gospel meeting

Westside Church of Christ in Lexington will hold a gospel meeting March 14-18.

Services will be held at 7:30 p.m. nightly and 6 p.m. on Saturday evening.

Speaker for the services will be Barney Owens from Cincinnati, Ohio.

The public is invited to attend.

Johnson Road Baptist Church

The time change reaped a little problem for some of our Sunday morning church goers. Every event came early last Sunday; reveille came early, worship came early, lunch came early and nap time came early.

Our visitors included horse-shoe students from Maryland and Pennsylvania and a nice gentleman from Lexington.

It is nice to revive friendships at Westbrook with some of our former friends. The Purcell area is blessed to have such a wonderful assisted living center as Westbrook where our retired family can be near their family and friends.

Special music was provided Sunday morning by two of our young ladies, Abygail Mayo and Ginger Clifton. Gynean Gentry also provided special music.

The scripture text for the

Sunday sermon was Matthew 11:28-30. Every word spoken by Jesus was of great importance.

Jesus said, "Let not your heart be troubled; believe in me."

Jesus said, "I am with you always; I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." Jesus said, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."

The sweetest invitation ever offered was given by Jesus: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

The gift of "rest" matches with the greatest need of mankind. Our cemeteries are rightly called "Havens of Rest." If we are to function properly we need to find a time of refreshment.

Rest is the refreshment of the Soul. Everyone needs the eternal rest that Jesus offers

as a gift. To those burdened with sin, Jesus offers rest. To those burdened with pain, Jesus offers rest. To those burdened with sorrow, Jesus offers rest. To those burdened with doubt, Jesus offers rest.

The arms of Jesus are always outstretched and open to receive that come to Him.

Augustine rightly said, "God, you have made us for yourself and our hearts are restless until they find rest in you."

Sermon title for this Sunday is "A Christian's Fingerprints."

The Wednesday evening Bible study for this week will be the 18th chapter of The Acts of the Apostles.

Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m.

Morning worship begins at 11 a.m.

Come eat with us and enjoy the fellowship around the table.

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

By Fr. Jim Chamberlain

In order to become better Christians, we must learn to hate. We have all heard the saying: "Hate the sin, but love the sinner." Most of us are able to love the sinner. But we must begin to hate the sin. We must hate the sin that prevents us from experiencing the love of God, fully and deeply in our hearts.

How do we learn to do this? We first consider the effects of our sin. What is my sin doing to me and to others? Venial sins are small sins. But these sins can lead to more serious sin.

As St. Augustine once said: "But do not despise these sins which we call 'light': if you take them for light when you weigh them, tremble when you count them. A number of light objects makes a great mass; a number of drops fills a river; a number of grains makes a heap. What then is our hope? Above all, confession." [CCC 1863]

And so, small lies can lead to larger untruths. Stealing small things can lead to stealing larger things. Looking at a bad photo can lead to pornography. Reading hateful messages can lead to real hatred and intolerance.

In addition, we may think that our sin is done in secret, and that our sin does not hurt anyone. But sin always has an effect in diminishing love for our neighbor - even sin that is done in private. Our sin distorts the truth about ourselves and about our neighbor.

As we read in the catechism, "Sin is an offense against reason, truth, and right conscience; it is failure in genuine love for God and neighbor caused by a perverse attachment to certain goods. It wounds the nature of man and injures human solidarity." [CCC 1849]

I like to drink coffee, but only with cream. For Lent this year, I gave up adding cream in my coffee. This makes coffee taste bitter, and I don't like to drink bitter coffee. I still drink it, but I drink much less coffee during Lent. It is bitter and not as flavorful, not as attractive to me. For all of us, sin should be like

this. Sin should begin to taste bitter to us. We should allow it to be bitter and unappealing. If this is so, then we will engage in our sin less often.

Nicodemus came to Jesus in the darkness of night (John 3). All was quiet. All was calm. Jesus wants us to first know the darkness of our sin. It is out of this darkness that he can call us into the light of His grace. God uses these sins to bring us into the light. He redeems us, in spite of our sins. If we understand the darkness, then we can understand the light, the light that is Christ Himself. If we allow ourselves to hate the darkness of sin, then we will come to love the Savior of the World.

