



Going HOLLYWOOD

Movie filming here through next week

Jeanne Grimes
The Purcell Register

The meeting of the Purcell Public Works Authority went all Hollywood Monday evening with the introduction of two movie

producers associated with "The Turkey Bowl," a feature film that is mostly being shot in Purcell.

B roll footage shooting at locations around the town began Wednesday and will continue through next week.

That footage will include a parade on Main Street, something most every Purcell resident loves and turns out to watch.

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Planticide

It didn't take long for the city's newly planted GreenScape median to fall victim to a motorist. These seedlings just north of Adams Street were no match for what appears to have been a truck tire.

Springing forward!

DST starts Sunday

Beginning Sunday and continuing for 34 weeks, daylight saving time will borrow an hour's worth of daylight from the morning and tack it onto the afternoon.

The time officially springs forward at 2 a.m. Sunday, but you can sleep uninterrupted if you

remember to reset your clocks before you turn in Saturday night.

A nap Sunday afternoon will leave even the biggest opponent of DST nothing to complain about while the rest of us relish the notion of later sunsets.

Standard time will return at 2 a.m. November 4.



Never too soon

Council mulls capital improvement sales tax extension

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Purcell voters could be asked later this year to extend a penny sales tax set to expire in 2025.

Revenue from the sales

tax is earmarked for capital improvement projects in the city.

The push to extend the life of the sales tax now is so the city can better plan capital improvements into

the future.

Voters initially voted for a 10-year capital improvements sales tax in 2000.

That revenue paid for the police and fire complex on North Green Avenue.

The city asked for and received from the voters a 15-year extension to that tax in January 2010.

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Mesonet man

Wes Lee:
Cowboy working in a Sooner world

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Nothing is forever, especially when opportunity comes knocking.

For 29 years, Wes Lee has been an educator with the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service.

A decade of that tenure has been in the McClain County Extension Office, where he shared his expertise in pest management and agriculture with anyone who called or

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Agent no more

Wes Lee stepped down last week as McClain County's longtime Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service agriculture educator. In his new position, Lee is directing the agriculture mission of Oklahoma's Mesonet.

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Spring season

Spring sports are underway in The Heart of Oklahoma.



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DARE graduations

Purcell fifth graders get certificates.



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Essay winners

As judged by Purcell Sgt. Det. Scott Stephens (right), the winners of the DARE essay contests per class were Ava Stauffer, Logan Lovett, Calla Cox, Whitney Wollenberg, and Parker Page.

PLS Big Read author to lead pair of presentations

Via the use of technology, this year's PLS Big Read featured author, Ron Carlson, will be coming to the Pioneer Library System service area for a pair of presentations.

Carlson will present via video conference in "A Conversation with Ron Carlson," at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 15, at the National Weather Center, 120 David L. Boren Blvd. in

Norman. Carlson will discuss the themes of his novel "Five Please see **Read**, page 3A

Wayne site closure public hearing 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 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 December 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.

Older Americans Act funding for ASCOG is provided through DHS Aging Services. ASCOG makes no distinction on the grounds of race, color, sex, age, ancestry, national origin, religion or disability.

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

7 day forecast from @PurcellRegister @OUNewsCrowd

Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
63°46° Sunny	70°53° Sunny	68°42° 20% Rain	58°35° Mstly Sunny	57°38° Sunny	53°38° Prly Sunny	65°48° Sunny

Wettest February in 11 years
4.10" recorded in Purcell easing some of drought

This past February was the wettest February in the last 11 years with 4.10" recorded in Purcell. Expect a mild week with temperatures staying warmer and

reaching the 70s this weekend. A cool down can be expected next week as a cold front makes its way through. On Saturday, you may see a shower or two in the afternoon, but the showers

look to stay more in eastern Oklahoma. Temperatures will be cooling down to the 50s as a result, but by mid-week next week they will be back in the 60s.

- Leah Hill

Purcell Junior High Faculty and Students of the Month

Purcell Junior High School recognizes a teacher and six junior high students, a boy and girl from each grade, as Faculty and Students of the Month.

The March faculty and students include:

Steve Paul Clary - Faculty of the Month

Steve Paul Clary has been teaching at Purcell Schools for the past 24 years. He is also been a firefighter/EMT for the Purcell Fire Department for the past 15 years. I am also an Emergency Management spotter.

Coach Clary's hobbies

include hunting, fishing and golf.

His role model is Coach Hamby who was his ninth grade English teacher. He always wanted to teach the way Coach Hamby taught. He always treated students with respect and would work outside the normal box.

Mr. Clary attended Northeastern State University.

Her favorite quote is "When you cant' change with it; then change what will be."

Mr. Clary's family includes his wife, Mary Kaye; his son, Kelton and his daughter, Amily.

Joshua Keith David

Hamilton - Sixth Grade Boy of the Month

Joshua Keith David Ham-

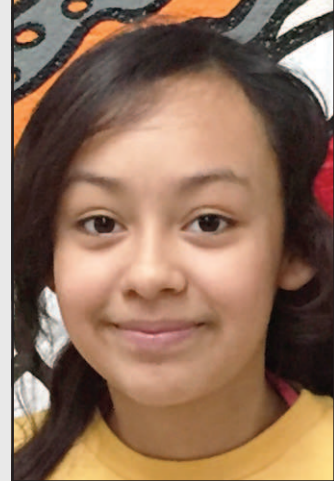
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Steve Clary



Joshua Hamilton



Janeth Vasquez



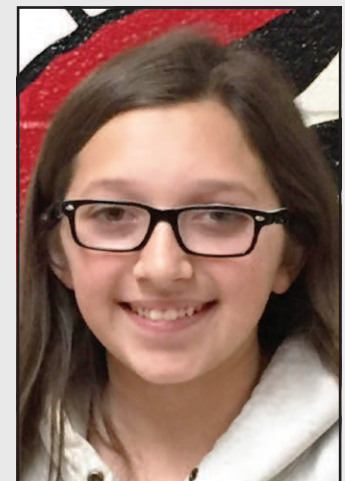
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PURCELL SCHOOL MENU
Week of March 12

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LUNCH
Pizza pasta, garlic knot, caesar salad, salad bar, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY BREAKFAST
Sweet waffle sticks,, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH
Baked potato bar, green beans, barbecue chicken, dinner roll, salad bar, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST
Breakfast biscuit with sausage, egg and cheese, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH
Hot ham and cheese sub, tomato florentine soup, baby carrots, salad bar, fruit, milk.

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

LUNCH
Sour cream chicken enchiladas, Spanish rice, refried beans, chips and salsa, salad bar, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY
No School.

NEWS In Brief

PHS Carnival

Purcell High School is hosting a carnival Monday, March 12, from 6-8 p.m. at the Purcell Intermediate School gym.

Games will include basketball, golf, drumming, musical instruments, fire truck, police car and many more.

All proceeds go to ROAD Week (Rely on a Dragon) to support Ally's House which provides financial aid for families with children who have cancer.

Community Coffee

The Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce Community Coffee will be held at 8 a.m. Thursday, March 8, hosted by Sleep Inn & Suites in Norman.

The coffee will be held at 2601 Bankers Ave. in Norman.

This is a great opportunity to connect with local business and community leaders.

Make sure you bring your business card.

McClain County Democrats

McClain County Democrats will hold a monthly meeting Thursday March 8, at the Rusty Knot, located at 400 W. Washington St., in Purcell.

Gathering will begin at 6 p.m. and meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to come and join us for food and fellowship.

Event listed on and contact us through our Facebook page, <https://m.facebook.com/McClainDems/>.

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.

Bean Luncheon

The American Legion Post 301 Ladies Auxiliary will have a bean luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 13.

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

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

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

Indian Tacos

Indian tacos will be available Friday, 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.

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.

Museum News

The McClain County Museum and Historical Society will be open Thursday, March 8, from 2-5 p.m.

Contact the museum at mcmuseum@mail.com, call (405) 701-3171 or Facebook to schedule an alternate time to visit or to purchase an historic Purcell poster.

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.

Lexington FFA Chapter happenings

Conrad Moffat, Reporter

Agriculture Literacy 3

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, technology was highlighted. In this article, another key to the farmer's success, their use of pesticides, is highlighted.

When the word "pesticides"

is mentioned, some people get very concerned. They may think a pesticide is only chemicals used on food. Pesticide is so much more.

By definition, a pesticide is any substance or agent used to kill or control pests, such as unwanted or harmful insects, rodents, or weeds. Pesticides for agriculture production are in two categories: insecticide is used to kill harmful insects; and herbicide is used to kill weeds or unwanted plants. In these two areas a pesticide may be mechanical, biologicals, chemical or a combination.

Pesticides can be chemicals, but that is far from the only resource farmers have to fight unwanted pests. Mechanical methods to kill or ward off pests, is most often the first choice for farmers.

A mechanical method in my grandmother's day was her hoeing weeds from the rows of cotton. Currently, on our farm, we use a tractor pulling a disk or plow to turn the soil which cuts weeds off at the roots.

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NEWS from the City of Purcell

Working together we can beautify our community!

The City of Purcell may issue a citation in the amount of \$249 if you are in violation of any of the following:

1. Trash and or debris on your property
2. Tall weeds or grass (including edging along the street and sidewalk)
3. Inoperable and/or junk vehicles
4. Trailers and autos in alleyways
5. Tree limbs over hanging the street with less than "eight" foot clearance
6. Failure to trim trees, grass and weeds in the alley
7. Leaving grass clippings in the street after mowing
8. Setting bulk trash to the curb sooner than three days before pick-up. (Bulk pick-up is the last Monday of every month)

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Read:

Skies" and his writing process in general. Carlson is a long-time and award-winning short story writer who wrote "Five Skies" after a break of about 30 years from novel writing. The book is this year's PLS Big Read featured novel, with activities throughout the library system geared around it.

One of these will be a Creative Writing Workshop presented by Carlson from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, March

17, with the stream airing at multiple PLS libraries.

The Blanchard, McCloud, Moore, Norman West, Shawnee, Southwest Oklahoma City and Tecumseh libraries will have the author's workshop.

The presentations will wrap up this year's 12th edition of The Big Read in the Pioneer Library System.

The Big Read is a celebration of literature started by the Na-

tional Endowment for the Arts as a way for communities to get together for activities centered around classic literature.

Sponsors for this year's activities are the Anne and Henry Zarrow Foundation, Norman Arts Council, Pioneer Library System Foundation and the Pioneer Library System.

Find out more by going online to the PLS Big Read website, www.pioneerlibrary-system.org/bigread.

Purcell Elementary pre-k and kindergarten pre-enrollment

Students planning to attend pre-k or kindergarten in the Purcell School District this fall should plan to pre-enroll March 15 and 16.

Enrollment will be held in the parent resource room at Purcell Elementary on Thursday, March 15, from 8:30-6:30 p.m. and on Friday, March 16, from 8-11 a.m.

Children who will be four years of age prior to Sept. 1, 2018 are eligible for enrollment in the pre-k program. Students who will be five before Sept. 1, 2018 are eligible for enrollment in kindergarten.

Parents will need to provide a birth certificate and a current immunization record to complete the pre-enrollment process. Residence in the district will be verified at the enrollment confirmation in August. Verification will require proof of residence in the Purcell School District.

Enrollment in pre-k is limited and will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Packets will be available for pick up

in the elementary school office on March 12, 2018.

Please feel free to pick up your packet early in order to complete it before the day of enrollment.

Pursuant to state statute students must have current and up

to date immunization records upon enrollment in school. Parents may contact the McClain County Health department to complete immunizations.

Please call the school office at 527-2146 with any questions regarding enrollment.

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A bad idea

Editor's Notebook



John D.
Montgomery

No matter how you slice it this dog won't hunt.

It doesn't matter if it is just discussion or not, even the idea of using the Purcell City Lake as a swimming hole and potential swimming lesson destination is ludicrous.

The Parks and Recreation Board has told me the reason Purcell has a disc golf course and a skating park is because enough people attended their meetings and made demands for those things.

The board said no one attends or at least not enough people attend their meetings wanting a swimming pool.

So for all of you citizens who want a public pool, I suggest you start marking your calendars for Parks and Recreation Board meetings.

It was even told to me that, "the people voted against a pool."

That is not true. The citizens of Purcell voted against a Taj Mahal pool to the tune of between \$8 and 10 million.

The citizens of Purcell don't want a water park.

They want a pool with a diving board and slide.

They want a place where kids can pay their five bucks and go swim.

They want a pool where children can take swimming lessons.

What they don't want is to even consider swimming in the nasty waters of the Purcell City Lake.

If they choose to do that they can take their pick of most any farm or ranch pond in the area.

The Park and Rec Board may want to throw down some sand for a "beach" at the lake for exercise and maybe a volleyball spot.

But it's entirely a different matter to even discuss the idea of making the beach front for swimming and other water related activities.

Let's see how many people want to put their children and grandchildren in the murky waters of the Purcell City Lake and that doesn't even consider the goose feces that is sure to accumulate.

NEWS FROM CAPITOL HILL

More pressure on North Korea

Congressman Tom Cole

After the recent closing of the Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea, its neighbor, North Korea, continues to pose one of the most persistent U.S. foreign policy challenges which has spanned the past four U.S. administrations.

It is the only country to have tested nuclear weapons this century and remains the greatest and most immediate threat in the Indo-Asia-Pacific area. The hope that North Korea will resume and continue talks with South Korea after the Olympics remains a question.

Whatever the outcome, confronting the North Korean threat is critical, and the U.S. must be guided by a strong sense of resolve.

While North Korea's weapons program has been the main focus of concern, illicit activities such as narcotics trafficking, counterfeiting, and human rights violations still abound.

In a recent round of new sanctions, the Trump Administration announced that it will target the illicit shipping practices of at least 56 shipping and trading companies (including vessels) that have been complicit in supporting the development of North Korea's nuclear arsenal.

In addition to already imposed economic sanctions, these maritime sanctions are some of the

strongest put in place to hinder North Korea's ability to work globally and expand its nuclear capability. Robust coordination between our allies and other countries in the region is essential to applying pressure to North Korea, and China plays a key role as well.

China has provided food, crude oil, and other essential lifelines to North Korea as its largest trading partner; however, North Korean exports to China have declined by nearly 30 percent in 2017. China still continues to control trade between the two countries as a way to put pressure on the Kim regime and prevent "chaos and war."

If open conflict was to occur, there would be catastrophic and significant refugee flow over the borders from the Korean peninsula into China, which would have destabilizing effects throughout the region. Some Chinese leaders see strategic value in preserving North Korea as a "buffer" between China and South Korea.

For this reason, China has not been a reliable partner in exerting and implementing U.N. sanctions, although it remains essential to diplomatic engagement and economic sanctions.

The United States continues to emphasize cooperation with Japan and South Korea, and U.S. diplomats continue to rally the international community to loudly condemn North Korea's

unacceptable behavior. With U.S. and international sanctions, China's ability and willingness to pressure North Korea could not be more critical. North Korea's emphasis on strategic and military capabilities comes at the expense of its own people, who continue to struggle with a lifeless economy and international isolation.

Reports by the U.S. government and private organizations portray extreme human rights abuses by the North Korean government over many years. These reports describe a system of prison camps that house approximately 100,000 political prisoners.

However, one hopeful note is that North Korea appears to be losing its ability to control information coming into North Korea from the outside world. Defectors have revealed that growing numbers of North Koreans are wary of government propaganda and have ways to access outside sources of news.

The ongoing progress of North Korea's nuclear and missile program, provocative and destabilizing behavior, and a burgeoning biological weapons program are all reasons why engagement and the pressure of sanctions are essential.

Peace will not be achievable without the complete cooperation and elimination of North Korea's nuclear arsenal and the end of its radical regime.

I could be an Olympic Champion

The Olympics are always interesting to watch. The athletes are so talented and even the ones who don't receive medals blow me away with their skill level.

I can't imagine the amount of time and hard work it takes to achieve such excellence at a sport. I remember watching as a child and wondered if I'd ever meet someone who would eventually make it to the Olympics.

So far, that hasn't happened. I also considered what sport, if any, I could try to pursue that would lead to the Olympics.

As I got older I realized that would not happen either. So instead, I came up with a list of things that, if they were to be added to the Olympic events then I'd definitely qualify.

1. Napping - I love a good nap. It's a great way to refresh the mind and to relax. I'm no average napper. I've been known to nap from morning to night. I consider it an advanced skill developed during college.

2. Texting - Cliche for a millennial, right? Well, to be honest, I've never really noticed my texting speed. However, I've had several adults older than me make comments about my lightning speed tapping and wondering if I even see what I'm saying.

I'd think that this would be useful if I was in a bad situation and needed to send a text for help without being noticed.

3. Making others laugh - I like to think I have a pretty good sense of humor. I manage to keep my friends laughing most

of the time when we hang out. You might think, but how could this be a competition? Well, on social media there is a form of it already.

It's called the "Try not to laugh Challenge." The way it works is you and another person face each other, and take turns telling jokes or trying to get the other person to laugh. The first person to laugh loses. I imagine I would be great at this if they brought it to the Olympics.

So maybe I'm not an Olympic figure skater, or snowboarder, and that's alright with me. But if they ever add these three to the event list, watch out world! I just might bring America home some new gold medals.

By Hayley Grimes
Hennessey Clipper

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Our Views

Waste of money

Amazon founder and CEO Jeff Bezos is spending \$42 million to build a giant clock in a mountain in West Texas.

The clock, designed to stay accurate for 10,000 years according to planners, will tick once per year and its century hand will move every 100 years.

A cuckoo will appear once a millennia, which will only happen 10 times in the life of the clock.

What a waste of money.

Imagine the good that \$42 million could do if donated to charities across the United States.

Purcell's Operation Christmas could have an endowment for only one of those \$42 million.

Operation Christmas serves about 700 children every Christmas and has a yearly budget of \$10,000 to \$12,000.

The same could be said for the Heart of Oklahoma Ministerial Alliance.

Bezos has more money than he could ever spend. With pockets that deep it seems you have to get creative to spend it all. For Bezos that doesn't include charitable donations.

Bill and Melinda Gates are doing good in the world with their wealth through their partnership with Rotary and their Polio Plus project. They've pledged nearly half a billion dollars.

The same can be said for Warren Buffett, who has given away billions.

But a \$42 million clock? What good does that do humanity? Hopefully in the future Bezos will figure out how to be more philanthropic.

Only time will tell.

The Purcell Register

Your Views

Bobby is too busy

Dear Editor:

I appreciate you printing Representative Bobby Cleveland's letter to the editor in last week's Purcell Register. I am so relieved to learn he is still alive. I wasn't sure.

For over a year I have invited him to speak to several large University of Oklahoma adults only classes I lead, which are attended by many of his constituents, or to debate me in open forum in this area about the disaster he and other Chicken Littles have created in our state.

In response to my invitations, I have not received even a cock a doodle do except from his administrative assistant who said, on several occasions, his schedule was just so packed he couldn't participate.

What she really meant was he's too timid to face the folks,

Please see **Busy**, page 5A

True to their word

To the Editor:

I'm writing in response to former Senator Cal Hobson's recent attack on Representatives Bob Cleveland and Tim Downing. Both of these gentlemen ran as run as conservatives, not liberal tax and spend cronies.

They've been true to their word.

Representative Cleveland has done more positive things in five years than Cal Hobson did in 20 years.

All senator Hobson can claim is raising taxes. Never saw a tax he did not like.

Representative Cleveland has advocated for Justice Reform, reformed the OSSAA to help families across the state, moved up the time frame on the Lexington/Purcell bridge, helped thousands of Lexington residents have access to good clean water.

Representative Downing authored or co-authored several good, conservative bills in 2017. I'm sure that he will have as strong a conservative track record when he has five years in the legislature under his belt.

In these two gentlemen, we have legislators that actually keep their word and actually do things to help working Oklahomans, instead of raising taxes so that large donor corporations can keep their tax breaks and subsidies.

Sincerely,
John Greening
Moore

MOVIES WITH DAVE

By David Stull

Well the Academy Awards are over and all the Oscars have all been awarded. And while there were no major flubs unlike last year, there were a couple results that surprised me.

The acting awards went to exactly who I was expecting. Most experts figured Gary Oldman, Frances McDormand, Sam Rockwell, and Allison Janney would take home the prizes, so no shockers there.

Also "Coco" winning Animated Feature Film was zero surprise as well. Like I said last week, this is Disney's award to lose every year. To their credit though they're always coming out with amazing animated movies so it's not like they don't deserve it.

I'm thrilled "Blade Runner 2049" ended up with the Visual Effects and Cinematography award. Both are well deserved, though I was really hoping it'd end up with the Sound Mixing Oscar as well.

Can't say I'm surprised "Dunkirk" received both sound awards. The audio was a huge part of what made that movie so intense.

In retrospect I see why "Dunkirk" ended up with the Film Editing award too. Splicing together three separate narratives with three completely different time scales is no small feat. I still wish "I, Tonya" would have won that Oscar though.

I honestly didn't care for the writing in "Call Me by Your Name" so I was pretty shocked when it won the award for Adapted Screenplay. Frankly I think I would have picked any of the other nominated films to win over that one.

But the biggest surprise of the night for me was Jordan Peele winning Original Screenplay for his movie "Get Out."

Sure I mentioned Peele in my column last week saying it'd be cool if he won, but I thought it was a long shot at best. Kudos to him for taking it home. I can't wait to see what his next project is.

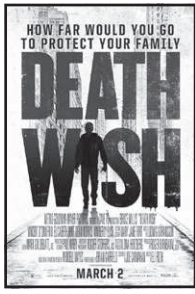
And finally I'm overjoyed that Guillermo del Toro, and his movie "The Shape of Water," ended up with as many awards as they did including Oscars for Director and Best Picture.

Both awards are very well deserved and I hope this recognition leads to del Toro making many more fantastical and charmingly bizarre films to come.

If you want to see the full list of Oscar winners you can go to <http://oscar.go.com/news/2018/oscar-winners-2018-see-the-full-list-or-better-yet-just-google-it>.

For now though, there's always new movies being

released so here's my reviews for this week.



First up is "Death Wish."

In this remake of the 1974 film of the same name, Dr. Paul Kersey's (Bruce Willis) life is changed forever when an attack on his family leads him on a quest for vengeance against those who harmed the ones he loves.

I was dumbfounded when I saw they were remaking this movie.

I don't have a terribly high opinion of the original film with Charles Bronson or it's many sequels, but I understand why they were popular back in the day. They were certainly a product of their time with the fear of rising crime rates back in the 70s and 80s.

The original had an undeniable grittiness to it, grounding the film and making it feel fairly realistic even through Bronson's insane and nearly indiscriminate murderous rampage.

This remake has none of that. In fact it feels downright silly at times.

Occasionally the film taps the pro-gun political commentary of the original, but right afterwards it'll completely subvert itself by showcasing some of the more absurd elements of gun culture.

It's like the movie was encouraging gun ownership while mocking gun owners at the same time. I have no idea what kind of tone the filmmakers were going for here.