Every Friday during Lent we are sharing a meager meal in the Hall at 6 p.m. followed by Stations of the Cross in English at 7 p.m. and Spanish at 7:30 p.m.

Our weekly Mass schedule is Saturday at 5 p.m. (English), Sunday at 11 a.m. (English) and 1 p.m. (Spanish).

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Masonic Lodge breakfast to benefit After Prom

Angie Steele
Washington Correspondent

Washington's Masonic Lodge is teaming up with Washington's Junior Class for a breakfast Saturday, March 17, to help with after prom.

All the usual breakfast items will be available and will be served from 7-10:30 a.m.

The Washington Masonic Lodge is located one block North of Baptist on Sharp Street.

Come hungry and leave full. Let's help the Jr. Class have a great fundraiser!

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

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

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

For more information contact Tim Roberts at 288-2523.

3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

Washington's 16th Annual 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament will be held March 31 at the Washington MS gym.

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

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

All proceeds go to benefit the Washington School Band.

Washington School Calendar

March 15—High School Track at Bethany, after school.

March 19-23—Spring Break.

March 29—Junior High Track at Bethany, 7th/8th.

March 30—High School Track at Pauls Valley.

April 3—High School Track at Purcell.

April 5—Junior High Track at Lindsay, 7th/JH.

April 12—High School Track at Wynnewood.

April 16—Junior High Track Conference at Pauls Valley, 7th/JH.

April 17—High School Track Conference at Pauls Valley, after school.

April 24—High School Track at Velma Alma.

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.fbc.cole.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.

Journey Through the Bible, Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

How Can I Know Bible Study, Sunday, 5 p.m.

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

Dale K. Graham Veteran's Foundation

Each week we recognize veterans who served during World War II and the Korean War with an introduction and a cap representing their military service in those wars.

Our Veteran of the Week Richard Kerner of Norman who served our nation in the United States Airforce during the Korean War. We know that the men and women who served in both wars made many sacrifices during their military service. All of us are very proud of the men and women who have served in the military.

We were very busy last Tuesday and Thursday morning helping more than 277 veterans and surviving spouses with their VA claims and questions. Since Veterans Foundation moved into 1268 North Inter-

state Drive in Norman, there has been an increase in the number of veterans and spouses who need our assistance.

One of the main reasons for the increase is our reputation for being able to help them to receive the VA benefits for which they are eligible. Some organizations who help veterans will simply file a 21-526ez Fully Developed Claim Form and include a list of disabilities. That method may work for some disabilities, but others will get denied.

Our way of helping veterans to receive VA benefits is different because we start by sending in a VA Form 21-0966 Intent to File for VA benefits. Using that form establishes a start date for VA benefits. The veteran or surviving spouse then has up to one year to obtain evidence about their claim.

Usually, the next form is a Form 21-526EZ Application for Benefits, and we attach evidence such as a VA Disability Benefits Questionnaire, medical evidence or statements from family members, or people who served with the Veteran. By using our method to file claims for benefits, the VA will sometimes grant our request with no other evaluations by the VA. Most of the applications for benefits we file will be approved before there is any reason to file a Notice of Disagreement to start the VA appeals process.

Our program of accepting the donation of cars, trucks, motorcycles, handicap items, and other items that can be given to veterans or sold to raise funds to provide services continues to be very popular with veterans and their families in our community. Those types or any other donations are tax deductible as we are a 501(c)(3) non-profit. When you walk into our facility, all the people you see working with veterans and surviving spouses are volunteers including myself. We are there each Tuesday and Thursday because we know that

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Lexington Westside Church of Christ

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

This week I thought we'd do something a little different. Stay with us as we tell a story: there's an important lesson at the end.

This week, the "amazin' blonde" and my daughter Rachel with grandkids Connor and Audrey Lyn met me down in Deer Park, Texas after we finished our work there. During the week, little Audrey—Pretty Eyes—walked around the hotel room reading non-stop. That's what third graders do, I guess. But it wasn't always that way a few years ago, but not for a lack of "want to."

Little Audrey underwent an important change about three years ago when she was a slightly sassy and flourishing kindergartener. I saw the change one day when she abruptly jumped up in my lap and read to me!

The accent there is on "me" because that was the first time she had done that. We have read to her hundreds of books, from "The Good Samaritan" to "The Lion King" to "Frozen." But this was the first time the tables turned. Three months in kindergarten, though, was like five years of learning.