Moving on though, Kersey's kills in this movie are way more over-the-top than anything in the original, and despite this film's lack of grit the deaths are drastically more gory in this remake.

I can't say I was expecting to see a man's head crushed in all it's glory when I went into this movie, yet here I am.

It didn't bother me too much, but better to know what you're getting into before seeing this film.

Beyond the violence the performances themselves aren't really anything to get excited about.

After "Breaking Bad" I always enjoy seeing Dean Norris in new movies, and for what his role is he does a fine job.

Bruce Willis is clearly just there for a paycheck and it shows in his acting. I can't say I blame him for not putting any effort in a "Death Wish" remake, but it seems his performances have mostly been

like that recently.

But the worst acting by far was from Camila Morrone who plays Kersey's daughter. Yet another model turned actress who just flat out can't act.

Lucky for us she's completely silent for most of the film's runtime. Still everytime she was on screen was painful.

All that said though, if all you're wanting out of a movie is to see Bruce Willis murder a bunch of people, you'll probably walk out of this having had a good time.

It's far from a well made film, but I can't deny it's a crowd pleaser.

If the premise interests you, you'll probably enjoy it. It's certainly not worth seeing on the big screen though.

"Death Wish" is rated R.



The other movie I saw this week was "Red Sparrow."

Set in modern day Russia, after suffering a career ending injury Ballerina Dominika Egorova (Jennifer Lawrence) is forcibly recruited as a Russian intelligence agent and trained to use her body as a weapon.

I just could not bring myself to care about this movie at all.

It's just plain boring. The pacing is beyond slow. I honestly could barely keep my eyes open.

Jennifer Lawrence's performance was fine, but the film didn't give me much of a reason to care about her character, or any other character in the film for that matter.

The story itself doesn't do much to set it apart from other movies in the same genre, unless you count Jennifer Lawrence being tortured at a sex school as a plus.

Of course the story has some unexpected twists and turns towards the end, it is a spy movie after all.

But even if they were compelling plot twists, by the time the film got to them I was already completely tuned out on the movie.

I'm not quite sure who this movie is made for.

The spy elements are downright unpleasant unless you enjoy watching people being tormented.

There's little to no action, so people who watch spy thrillers for excitement need not apply.

I suppose if you're just a huge fan of Jennifer Lawrence you'll find something to enjoy here. Like I said, her acting is fine.

For me though, this film was a complete waste of time. "Red Sparrow" is rated R.

What every caregiver should know about Medicare

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

The phone call can come at any hour. Your elderly parent has fallen ill and needs your help. If you haven't gotten the call yet, chances are you will. About 70 percent of our parents will require some kind of personal care during their old age. Sometimes, the care will extend for years.

Caregivers often find themselves at wits' end, careening from one crisis to another and having little time to confront the problem that cropped up yesterday, let alone tackle the one that just reared its head today. The challenges can quickly become overwhelming.

Having a working knowledge of Medicare may help you keep your balance and ensure that your parent, or other loved one, receives the appropriate care.

Medicare doesn't have to be a mystery. There are simple ways to get answers to your questions.

The best overview of the Medicare program is the official "Medicare and You" handbook. It's mailed to all beneficiaries every fall and provides an up-to-date description of all services and benefits. It's also readily available on Medicare's main website, at www.medicare.gov.

If you have a particular question, you may want to visit with a Medicare customer service representative at 1-800-633-4227. Medicare also works closely with State Health Insurance Assistance Programs to provide free health insurance counseling. The Oklahoma number is 1-800-763-2828.

Caregivers find Medicare's secure website – www.mymedicare.gov – especially useful. After setting up a personal account for your parent, you can view the details of your elder's coverage, track recent health care claims and keep up to date on preventive services your parent qualifies for.

Medicare can also help you locate the right health care providers for your parent. Its "Compare" web pages – at www.medicare.gov – are a good place to begin your search for a nursing home, hospital, home health agency, dialysis facility or physician that fits your parent's needs.

Medicare can reduce many out-of-pocket medical expenses, but it doesn't cover everything. Understanding what Medicare covers, as well as what it won't cover, can save you time and spare you frustration when navigating the caregiving maze. Here are a few key points:

Besides basic hospital and physician services and optional prescription drug benefits, Medicare covers home health care. To qualify, a beneficiary must be homebound, under a physician's care and in need of part-time skilled nursing care or rehabilitative services like physical therapy.

Medicare also helps pay for oxygen, catheters and other medical supplies that a doctor prescribes for home use. The same is true for medically necessary equipment like oxygen machines, wheelchairs and walkers.

Medicare covers skilled care in a nursing home for limited periods following hospital stays. But it doesn't cover long-term stays. Patients who need

custodial care (room and board) must pay out of pocket unless they're eligible for Medicaid or have private long-term care insurance.

Medicare pays for hospice care for someone with a terminal illness whose doctor expects will live six months or less. The hospice benefit also includes brief periods of respite care at a hospice facility, hospital or nursing home to give the patient's caregivers an occasional rest.

Besides long-term nursing home stays, Medicare typically doesn't cover regular dental care or dentures, regular eye exams or eyeglasses, and hearing exams and hearing aids.

Likewise, it won't pay for non-emergency ambulance trips -- unless a doctor certifies they're medically necessary.

Money can quickly become a worry when managing a parent's health care. If your parent lives on a limited income, you should check whether he or she qualifies for help with prescription drug costs or with other Medicare-related premiums, deductibles and copayments.

For help with drug costs, contact Social Security at www.socialsecurity.gov or 1-800-772-1213 and ask about the "Extra Help Program."

For help with other Medicare costs, go to www.medicare.gov or call 1-800-633-4227 and ask about the "Medicare Savings Programs."

It's common for caregivers to suffer from stress, loss of sleep, and poor health themselves. So it's important to eat properly, get regular exercise and set aside some time each week to do something you enjoy. You can't care for someone else if you don't look after yourself.

Your Views

Working together

Dear Editor:

It takes a lot of work to make a great city greater, even if it is a small city like Purcell.

Often times the city and the residents have to invest themselves to support the efforts

necessary.

During the recent weather difficulties this City faced, its employees worked to solve the necessary demands to help restore things to normal.

A great many residents as

well stepped forward to help.

These efforts are highly commendable and stand as another example of how many more great things can be accomplished when everyone works as one ... Purcell.

Mike Pruitt

From page 4A

Busy:

including me, while defending his deplorable votes and answering subsequent questions.

Let's see.

The legislature only meets from early February through the last Friday in May.....four months. That leaves about eight more months, 240 days a year or so, but busy Bobby didn't have an hour for us.

Frankly I'm not surprised. Who in their right mind, or even far, far right mind, would want to justify in public four day a week schools, no teacher or state employee pay raises in a decade, 700,000 Okies without health insurance, rural hospital closures, bulging and deadly prisons, family

financial busting tuition and fee increases at our universities and of course annual state budget deficits approaching

one billion dollars.

**Sincerely,
Cal Hobson
Lexington**

Time to clean House and Senate

Dear Editor:

The letter from Rep. Bobby Cleveland in last week's paper needs a response.

He may be right about the tax and spend philosophy of past years but those included Republican and Democrat administrations.

What he does not address is the "do nothing legislature" of today. We pay them \$38,000 a year plus \$156 per diem to do more than push their philosophy.

We expect them, Republicans and Democrats, to come up with solutions and compromise to address the problems we face.

The legislature's response to today's problems is to cut funds to the various government agencies. Did they bother to cut the legislator's funds?

You guessed it. No.

Today, we have single teachers who cannot provide for their families because their pay is so low.

The reason we do not have more teachers leaving is because their husbands or family are locked here by job or whatever. Believe me, companies that might be looking at locating in Oklahoma are looking at how the state is treating education.

I was in a meeting once when a company decided not to move their company to Wichita Falls because there was no school providing the educated employees they needed.

The company pointed out that Texas needed the Vo-Tech system that Oklahoma has. I learned at that meeting how important education plays in the decision making of new companies locating to an area.

Maybe its time we kick all the legislators out of office and put some people in that have common sense and can work together to provide solutions and not about philosophy.

Ronald Hendricks

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Society



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Birthday celebration

Maymie Thompson, far left, celebrated her 100th birthday March 3 with family and friends. This remarkable lady has seen many changes these past 100 years from going riding in a wagon to learning about self-driving vehicles. On hand for the celebrations were five generations of her family including (from left) Mrs. Thompson, Pat Wilson (daughter), Vikki Milburn (granddaughter) holding Bryce Doctorman (great-great-grandson), Jana Doctorman (great-granddaughter), Cole Albertson (great-great-grandson) and Lilah Albertson (great-great-granddaughter).



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After Prom donation

Purcell Masonic Lodge #27 matched a portion of the funds (\$500) raised in a joint fundraiser with the Purcell After Prom Committee. On hand for the check donation were (from left) Alton Dragoo, Joe Morris, Ronnie Lindsay, Nicolle Carr and Sondra Richards. Accepting the check for the committee is Alyssa Richards, a junior at Purcell High School.

Gladiolus Garden Club

The Gladiolus Garden Club met Feb. 14, 2018, at the McClain County OSU Extension Office in Purcell. Hostesses were Lois Holdsclaw and Lavene Jones.

President Carolyn McCoy called the meeting to order and introduced the speaker, Wes Lee, McClain County Extension Agent. He discussed various types of grasses and their best use in shade or sun

for Oklahoma lawns.

He also gave information on some of the common weeds that affect our lawns and the best way to control them. We were surprised to learn it was one of his last days as our extension agent when he announced that he will be changing to a new area, the Mesonet in Norman.

Wes has been our speaker several times and we will miss him. We wish him much suc-

cess and hope to hear about his new endeavor at a future meeting.

The regular meeting then proceeded with discussion of the upcoming South Central Garden Spring Convention in Norman and our members who will attend.

Members present were Carolyn McCoy, Rita Ganster, Martha Aughe, Sharyn Hopson, Cathy Foshee, Kathy Handel, Joyce Smith, Lois Holdsclaw, Lavene Jones, Betty Little Clarica Wall, Ramona Vaughn and Lynette Vaughn.

In addition to our special Lenten Prayer, prayers were requested for several members with health problems. We hope they will be with us soon.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 14, at the McClain County OSU Extension Office in Purcell.

MENUS

WAYNE SCHOOL MENU

Week of March 12

MONDAY

BREAKFAST

Cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Toasty cheese sandwich, baked potato soup, Sunchips, broccoli/carrots, peaches, milk.

TUESDAY

BREAKFAST

Cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Beef taco, pinto beans, Spanish rice, shredded romaine, tomato, cheese, mixed fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY

BREAKFAST

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

LUNCH

Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, biscuit, sidekick fruit cup, milk.

THURSDAY

BREAKFAST

Cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Fish sticks, scalloped potatoes, blackeyed peas, roll, strawberry, banana, milk.

FRIDAY

BREAKFAST

Cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Sub sandwich, whole grain chips, carrots, celery sticks, lettuce, tomato, apple, milk.

LEXINGTON SCHOOL MENU

Week of March 12

MONDAY

BREAKFAST

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

LUNCH

Beef burritos, salsa, pinto beans, Mexican corn, tropical fruit, milk.

TUESDAY

BREAKFAST

Breakfast bar, whole grain biscuit, tropical fruit, fruit juice, milk.

LUNCH

National Chicken Noodle Soup Day—Grilled cheese sandwich, chicken noodle soup, broccoli with ranch dressing, celery sticks and peanut butter, orange smiles, milk.

WEDNESDAY

BREAKFAST

Breakfast pizza, cherries, fruit juice, milk.

LUNCH

National Potato Chip Day—Cheeseburger, potato chips, pork and beans, pickle spears, lettuce and tomatoes, rosy applesauce, milk.

THURSDAY

BREAKFAST

Oatmeal, cinnamon toast, fruit juice, mixed fruit, milk.

LUNCH

National Peanut Lovers Day—Peanut butter and jelly sandwich or tuna salad sandwich, fresh vegetables, fresh fruit, milk.

FRIDAY

No School.



It's a Small World

Gracie Montgomery

It's time for Daylight Saving Time! Time to spring forward. Don't forget to turn your clocks forward one hour when you go to bed Saturday night.

Happy birthday to my daughter-in-law, Caitlin Montgomery of Norman.

Caitlin celebrates her birthday Friday, March 9.

A special happy birthday to Jeff Salmeri of South Easton, Mass.

Jeff celebrates his birthday Tuesday, March 13.

Happy birthday to Riley Foshee, Kim Croslin, Susan McCurdy, Betty Pat Goddard, Gil Galyean, Buck Stevenson, Jennifer Maynard Brewer, Zac Duffy, Linda Hurst, Ramona Vaughn, Wendell Little, Kelley Eyer, Carla Ballard, Mrs. Fabiola Calixto, Adriana Losoya, William Wyndam, Maria Franco, Alejandra Garcia, Roberto Garcia, Betty Hooper, Teresa Orta, Emanuel G. Perez, Barbara Brown, Alexis Wallace, Fernando Auz, Antonio Ortiz, Barbara Sheehy, Coral Vazquez, Phil Clark, Alexis Wenthold, Nanette Belicek, Savanna Edwards, Brad Lucas, Dan Abney, Connor Gantz and Conner Frankenberg.

Purcell High School is hosting a carnival Monday, March 12, from 6-8 p.m. at the Purcell Intermediate School gym.

Games will include basketball, golf, drumming, musical instruments, fire truck, police car and many more.

All proceeds go to ROAD Week (Rely on a Dragon) to support Ally's House which provides financial aid for families with children who have cancer.

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 Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce Community Coffee which was to be held at 8 a.m. Thursday, March 8, hosted by Sleep Inn & Suites in Norman, has been postponed.

Check with the chamber office for the new date at 527-3093.

This is a great opportunity to connect with local area business and community leaders.

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 13—Story Time Play Date: Grow, with themed activities this month that are all about things that grow;

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.

This is good and easy.

Easy Baked Burrito Casserole

1 lb. ground beef
1 small onion, chopped
1 package of taco seasoning
1 can refried beans
1 can cream of mushroom soup, undiluted

1/2 cup sour cream
1 pack large flour tortillas
2-1/2 cups of shredded Mexican blend cheese

Heat oven to 350°.

In a large skillet, cook the ground beef and onion until the beef is no longer pink and drain.

Add the taco seasoning and refried beans and heat through.

In a separate bowl, blend the mushroom soup with the sour cream. Then spread half of the soup mixture in the bottom of a baking dish.

Add a layer of 3 flour tortillas to the top of the soup mixture. You will need to cut or tear the tortillas and overlap them.

Spread on a layer of the ground beef mixture and top with about a cup of cheese.

Repeat all of these layers and top with the remaining cheese.

Bake in a 9 x 13 baking dish for about 20 minutes until cheese is melted.

Join the Arbor Day Foundation in March and receive free trees

The Arbor Day Foundation is making it easy for everyone to celebrate the arrival of spring by planting trees.

Join the Arbor Day Foundation in March 2018 and receive 10 free white pine trees or 10 white flowering dogwood trees.

“White pine trees or white flowering dogwoods will add beauty to your home through-

out the year,” said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. “Dogwoods are known for their showy spring flowers and red berries that attract songbirds during winter. White pine trees are fast-growing landscape trees

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Ellis' class

Cathy Ellis' fifth grade class went through DARE graduation here last Thursday morning. Calla Cox won the best essay contest for the class. The instructor was Purcell Det. Sgt. Scott Stephens.



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Sew-In

A large turnout was on hand for the Annual Washington Sew-In January 26 and 27. Sewers made positive bags, lap and baby quilts among other things.



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Check presentation

The Lexington Baxter Masonic Lodge #72 presented a matching funds check on February 26 to the Lexington Band boosters for \$1,000 in matching funds for a total fundraiser amount of \$2,000. The Lodge meets the second and fourth Mondays at 7:30 p.m.

Chickasaw Nation welcomes spring with informative, fun events

During the month of March, the Chickasaw Nation will be hosting family-friendly events to educate visitors on ancestry, nature and history at the Chickasaw Cultural Center, 867 Cooper Memorial Road, in Sulphur.

National Genealogy Day, March 10

Dive into your historical roots by attending National Genealogy Day, Saturday, March 10.

Learn how to conduct research on family history. Genealogists will be on-site throughout the day to provide assistance.

Special activities include make-and-take crafts such as a family tree or flower, Chickasaw clan animal family crests, building a family time capsule and a Five Tribes Genealogy presentation in the Holisso Research Center at 1 p.m.

The Holisso Research Center houses genealogy collections, historic maps, photo archives, historic documents, census records and a complete set of Dawes Commission Rolls of Chickasaw citizens.

Besides Chickasaw, Dawes rolls for the Choctaw, Mississippi Choctaw, Cherokee, Muscogee (Creek) and Seminole tribes are also available at the Holisso Center.

National Learn About Butterflies Day, March 14

Learn more about the majestic monarch butterfly during National Learn About Butterflies Day Wednesday, March 14.

Enjoy the day with games,

traditional arts, horticulture tours and other activities. Interact with butterflies in the pop-up tent or participate in a scavenger hunt.

The films "Flight of the Butterflies" and "On the Wings of the Monarch" will be screened in the Anoli' Theater.

Monarch caterpillars feed only on milkweed plants. Monarchs must lay eggs on milkweed so their offspring will feed. Caterpillars then spin themselves into cocoons and come out a few weeks later as brilliantly-colored insects.

The Chickasaw Nation is responding by planting milkweed and nectar plants throughout the tribe's 13-county territory in Oklahoma.

The "hoop" greenhouse, located near the cultural center's Traditional Village, offers a controlled enclosure for growing plants year-round. Monarchs may enter and depart the structure safely.

Te Ata Exhibit

Come explore the life of Mary "Te Ata" Thompson Fisher and her journey to become one of the most influential Native American storytellers of all time now through Sept. 3 in the Aapisa' Art Gallery.

View artifacts owned and worn by Te Ata, as well as memorabilia and props from the recently released, award-winning film.

The events and exhibit are open to the public at no charge.

The film "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales" will be shown at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, March 10, in the

Anoli' Theater. Prices for the showing are \$3 for children age 12 and under, \$4 for adults or \$6 for a movie deal that includes ticket, popcorn and drink.

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

Annual Sew-In successful

143 positive bags were made and delivered

The Washington Sew-In was held January 26 and 27. This article has been delayed because of sickness, weather and one accident.

There was a total of 21 women who attended. Some women attended either Friday or Saturday and some both days for 165 hours.

There were 143 positive bags made that were delivered to Eden Clinic in Norman and Hope Pregnancy South in Oklahoma City. The women made 46 lap and baby quilts. Alice Brooks has been the coordinator of the Sew-In

for 13 years. There is much preparation done before the weekend by her and other women at the center.

The positive bags were cut out and the baby quilts were sewed before so they were ready to be tacked at the Sew-In. A quilt was raffled off and drawn for at noon on Saturday.

Attending in addition to Ms. Brooks were Tammie Jones, Vickie Davidson, Lori Woolington, Karen Olson, Stephanie Harnish and Wanda Dismukes.

Also, Georgianne Knight,

Rebecca Zimmerman, Jaynie Dowdle, Phyllis Linker, Diane Burnett, Jule Wilson, Pilar Moore and Lewila Myers.

And, Rhonda Lukenbill, Tammy Sagastizado, Rebecca Sagastizado, Sarah Lynn, Jessie White and Cate Crane.

Each time an item was finished a bell was rung and the person responsible could choose a prize from the table full of donated gifts.

Saturday afternoon the center had to be swept and the furniture put back in the original places. A good time was had by all.

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The introduction of the musk thistle head weevil has helped to control the Musk Thistle weed that has taken over some grazing pasture.

Chemical control is also used by farmers to get rid of pests that harm or lower agriculture productivity. Chemical is most often in combination with mechanical and biological methods.

Farmers are concerned about the environment, because it is where they make their living. They are concerned about the products they produce, because they consume it also. And chemicals cost money, which they want to keep in their pocket.

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.



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Sikes' class

Samantha Sikes' fifth grade class went through DARE graduation here last Thursday morning. Parker Page won the best essay contest for the class. The instructor was Purcell Det. Sgt. Scott Stephens.

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Tresler's class

Shawnacie Tresler's (not pictured) fifth grade class went through DARE graduation here last Thursday morning. Whitney Wollenberg won the best essay contest for the class. The instructor was Purcell Det. Sgt. Scott Stephens.

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Applications accepted for Leadership Oklahoma Class 32

Leadership Oklahoma, a statewide leadership program in its thirtieth year, is now accepting applications for its 2018-2019 adult class.

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

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

It consists of an orientation session, a mandatory two-day retreat and eight two-day sessions.

Classes are held in locations that best relate to the issues of importance to the state.

"Leadership Oklahoma and its graduates are working to create and implement the positive changes necessary to make Oklahoma a better state," said Brent Kisling, Enid Regional Development Alliance.

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

Approximately 1,500 people have completed the program and remain active in contributing to Oklahoma's strength and vitality.

"Leadership Oklahoma has been a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," said Rick Grundman, Tulsa-based member of the current class and Vice President, Government Affairs and Community Relations for ONE Gas. "Seeing all that makes this state unique and learning first-hand its incredible strengths along with unique challenges, has been one of the most rewarding experiences I've had."

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

Applications may be downloaded from the Leadership Oklahoma website at www.leadershipoklahoma.com. Completed applications must be received in the Leadership Oklahoma office no later than March 30, 2018 at 5 p.m.

Newsmakers

NOC honor students

Jarrett Sweeney of Purcell and **Tanner Madden** of Washington are among 620 freshmen and sophomores earning recognition on Northern Oklahoma College academic honor rolls for the fall semester.

Both students have been named to the vice president's scholars roll, which lists students who maintained a 3.00 (B) or higher grade-point average in a minimum of 12 core course hours during the semester with no incomplete grade recorded.

OBU honor students

Heart of Oklahoma residents were named to the Oklahoma Baptist University's academic honor roll for the fall 2017 semester.

Named to the President's Honor Roll were **Sally Berry** of Purcell; **Lane Howard Martin** of Byars; and **Brooklynn Kate James** of Dibble.

Connor Gantz was named to the Dean's Honor Roll.

The President's Honor Roll recognizes students who achieved a semester grade point average of 3.7 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

The Dean's Honor Roll acknowledges those who achieved a grade point average from 3.4 to 3.69. The Bison Honor Roll recognizes part-time students who completed between 6 to 11 hours with a grade point average of 3.4 or higher with no grade lower than a C.

USAO honor students

More than 250 students at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma were recently named to the university's two honor rolls for the fall 2017 trimester.

Among the Purcell students named to the Regents Honor Roll are **Baylee Bozarth** and **Elizabeth Bailee McGowen**.

Zackary Edelman, **Casey Gilman** and **Eric Lynch**, all of Purcell, were among those named to the USAO Honor Roll.