Of course, as we read, she needed a little help every three or four words. Pretty Eyes would always look at us to give her a little nudge or crank up an opening sound to get her through a word. But we knew that wouldn't last long. She was already correcting us when we didn't pronounce "Anna" the way my classmate back in junior high school did.

I was thinking as I read: One day she may even develop such a love for reading — as she long has had — that she may teach one

day, following in the footsteps of her mom and her Popman. That would be amazing! As cute as it is for her to stumble over such words as "cat" or "in," we know that one day she'll glide over those words and even words like "magnanimous" and "awesomeness" like a boat gliding smoothly over water.

Okay, "awesomeness" may not actually be a word, but I knew in a day or two she'd be the first to say, "Popman, I think you just made that one up!"

Won't it be wonderful if she even majors in English literature and one day teaches her Popman's favorite novels, *To Kill a Mockingbird* and *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*. To think it all started with her reading little books with one or two words a page when she was no more than two.

We know, today, there is a lesson for us. We know that we cannot stay in the elementary rudiments of God's Word, either, no more than Pretty Eyes could stay in those little kindergarten readers. We have to move on. We need to grow. We need to major in God's divine Word and get degrees in Spiritual Understanding and Christian Living.

The great apostle reminds us of this great truth when he writes the Hebrews, saying, "... every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe" (5:13). Then, he adds, in essence: Let us go on. Let's go beyond the first principles; let's go beyond the kindergarten readers and get to the "strong meat" of the word of God. "Let us go on unto perfection" (6:1).

In other words, let's graduate. steven.bowen@redoakisd.org



Post-Season Champions

Congratulations to the following Little League Basketball Post-Season Champions! They include (from top) 1st grade girls coached by Johnnie Reed; 1st grade boys coached by Clay Cline; 2nd grade girls coached by Garrett Mitchell; 3rd grade girls coached by Bryan Haynes; 3rd grade boys coached by Seth Barrett; 4th grade girls coached by David Lanham; 4th grade boys coached by Garrett Mitchell; 5th grade girls coached by Justin Scheffe and 5th grade boys coached by Lance Barnes runner-up.

Neighbors

Wayne nutrition site public hearing set for March 20

The Association of South Central Oklahoma Governments (ASCOG) Area Agency on Aging is hosting a public hearing to receive public input regarding the potential site closure of the senior nutrition site currently located in the Town of Wayne effective April 30.

The hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 20, at 11 a.m. at 107 N. Shannon in Wayne.

The Wayne Nutrition Site is ADA accessible. The purpose of the public hearing is to inform the community about the potential site closure and to seek community support in increasing the numbers of seniors who participate at the site.

In October through Decem-

ber 2017 and January 2018, Wayne averaged serving 20-21 meals per day. DHS policy requires all Title III nutrition sites to serve at least 25 meals per day.

ASCOG is encouraging all Wayne seniors aged 60 and older, and their spouses, to attend daily noon meals at the nutrition center.

If the average daily meals served goes above 25 by the end of March 2018, then the Wayne Nutrition Site can continue to serve seniors. Otherwise, the site may be closed as early as April 30.

For additional information, or to request an accommodation, contact Ken Jones at (580) 736-7972 or jone_ke@ascog.org.



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The first stitch

Wayne High School junior Megan Jones joined the after school crochet group as a freshman. Nancy Jones (no relation) offers her guidance at the start of a new project.



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Senate page

Washington High School senior, Macie Ervin served as a Senate page for State Sen. Paul Scott, R-Duncan, during the fourth week of the legislative session from February 26-March 1. Macie is the daughter of Goldsby residents Monty and Jeanice Ervin.

Chickasaw Nation opens Violence Prevention Center

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby led ribbon cutting ceremonies Thursday, March 8, to formally dedicate a facility designed to enhance family services.

Located at 1921 Stonecipher Blvd. in Ada, the Chickasaw Nation Violence Prevention Center offers services to strengthen families and help promote stability and a safer home environment.

The Chickasaw Nation is dedicated to offering assistance to families who are experiencing domestic violence situations.

The Chickasaw Nation has offered these services since 1994 and expanded them in 2008.