The USAO Honor Roll recognizes students whose grade point average is 3.5 or higher for 12 or more hours of class work. The Regents Honor Roll recognizes those who have been named to the USAO Honor Roll for three or more consecutive trimesters.

The honor rolls were created to recognize and encourage academic excellence.

Mead assists OkMOM

The Oklahoma Mission of Mercy announced the results from the ninth annual event in Durant, where Oklahoma Dental Association member Dr. Glenn Mead was among dental professionals who donated services.

The two-day free dental clinic for people of all ages, the Oklahoma Mission of Mercy (OkMOM) provided \$1,157,501 in donated dental care. The event offered cleanings, fillings extractions, root canals on front teeth, and limited ways to improve the smile line at no cost to patients. Volunteers performed 8,166 dental procedures for 957 patients, averaging \$1,209.51 of dental care per patient.



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Wayne School News

1950s musical "Bye Bye Birdie" tours in March

The Chickasaw Nation will entertain audiences with the Adams and Strouse hilarious musical-comedy, "Bye Bye Birdie," in March.

Set in 1958, "Bye Bye Birdie" follows the story of Conrad Birdie, a rock singer who travels to a small Ohio town to make his farewell television performance and kiss his biggest fan before he is drafted.

To Conrad's surprise the antics of the townsfolk cause his simple stay in town to be filled with chaos in the form of jealous boyfriends, strict parents and a fan club full of teenage girls crazy about him.

"Bye Bye Birdie" was written by Michael Stewart, with lyrics by Lee Adams and music by Charles Strouse.

The production is the Chickasaw Nation's second large-scale musical endeavor with last year's "South Pacific" being the first.

Lead actors in the production include Luke Crabtree as "Conrad Birdie," Adam Crabtree as "Albert Peterson," Dee Dee Penigton as "Mrs. Mae Peterson."

Also Elizabeth Lester as "Rose Alvarez," Natalie Jack as "Kim MacAfee," Lei Rumley as "Mrs. Doris MacAfee," Shan Scroggins as "Mr. Harry MacAfee" and Will Brock as "Hugo Peabody."

Rehearsals for this production began in January, and will continue until March when the cast, orchestra, production team and technical crew will take the show on the road making stops in Tishomingo and Ardmore, as well as Ada.

Tickets for the show will be \$10. Showtimes for the production are as follows:

Saturday, March 10, 7 p.m. Murray State College, 1 Murray Campus Drive, Tishomingo. For ticketing information, call (580) 387-7463.

Friday, March 16, and Saturday, March 17, 7 p.m. Ada Cougar Activity Center, Ada High School, 1400 S. Stadium Drive, Ada. For ticketing information, call (580) 272-5520.

Friday, March 30, 7 p.m. Goddard Center for Visual and Performing Arts, 401 First Ave. SW, Ardmore. For ticketing information, call (580) 286-0909.

For more information, contact the Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520.



Jacob Owens



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Chrystal Garza Wayne School

Call With Your News

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

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

Chloe Ramirez Transplant Fundraiser

The students and staff of Wayne Schools would like to express their appreciation to all the generous donors who contributed and/or participated in the Chloe Ramirez Transplant Fundraiser.

In addition to all the caring people who donated cash, area businesses and individual donors of items helped raise sufficient funds for out of pocket expenses for the 100 day stay in the hospital.

Donors of auction items were Sandra and Earl Shephard, OU Athletic Office, OSU Athletic Office, OU Jimmie Austin Golf Course, Cobblestone Creek Golf Course, OU Women's Softball Office, Laura Harryman, Cody and Ashley Webster.

Also Baker's Pizza, Custom Dental, Wayne High School FFA, Wayne High School "Kaps for Kids", Pam McCullar, Heather Bennett, Jennifer Morgan, Louie's Restaurant Campus Corner, Dr. John Powell, Justina Reaves, Justin "Silver Power Ranger" Nimmo. And Mahogany Prime Steak-

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Upcoming Events:

Thursday, March 8—JH SB vs. Maysville, 4:30 p.m.; JH/HS BB at Lexington, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, March 9—End of Third Nine Weeks; JH/HS SB vs. Am-Po, 4:30 p.m.

Monday, March 12—JH/HS BB @ ECP, 4:30 p.m.; JH/HS SB vs. Lexington, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 13—HS SB @ Dibble Festival; JH Cheer Clinic, 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 14—Baseball and Softball Pics.

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 Tourna-

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

Thursday, March 29—HS BB @ ECP Tournament; 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 @ ECP Tournament; HS SB @ Vanoss Tournament; JH BB @ Pauls Valley Tournament.

Eighth Grade Spotlight

In our Wayne Middle School Eighth Grade Spotlight this week we have Andrew Lee and Lorensa Marrinez.

Andrew has attended Wayne Public Schools for 10 years and is active in football, basketball and baseball. The things Andrew likes most about school are math and baseball. His favorite teacher is Mrs. Stacey Davis because she has the best stories to tell. The one thing he will miss most about middle school are the teachers.

Lorensa has attended Wayne Public School for five years and is active in basketball. The one thing Lorensa likes most about school is sports. Her favorite teacher is James Paddock because he is fun with learning skills. The thing she will miss the most about middle school are the teachers.

Wayne High School Senior Spotlight

This week's Wayne High

School Senior Spotlight features Christian Huber and Rebecca Caudle.

Christian has attended Wayne Public School for nine years, and is active in pawd cast and Mid-America Tech Center. The things Christian likes the most about school are his girlfriend, friends, teachers, and all the activities. His favorite teacher is Michelle Matthews because she is funny, and a relaxed teacher, plus when it is time to get serious she knows how to. He will miss seeing his friends and teachers. Christian's plans for after graduation are to attend Rose State for cybersecurity or ECU for computer science.

Rebecca has attended Wayne Public Schools for five years. The one thing Rebecca likes the most about school are the people. Her favorite teacher is Mrs. Cindy Ray because she has helped her get where she is today. The thing she is going to miss most about high school is the people. Rebecca's plan for after high school is to go to work.

Mrs. Moreno's Third Grade Student of the Week

Mrs. Moreno's Third Grade Student of the Week is Jacob Owens.

Jacob's favorite color is blue green, animal is dog, food is hamburger, book is "Magic Tree House," sport is football, tv show is "Teen Titans" and holiday is Christmas.

Jacob enjoys school because he loves learning new things. In Jacob's free time he enjoys playing video games, watching tv and cooking.

When Jacob grows up he wants to be a John Deere retailer like his dad.

Congratulations Jacob Owens!

Mrs. Keeler's Fourth Grade Student of the Week

Mrs. Keeler's Fourth Grade Student of the Week is Lily Whitaker.

Lily's favorite color is blue, school subject is math and food is rice. In Lily's free time she enjoys playing outside and going to school.

When Lily grows up she wants to be a doctor.

Congratulations Lily Whitaker!



Christian Huber and Rebecca Caudle



Andrew Lee and Lorensa Marrinez



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Math Hall of Fame

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NRA's campaign cash only a trickle in Oklahoma

Ben Botkin
Oklahoma Watch

In Oklahoma, it's no secret that residents strongly support the Second Amendment and their right to own firearms.

But despite Oklahoma's image as a ruby-red Republican stronghold, the state's politicians aren't awash in cash from the gun lobby. An Oklahoma Watch check of campaign finance records shows relatively little spending by the National Rifle Association on Oklahoma politicians.

The NRA often draws attention for its political influence after a mass shooting such as the one last Wednesday in which 17 people were killed at a Florida school.

The incident reawakened questions about whether stricter gun-control laws could prevent such tragedies. Students at the Florida school where the shooting occurred want to create a "badge of shame" for politicians who accept NRA support.

At least one Oklahoma congressional member, Sen. James Lankford, called for improvements in the background check system. President Donald Trump signaled a similar position on Monday.

Here's a look at the amounts of campaign cash given by the NRA to candidates, including incumbents. The relatively low amounts likely reflect the fact that the NRA spends much of its money on competitive races, such as the presidential race, and less on races with more predictable outcomes for candidates who support the NRA.

Legislative Candidates
Oklahoma candidates for legislative seats received \$4,500 in the 2016 elections, filings with the Oklahoma Ethics Commission show. Oklahoma state candidates saw the following contributions from the NRA's Political Victory Fund in 2016:

- > Rep. Kevin Calvey, R-Oklahoma City: \$1,000.
- > Rep. Jeff Dale Coody,

- R-Grandfield: \$1,000.
- > Sen. Nathan Dahm, R-Broken Arrow: \$1,000.
- > Rep. Kevin Wallace, R-Wellston: \$1,500.

The NRA also gave \$5,000 to the Committee for the Inauguration of Gov. Mary Fallin in February 2015. In 2016, the organization gave \$200 to the Republican State House Committee, which recruits GOP candidates.

Congressional Candidates
Nationwide, the NRA donated \$18,950 in the 2016 election cycle to Oklahoma U.S.



House and Senate candidates, all Republicans, according to data compiled by the nonpartisan Center for Responsive Politics. The amounts:

- > U.S. Rep. James Bridenstine: \$2,000.
- > U.S. Rep. Tom Cole: \$3,000.
- > U.S. Rep. Frank Lucas: \$2,000.
- > U.S. Rep. Markwayne Mullin: \$4,950.
- > U.S. Rep. Steve Russell: \$2,000. (Russell owns a company that manufactures firearms online.)
- > U.S. Sen Jim Inhofe: \$0. (During his most recent campaign, in the 2014, election cycle, he received \$9,450.)
- > U.S. Sen. James Lankford: \$5,000.

That's just a small slice of the organization's spending on candidates nationwide. In 2016, the NRA gave \$818,150 to congressional candidates, with 99 percent of the contributions going to Republicans, according to Center for Responsive Politics data.

So far in the 2018 election cycle, the NRA has donated \$1,000 to Lucas and \$1,000 to Russell.

Independent Expenditures

The organization's larger spending in politics is through independent expenditures, which don't directly go to candidates' campaigns but are spent to help or oppose those running for office. The NRA spent \$19.2 million nationwide on independent expenditures in the 2016 election, according to the Center for Responsive Politics.

But Oklahoma candidates benefitted little from that spending. Out of the \$19.2 million, just \$190 was spent to support one Oklahoma candidate: Mullin. More than \$9 million of the independent expenditures went toward the presidential race.

An affiliated group, the NRA Institute for Legislative Action, spent \$33.3 million during the 2016 elections, none of it on Oklahoma races. A state political action

committee, the Oklahoma 2nd Amendment Association, filed its first paperwork to operate as a PAC in October 2016 to support "pro-2nd Amendment legislation and candidates," state filings show.

So far, the organization hasn't spent any money on Oklahoma candidates.

From mid-October 2016 through the end of 2017, the organization raised \$19,804, records show. Its expenditures during that time totaled \$12,966, going to towards expenses such as website hosting services, Facebook ads and podcast services. The expenditures also included a \$291.99 Beretta Nano 9mm pistol from the Palmetto State Armory in Columbia, S.C.

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Mike Pruitt • For The Purcell Register

Pole setting

Purcell city crews set some new utility poles in Purcell last week. From left are Ron Johnson, Jeff Cearley and Trey Phillips.

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Absentee ballots

Apply now for April 3 election

Voters who are registered within the Blanchard, Dibble, or Newcastle School District boundaries who want to have absentee ballots mailed to them for the April 3 Emergency Medical Services Special Election should apply now, McClain County Election Board Secretary Karen Haley said Tuesday.

Although the county election board can accept applications for absentee ballots until 5 p.m. March 28, Haley urged voters who want to vote by absentee ballot to apply early.

Absentee ballot application forms are available at the county election board office in the McClain County Courthouse.

Forms may also be downloaded and printed from www.elections.ok.gov.

"At least two mail transactions must be made," Haley said. "The county election board must mail the ballots to the voter and the voter must return the voted ballots by mail."

Those ballots must be in the hands of the election board by 7 p.m. on election day in order to be counted.

Any registered voter may vote by absentee ballot in any election in which the individual is eligible to vote.

However, a voter must be registered and reside at an address within the geographical boundaries of a school district or municipality to vote in those

elections.

"While anyone can vote absentee without giving a reason, the law still provides several excuses and it is to the advantage of some voters to use them," Haley said.

By stating one of the following reasons on their applications, voters can activate some special conditions that make it easier for them to use absentee ballots:

- Voters who are physically handicapped or or care for physically handicapped persons who cannot be left unattended. These individuals may apply only by mail, fax or email.

- Voters who are confined to nursing homes within the county. An absentee voting board goes to nursing homes a few days before the election and sets up a small polling place for those voters. They may apply only by mail, fax or email.

- Military personnel, county residents residing overseas and their spouses and dependents are eligible to receive absentee ballots. These voters may apply only by mail, fax or email. Military members should contact their unit's voting service officer for forms and information. Other Oklahoma residents living overseas can receive the same materials from any U.S. military installation, embassy, consulate or online at <http://www.fvap.gov/oklahoma>.

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Warriors fall in Area

Finish the year with 18 wins

John Denny Montgomery
The Purcell Register

The Washington Warriors' season came to an end Thursday after a 52-49 loss against Riverside in the Area tournament.

The game started off just the way the Warriors wanted it to with smothering defense.

"We held them scoreless after one quarter," said head coach TJ Scholz.

Washington maintained a 10 point lead going into the halftime locker room.

"We only had four turnovers in the first half," Scholz said. We handled their pressure and handled the ball well. We were executing."

Scholz said Riverside began to build some momentum in the third quarter.

Washington still led by a point going into the fourth quarter.

The game went back and forth in the final quarter and with about 1:30 remaining the game was all tied up.

Manny Trejo got called for a charge on a bang-bang play which also cost the Warriors a made bucked.

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Manny ball

Manny Trejo dribbles the ball up the court. Trejo and the Warriors' season came to an end in the Area tournament after a 52-49 loss against Riverside.

Dragons to rely on defense

Coach Cole Sharp says pitching will be good

John D. Montgomery
The Purcell Register

The baton has been passed to Cole Sharp to guide the Purcell Dragon baseball team.

Sharp reports a button up defense and top shelf pitching will carry the Dragons to where they expect to be at the end of the season.

Purcell returns five starters off last year's 18-12 squad and has a good mix of young talent coming into the mix.

Back for another season are Ethan Wayland at short stop, Cauly Hollis in the infield and utility, Fernando Auz at catcher, Waylon Steiner at first base and pitcher and Cooper Frankenberg at pitcher.

"We've got some young guys like sophomore Jeremy Cudd, Nick Albright, Brendan Ferris and Gunner Fink that are going to help," Sharp said.

Cudd will hold down first base when he's not pitching. Fink will roam in the infield and Ferris will be a utility player for Sharp and the 2018 Dragons.

Sharp said he is also expecting freshman Cade Smith to add to the Dragon diamond crew.

"The strength of our team will be our defense and our pitching," Sharp said.

"We are going to play solid defense.

"We've got some guys that are going to step up and be leaders that can hopefully lead us to a district championship, the regional and hopefully the State Tournament," the coach said.

"We're working on our hitting," Sharp said. "It'll come around." "But the key is playing great defense

and having clutch pitching. That's what will get us to where we want to go."

Sharp is a 2002 graduate of Wayne High School where he played all sports. He earned his degree from East Central University and is married to his wife, Kourtney, who is an RN at the Norman HealthPlex.

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Purcell Baseball 2018

Month	Opponent	Site	Time	V/JV
3-2	Anadarko	Away	4:30	HS/JV
3-6	Jones	Away	4:30	HS/JV
3-8	Noble	Away	5	HS/JV
3-9	Bethel	Home	4:30	HS/JV
3-12	Lexington	Home	4:30	HS/JV
3-13	Dibble	Home	4:30	HS/JV
3-15	Pauls Valley	Home	5	HS/JV
3-16	Lindsay	Home	4:30	HS/JV
3-23	Anadarko	Home	4:30	HS/JV
3-27	Washington	Home	4:30	HS/JV
4-5-7	Newcastle Tournament	Away	TBA	
4-9	Lindsay	Away	4:30	HS/JV
4-10	Washington	Away	4:30	HS/JV
4-12	Pauls Valley	Away	5	HS/JV
4-13	Noble	Home	5	HS/JV
4-16	Lexington	Away	4:30	HS/JV
4-17	Bridge Creek	Away	4:30	HS/JV
4-19-21	HOOT Tournament	Home	TBA	
4-23	Blanchard	Away	5	HS/JV
4-24	Marlow	Home	5	HS/JV
4-26-28	District Tournament	TBA	TBA	



Depth a plus for Dragons

Taralee McReynolds entering third season as head coach

John D. Montgomery
The Purcell Register

Entering her third season at the helm of the Purcell slow-pitch Dragons, Taralee McReynolds says much needed depth will help the 2018 edition of Purcell softball.

Coming off a 4-13 season last year, the Dragons are looking to replace the likes of Addie Burton, Cheyenne Fulks, Daytin Christian and Jaden Webb off last year's squad.

McReynolds and assistant coach Sarah Jones will be relying on senior leadership from Faith Sherman, Emily

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Purcell Softball 2018

Month V/JV	Opponent	Site	Time
3-15-16	Wayne Tournament	Wayne	TBA
3-26	Dale/Washington	Dale	6:30/8
3-27	Lexington/Harrah	Purcell	5/8
3-29	Chickasha	Chickasha	5/6:30
4-2	Little Axe/Blanchard	Little Axe	6:30/8
4-3	Tecumseh/Newcastle	Purcell	5/8
4-5	Chickasha	Purcell	5/6:30
4-9	All Conference	Little Axe	7
4-10	Konawa/Holdenville	Konawa	4:30/5:30
4-12	Plainview Festival	Plainview	TBA
4-13	Purcell Festival	Purcell	noon 4 games
4-18-20	District Tournament		
4-25-27	Regional Tournament		
5-2-4	State Tournament		



1,000 point club

Haylee Swayze was honored February 6 by her coach David Sikes for joining the 1,000 point club for her career. She finished her career for the Dragons with 1,339 points. She was also honored as the Player of the Year in the Canadian Valley Conference South Division.



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State qualifiers

Eight Lexington Bulldogs qualified for the State Powerlifting meet including Regional Champion Kyston Wheat at 123 pounds, Ethan Scott, Christian Lobaugh, Toby Prevost, Destrie Shae, Fisher Bowling, Nathan Clegg and Kaleb Robertson. Scott and Shae were both Regional Runners-up at 220 pounds and 145 pounds. Prevost was third at 168 and Bowling was third at 275. Lobaugh was fourth at 132 pounds and Robertson was fourth at 145 pounds. Clegg finished fifth at 145 pounds.

2 Dragons qualify for State

Meet will be at El Reno

Caylin Nimmo and Jalyn Shea have qualified for the State Powerlifting Meet.

Purcell Powerlifters traveled to El Reno this past Saturday to lift in the Northwest Regional Meet.

Nimmo lifted in the 157 weight class and placed second with a 1,000 pound total.

Shea lifted in the 242 pound class and

had a total of 1,120 pounds, finishing third. Both of them will lift at the State Powerlifting meet at El Reno this Friday.

Others that competed were Kyle Hogan, Sam Woffard, Reuben Leveridge, Sean Behne, Addison Love, Avery Stockton, Kaleb Speck, Ghage Speck, Gage Askew, Jaysen Shea and Elijah Fixaco.



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Crisp passing

Kaleb Kilcrease passes the ball the Manny Trejo during the State playoffs. Washington finished the season 18-9 and made it to the Area tournament.



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Pass off

Aubrey Schmidt passes the ball to a teammate. Washington's season came to an end after a 50-41 loss against Idabel in the Area tournament.

'Dawgs start new era on diamond

Ennis enters fifth season

Todd Newville
The Purcell Register

It's a new era for the 'Dawgs on the diamond, according to Lexington head baseball coach Jarod Ennis.

"We feel pretty good," said Ennis, who enters his fifth season as Lexington's skipper.

"We've got a young team and it's kind of a new era for us in our program. We graduated eight guys from last year.

"We've got two seniors and a lot of sophomores. So, it's going to be a completely different team. But, we are confident and ready to go. These guys can play the game and they are anxious to get going."

Last year, Lexington was a .500 ball club with an 11-11 record. Despite the loss of eight players from a year ago, Ennis (a former center fielder and pitcher for the 'Dawgs) is looking upon three returnees to bolster his team's chances — seniors Caden Jones, Hunter Findley and junior Seth Comer.

Jones is the first baseman and a pitcher for Ennis. He'll be the team's "cleanup hitter."

Findley plays in the out-

field while Comer will be the shortstop and ace pitcher for Lexington this spring.

"Caden Jones is a senior first baseman and a pitcher," Ennis said. "He's our four-hole hitter and he's been a staple for our team for a long time. Hunter Findley is another senior and those two guys are going to be leading this team and steer us in the right direction.

"Seth Comer is a junior and he'll probably be the ace of our staff on the mound as well as our shortstop. He's a big RBI guy and he's been a starter in our program since he was a freshman. Those guys are good ballplayers so we're going to hang our hats on them."

Sophomore Coby Bear is a middle infielder who can also pitch for Ennis' team.

Mason Dunaway (another sophomore) moves into a starting role this season as the 'Dawgs catcher.

Sophomore third baseman Colton Penner will be at the "hot corner" for Lexington.

"Coby Bear played a lot as a freshman last year," Ennis said. "Mayson Dunaway will have

some shoes to fill behind the plate at catcher. Colton Penner will be our third baseman and he's going to be ready to go. We have some good young players ready to step up."

Ennis (who graduated from Lexington in 2004) did not play baseball in college. Rather, he returned to coach his alma mater following a stint in the Navy.


He's excited to see what kind of damage his Lexington baseball team can inflict upon opposing teams this spring.

"This community is great and the kids are great," Ennis said. "I never have any issues with the kids and their attitudes. They show up ready to play every day. They work hard and they do well in the classroom. They want to succeed and they want to get better in baseball and outside of baseball. These kids are a lot of fun to be around."

"On the field, it's on them, obviously. If we want to improve upon last year, they need to show up and be ready to play. They need to believe in themselves—I do. I think we'll be a good team as long as we play the game like we know how to."