"With the opening of the Violence Prevention Center, we are able to consolidate and expand services for men and women who are seeking assistance dealing with domestic violence situations," Gov. Anoatubby

said. "There would be nothing better than to have no need for a center like this, but the need is there. So long as the need is there, we need to be there to help meet that need."

Counseling, career services, education programs and assistance with everyday needs will be offered at the 11,000-square-foot facility.

Located adjacent to the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, families receiving services through the Violence Protection Center will also have greater access to integrated health and wellness services.

Chickasaw Nation Violence Prevention Services are voluntary and available to Native and non-Native individuals and their dependents who meet eligibility criteria.

For more information about the Chickasaw Nation Violence Prevention Program, call (580) 272-5580 or visit Chickasaw.net/DomesticViolence.

Chickasaw citizen spreading awareness about suicide issues

Chickasaw citizen Michelle Byars has experienced her share of heartache. After losing her son Rusty to suicide 11 years ago she kept that grief inside.

"I was one of those people who didn't want to talk about it," she admitted. "It was my business. It was my story. People didn't need to know about it."

The Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) offered by the Chickasaw Nation helped shift Byars' perspective on sharing her experience.

The two-day training helps participants learn how to recognize individuals at risk, intervene and help prevent immediate risk of suicide.

"I took one of those classes (ASIST) a year ago and it has really helped me open up. It has helped me get my son's story out. It's been 11 years too long for me not to tell his story."

Her journey has been tough and is still ongoing, yet Byars has surpassed another steppingstone by sharing her story, helping others and being willing to listen to others.

"When my father was sick he said, 'There are going to be days you'll cry, but don't get stuck there, don't get stuck in mourning.'"

In November, Byars shared Rusty's story at the

Love Lives On event, a time for suicide survivors to gather together and remember family and friends who have died by suicide.

After opening up at the event she now hopes to continue sharing his story.

"I came back and felt like I needed to do that. It had been 11 years too long not to do something like that. I felt like I reached out to people," she said.

"It's okay to speak about it. It's okay to talk about it. It's not a hush-hush thing. It's a mental illness."

Although many years have passed, the memory of her son hasn't faded.

The aftermath of Rusty's suicide led to Byars's discovery he had been experiencing various personal problems. "I had no signs," she said. "He was always so happy. He was popular. I didn't see it."

With a younger son, Jordan, Byars knew she couldn't let grief overtake her. During the initial time after she lost her son, family was vital.

"I have another son and I have to realize life does go on," Byars reflected. "I come from a strong family. And a strong religion. My family supported me."

The grief of losing someone doesn't disappear no matter how much time passes.

"There are days I feel like I'm going to fall apart and there are days I do fall apart," she said. "But, I have to pick myself up... There are days I have to be strong for my son and there are days he has to be strong for me. We both have to go through it daily. It's a daily struggle for both of us. We both have to keep going."

Byars consistently reminds herself to push through each day, to find new hope and positivity.

Suicide has commonly been regarded as a taboo topic. Many feel as if they can't talk about it, instead bottling up their grief.

Now, events and classes offer an outlet for those who have attempted taking their life or lost someone to suicide.

Byars encourages those affected to talk to others.

"Find a support group," she said. "Any type of support group. It doesn't even have to be a group. It could be a friend. You need someone to talk to at all times."

For more information on Chickasaw Nation Prevention Services, contact 580-436-7212. If you or someone you know is struggling with thoughts of suicide, contact the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255.

Time to prepare for storm season

In the blink of an eye, disasters can alter a family's normal routine. Neighborhood streets can be closed because of large debris or downed power lines. Suddenly, an area that is a familiar part of a normal daily routine is now unrecognizable.

In times like this, it is crucial for a family to have a plan to reunite and meet at a safe location.

With severe storm season around the corner, the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) encourages families to create a plan for both adults and children to follow.

A family may not be together when a disaster strikes so it is important to plan in advance: know how to get to a safe place; how to contact one another; how to get back together; and what to do in different situations.

During a disaster, roads are often blocked or closed and alternate routes must be used. Knowing multiple routes of travel in advance can save time and frustration when trying to reach loved ones.

OSDH also encourages families to have a basic, 72-hour emergency kit consisting of water, snacks, first-aid kit, flashlight, batteries, prescription medicine and important paperwork.