2018

Lexington Baseball

 Seth Comer 2 Jr.	 Toby Madden 3 So.	 Hunter Findley 4 Sr.	 Andre Ibarra 6 Jr.	 Wyatt Webb 7 Fr.
 Coby Bear 8 So.	 Mason Hamm 9 Jr.	 Kolby King 10 So.	 Colton Penner 15 So.	 Lane Jeffrey 16 So.
 Mayson Dunaway 17 So.	 Caden Jones 20 Sr.	 Jordan Land 21 Jr.	 Logan Becker 22 So.	 Cody Diaz 23 So.
 Drake Wells 24 Jr.	 Nate Clegg So.	 Jarod Ennis Head coach	 Kyle Wells Asst. coach	

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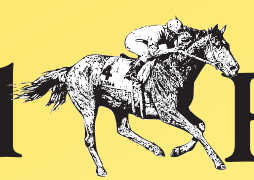


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Purcell Girls Golf 2018

March	Location	Tournament	Time
13	Brent Bruehl	Purcell Invitational	9 a.m.
28	Westwood	State Preview	8:30 a.m.
April			
2	Duncan C.C.	S.O.G.I.	9 a.m.
4	Kingfisher G.C.	Kingfisher Invitational	TBA
9	Dornick Hills C.C.	Plainview Invitational	9 a.m.
17	TBA	Regional Qualifying	TBA
18	Brent Bruehl	Conference	8:30 a.m.
24	Brent Bruehl	Regional Tournament	TBA
May			
2-3	Westwood	State Tournament	TBA

Purcell Boys Golf 2018

March	Location	Tournament	Time
12	Brent Bruehl	Purcell Invitational	9 a.m.
27	Brent Bruehl	Conference	8:30 a.m.
April			
3	Falconhead	Turner Invitational	9 a.m.
12	FireLake	Tecumseh Invitational	8:30 a.m.
23	TBA	Regional Qualifying	TBA
30	Brent Bruehl	Regional Tournament	TBA
May			
7-8	Trospen Park C.C.	State Tournament	TBA

From page 1B Warriors:

"There were a couple of plays that could go either way but didn't go our way," Scholz said.

Riverside got three points on their next possession after a three-point play.

Washington got off a three pointer at the end but the shot missed.

"I was proud of our guys. We fought and had chances at the end," Scholz said.

Washington's defensive stopper, Kaleb Kilcrease, was injured during the game as he was going up for a bucket.

Scholz said the loss hampered his team in defending Riverside's best offensive player.

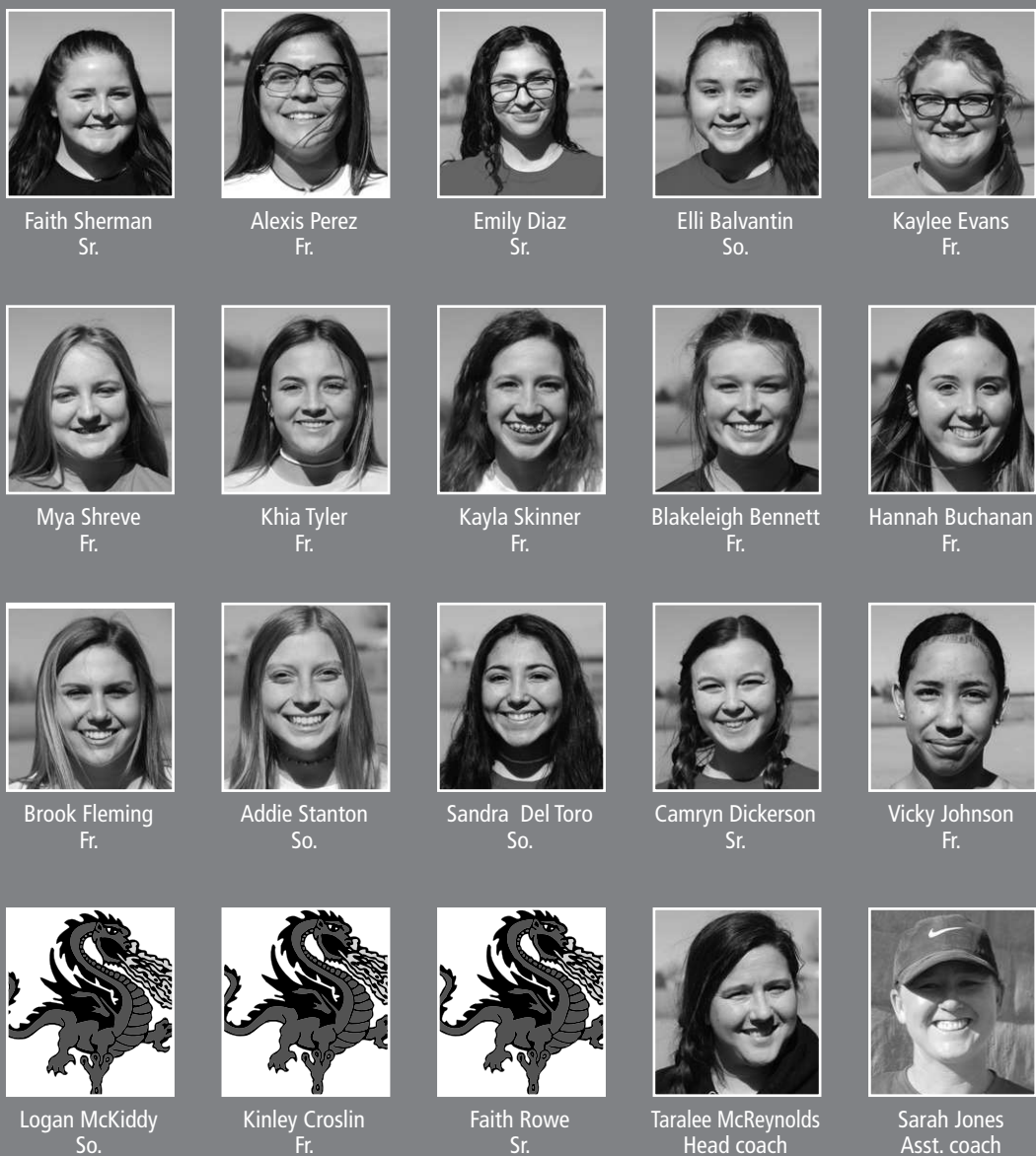
Washington loses one senior starter, Conner Kirtley.

"I'm proud of what Conner Kirtley was able to do for us. He led the team in rebounding the second half of the season. It wasn't a role he was accustomed to but he stepped up," Scholz said.

"We went from seven wins last year to 18 wins this year and I'm proud of our season."

Washington was 18-9 on the year.

2018 Purcell Softball



Faith Sherman Sr. Alexis Perez Fr. Emily Diaz Sr. Elli Balvantin So. Kaylee Evans Fr.
 Mya Shreve Fr. Khia Tyler Fr. Kayla Skinner Fr. Blakeleigh Bennett Fr. Hannah Buchanan Fr.
 Brook Fleming Fr. Addie Stanton So. Sandra Del Toro So. Camryn Dickerson Sr. Vicky Johnson Fr.
 Logan McKiddy So. Kinley Croslin Fr. Faith Rowe Sr. Taralee McReynolds Head coach Sarah Jones Asst. coach

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PHS:

Diaz, Camryn Dickerson and Faith Rowe.

Returning starters off last year's squad include Rowe in right field, Stanton in left field, Dickerson in the infield and Sherman, who caught last season but is currently rehabbing from an injury.

"We have a little more depth than we've had the last couple of years and we have some of the girls off the fast-pitch team that won the State Championship last year," McReynolds said.

McReynolds said the girls need to improve on repetition of fly balls, ground balls and hitting.

"We need repetition in all specific fundamentals," the coach said.

A good crop of young talent including Khia Tyler, Hannah Buchanan and Brooklyn Fleming will add to the mix this season.

"We will definitely be improved if for no other reason than depth," McReynolds said.

"I always enjoy being around these girls," McReynolds said. "They always work hard and compete."

"Our goal is to be a better version of ourselves every day both softball-wise and personal-wise when we leave the field," she concluded.

The Dragons are set to open the 2018 season in the Wayne Tournament March 15-16.

Chickasaw Nation spring break meals

During Spring Break, Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services will offer meals to children and teens age one-18 as part of the Chickasaw Nation Summer Food Program.

The meals are provided to all children and teens at no charge. Meal sites will be located in Ardmore and Ada.

Locations, times and dates include:

Ada—Nutrition Services, 518 E. Arlington, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., March 19-23.

Ardmore—Nutrition Services, 2350 Chickasaw Blvd., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., March 12-16.

The Summer Food Service Program also provides nutritious meals at various locations throughout the Chickasaw Nation territory during the summer months when the National School Lunch Program is not available.

For more information, call Nutrition Services at (580) 436-7255.

Courthouse News

The following persons have been charged by the State of Oklahoma with traffic or other violations or have filed other court actions in McClain County District Court between February 22-28, 2018.

Traffic

Taylor P. Conner, no seatbelt. Michael W. Palmer, failure to stay in lane. Michelle D. Goldsby, following too closely.

Marcos D. Gaud, speeding, 94/75. Brad Alexander, speeding, 85/75. Hector Reyes, overweight on interstate (bridge formula).

Socorro Salinas, overweight on interstate (bridge formula).

Joshua B. Nunley, speeding, 94/75. Alberto G. Hernandez, no valid driver's license.

Bennett D. Williams, improper passing.

Caitlyn A. Farrell, speeding, 75/65. Richard L. Murphy, improper passing.

Jose L. Hernandez, no child restraint.

Kennedy K. Turner, speeding, 80/70.

Abram Chavez, improper passing. David O. Castro Luciano, speeding, 80/70.

David O. Castro Luciano, expired registration.

Rodney Harris, speeding, 80/70. Marchelo D. Anderson, operator not reasonable and proper.

Audrey M. Earhart, failure to yield. Audrey M. Earhart, reckless driving, 1st offense.

Jerry L. Warner Jr., no valid driver's license.

Jerry L. Warner Jr., operator not reasonable and proper.

Manuel F. Flores Torres, no valid driver's license.

Manuel F. Flores Torres, operator not reasonable and proper.

Adolfo Cruz, operator not reasonable and proper.

Jewel M. Wilmany, speeding, 55/45.

Joel Resendiz, no valid driver's license.

Michael C. Brown, unsafe lane change.

Misdemeanors

Rafael Hernandez, possession of CDS.

Hunter M. Cornelius, DUI - alcohol. Lori L. Fixico, DUI - alcohol.

Cedric D. Caldwell, possession of CDS.

Landon C. Miller, possession of CDS.

Brandy A. Dunn, possession of CDS.

Daniel D. Solomon, public intoxication.

Deanna F. Knighten, obstructing an officer.

David N. Biggs, obstructing an officer.

officer.

Ronald M. Christensen, larceny of lost property.

Leonel Delarosa, public intoxication.

Scotty L. Graham, protective order violation.

Branche J. Graham, possession of CDS.

Ikeva N. Jordan, obstructing an officer.

Felonies

Amber M. Smith, possession of firearm after former felony conviction.

Johnathan W. Johnson, possession of firearm after former felony conviction.

Lowell A. Hicks, trafficking in illegal drugs.

Ean Q. Boyd, possession of firearm after former felony conviction.

Michael B. McAfee, domestic abuse - strangulation.

Skylar L. Ruiz, domestic assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Trevor D. McElroy, assault and battery with dangerous weapon.

Stephen W. Doshier, domestic abuse - assault and battery.

Scott D. Adzgian, burglary, second degree - automobile.

Silas S.T. Ferguson, stalking in violation of court order.

Heather R. Garcia, domestic assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Shawn T. Boswell, unauthorized use of a vehicle.

Small Claims

Lonnie Robertson vs. AT&T Inc., small claims under \$5000.

Purcell Park Apartments vs. Shaun Jackson, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000.

Civil

Discover Bank (Discover Card) vs. Derek W. Lollis, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Capital One Bank (USA) NA vs. Jarrod Lopez, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Midland Funding LLC vs. Amy Allen, civil action \$10,000 or less.

WeOKIE Credit Union vs. Rickey Pyle, civil action \$10,000 or more.

US Bank National Association vs. James S. Brakefield, civil action \$10,000 or more.

Bank of America vs. Ricki Walterschied, civil action \$10,000 or more.

Ally Financial Inc. vs. Timothy Summar, civil action \$10,000 or more.

Marriages Filed

Kevin T. Cayton, 29, of McKinney, Texas and Kelsey L. Bauman, 26, of Oklahoma City.

Joe B. Hargrove, 34, of Oklahoma City and Brittany D. Howard, 28, of Wanette.

Kyle P. Musgrave, 33, of Moore and Jessica L. Clark, 33, of Edmond.

Divorces Granted

Jennifer D. Abretske vs. Bradley P. Abretske.

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Dragons:

The Dragons have started the season 0-2 with losses to Newcastle and Anadarko.

Newcastle pinned a 9-5 loss on the Dragons while Anadarko won a wild 16-15 game.

"We hit the ball really well in the Anadarko game," Sharp said. "We just had too many mistakes."

Purcell had an 11-6 lead at the end of their half of the fourth inning but the Warriors battled back.

Waylon Steiner started the game on the mound.

Cauy Hollis came in in relief and took the loss.

Cooper Frankenberg, who started the Newcastle contest,



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Eying the pitch

Jeremy Cudd waits on his pitch against Newcastle Saturday. The Dragons were defeated 9-5 by the Racers.

took the loss. Jeremy Cudd and Gunner Fink both came in for relief duties.

"We didn't get the bats going until late and it was a little too

late," Sharp said.

"Through the first two games the main focus is getting better and doing our jobs.

"Defense and pitching needs to get better," he said.

After a Tuesday date at Jones, the Dragons will enjoy their first home game of the season when they host Bethel Friday.

Lexington's Bulldogs pay a visit to Purcell next Monday.

2018 Purcell Baseball



Gunner Fink Jr. 1. Brendan Farris So. 2. Zack Barnes Jr. 3. Bailey Etchison So. 4. Kris Welch So. 5.
 Waylon Steiner Sr. 6. Dayton Smith Fr. 8. Corey Nimsey Jr. 10. Jayden Payne Fr. 12. Kyle Kimbrell Jr. 13.
 Cooper Frankenberg Sr. 15. Ryan Maynard Fr. 16. Jalyn Shea Jr. 17. Ramiro Camacho Fr. 18. Nick Albright So. 20.
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 Gavin Constant Fr. 28. Lucas Jones Jr. 30. Fernando Auz Sr. 32. Grant Smith So. 33. Jaysen Shea Fr. 34.
 Cole Sharp Head Coach. Dex Felch Asst. Coach.

Lexington Community News

By Hazel Shockey Daniels

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

We will be closed anytime the school is closed for weather. 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 8, 14 and 15:

Thursday, March 8—Hamburger steak with onions, mashed potatoes and gravy, cabbage, corn, rolls, salad bar, rum cake.

Wednesday, March 14—Indian tacos, fry bread, beef, beans, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, cheese, sour cream, peppers, chips and queso, coconut or chocolate pie.

Thursday, March 15—Fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, squash, rolls, salad bar, peach cobbler.

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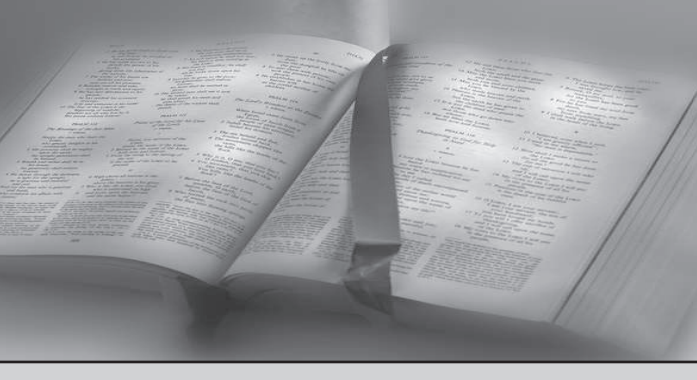
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Lexington Westside Church of Christ

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

"Because ye are sons," says the apostle, "God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying Abba, Father."

This Galatians 4:6 passage is the powerful centerpiece verse in the book of Galatians. We opened that book twice this past Sunday and delved just a little into its depths, where Paul takes us on an intriguing literary journey to show these churches the great superiority of freedom in Christ over the bondage of the law.

In the midst of it all, Paul comes to Galatians 4:6 and to thoughts much easier admired than analyzed. We can only pause and marvel.

Paul reminds these wavering Galatians that God has adopted them as sons, an adoption that comes as a result of two divine gifts.

First, "God sent his Son" to redeem us and to make us the "sons of God" (4:4-5). When we needed a Saviour to save us from sin and a mediator to

reconcile us to God -- when we needed a vine to sustain us and a shepherd to lead us -- God searched heaven for its loveliest rose, and He sent unto us the Rose of Sharon. He sends us His only Son.

Then, to seal our long-anticipated adoption as sons, God sends us "the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying Abba, Father."

Another of the world's marvelous truths!

Knowing our frailty and weakness, God searched heaven once more for the greatest advocate he could offer, and he chose the "Comforter" to help us along our Christian journey. "Because we are sons," He freely gives the best heaven has to offer, not once -- twice!

This blessed Spirit of Christ, says Mr. Matthew Henry, is, among many wondrous qualities, the Spirit of prayer, for he conducts much of his work in the blessed temple of intercession. He clears a path for us to reach the Father's throne in the sweet hour of prayer, teaching

us how to approach our Father. While we come to Him crying "Abba, Father" (Romans 8:15), so does the Spirit (Galatians 4:6).

Because we are sons, God ushers us into sweet communion with His Holy Spirit. The Spirit lovingly cries "Abba, Father" on our behalf, and we -- following His divine footsteps -- cry behind Him, as a child cries for his father.

What a blessing to have the Spirit of prayer going before us, "strengthening us in the inner man" (Ephesians 3:16), helping our weaknesses (Romans 8:26), and, making divine and precious intercession for us before the everlasting throne of God.

All because we are sons! Now that we are sons, God sends us the blessed Spirit of His Son into our hearts, paving the way for us to travel the hallway up to God's majestic throne, calling out fervently from the depths of our heart, "Abba, Father!"

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Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

By Fr. Jim Chamberlain

My neighbor across the street, Ms. Bernadette Hardesty, has been trying to teach me a thing or two about Catholic theology. She gave me a taped series of lectures on Karl Rahner, one of the greatest German Catholic theologians of the 20th century. His theology of grace is the basis for many of the reforms of Vatican II. Fr. Rahner published about 5000 articles and books, most of which are difficult to understand -- in any language!

Because he was a Jesuit priest, he sought to "find God in all things," including eating, sleeping, and laughter. He wrote that when we laugh we experience transcendence because we let go of our self-consciousness for just a bit, we lose control in complete freedom and serenity. We become

both childlike and childish, but without any loss of human dignity.

The same thing happens when we are playing and lose all track of time. Or when we are swept away in an intimate embrace with our truest love. Or when we get lost in a piece of music that transports us into the eternal. Rahner says that we can strive to have the sort of disposition that makes us always ready to laugh, to sense the trivial whenever it appears.

He also knew a thing or two about prayer, and wrote deeply about human awareness that "touches our Creator and Lord." One time he was having a deep philosophical argument with a colleague about proving the existence of God. His colleague finally asked him "How do you know?" Rahner responded: "I believe because I pray." (Actually, what he said was "Ich glaube, weil ich bete.") We may come to prayer with doubts. But we come away from prayer with belief.

As we reach the midway point during Lent, we are reminded in the Gospels that Jesus Himself is the new Temple. He is the place where God dwells. Jesus makes this

point emphatically clear when he chases the money-changers out of the Temple, announcing that He can rebuild the Temple in three days, something which originally had taken 46 years (John 2:13-25).

But, of course, he was talking about the Temple of His body, the new place where God dwells. As we approach the holy table each week to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus, we are allowing Christ to dwell within us, temples of the Holy Spirit, signs of new life.

Congratulations to our own Ashley Howard, who was named to the elite top 100 Academic All-Staters in Oklahoma. Ashley sings in our choir and helps lead the Confirmation program. We are proud of you, Ashley!

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).

For more information, call our church office at 527-3077. Please visit our parish, and like us on Facebook.

Lex clothing giveaway on Saturday

The First Baptist Church Lexington free clothing giveaway will be Saturday from 10 a.m. until noon.

The closet offers gently used and new clothes in sizes newborn to XXL. Also available are shoes and accessories.

The church's clothes closet is located in the Xander Annex building between Sonic and the church.

For more information, call the church office at 527-6758.

Sunray Baptist Church

James and Pam Kyzer sang "It Is Well With My Soul" for the special at our morning worship service. Brother Dennis preached from Titus using several verses to tell of this young preacher and his work at the church at Crete. Titus was told to teach sound doctrine and to be stable in scripture. Paul gave him the truths of the gospel. Then as now, every believer has a common faith because we are all saved by the grace of God. The main message of the church is the gospel and to reveal the glory of Christ.

The evening message was from Psalm 84 and told of the blessings of worship. Every aspect of worship is designed to focus on God. We should have a desire to worship the One worthy of worship. The priority of the believer is to worship God, who is our protector and shield. He gives grace and glory. We are created to be worshippers. There is something special to be with others to worship.

Remember to reset your clocks for Daylight Saving Time this coming Sunday. On March 25, Sunray will be having its 71st birthday homecoming service with the morning message being preached by our former youth pastor, Kent Stewart, pastor at Satterwhite Missionary Baptist Church. There will be several presentations of special music. A potluck lunch will be served following worship. Everyone is invited to attend.

You are always welcome at Sunray Baptist Church. Our goal is to worship God and to allow His love to be revealed through us in our service to others. We are a small traditional church with a lot of friendly people. We are located at 2223 North 9th Street in Purcell. For additional information call 527-6808.

EASTSIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST
"PREACHING FIRST CENTURY CHRISTIANITY IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY"
N.E. 4th and Ash
Lexington, OK
527-3131
Sunday Services
Bible Study- 9:30 am
Morning Worship- 10:30 am
Evening Worship- 6:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Study- 7:00 pm

Johnson Road Baptist Church

We had another good Sunday at Johnson Road. Good to have Henry Ketchum and Harold and Ruth Morris back in church.

We are always blessed to receive past and present reports from the students at the Oklahoma Horseshoeing School. One of the former students from Nebraska posted on Facebook that she was united in marriage Sunday.

Sandra Mayo was recognized for having celebrated another big birthday. Sandra is an engineer with a defense contractor. Sandra and her husband, James Mayo, are residents of Norman. Sandra grew up in Purcell, received her bachelor's degree from East Central and her master's degree from Oklahoma State University.

Purcell has been blessed by British Petroleum with oilfield activity recently. One deep horizontal well southwest of Purcell nearing completion is dressed with a tall Christmas tree.

The well on Horse Avenue west of town was the scene of large numbers of pump trucks, tanks and completion equipment on another deep horizontal. Two of Unit Drilling Company's big rigs are active south of Purcell at BP locations.

Be sure to pray for the men and women that work in the oil patch.

Special music for morning worship was provided by two of our young ladies, Abygail Mayo and Ava Fredrick. Gynean Gentry also provided special music.

Scripture text for the Sunday sermon was Luke 2:25-32. To encounter Jesus is the greatest dream come true. The elderly man Simeon awaited the day he would come face to face with God's promised Messiah.

The day Simeon wrapped his arms around baby Jesus in the temple he said, "Now I can die in peace." The thrill that captured Simeon in the temple is the same thrill that melts the heart when we meet Jesus along the Road of Life.

The hymn writer Alfred Ackley expressed it best, "You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart."

Bartimeus met Jesus on the Jericho Road. Zaccheus met Jesus on the Jericho Road. Paul met Jesus on the Damascus Road. The woman at the well met Jesus on the Samaritan Road. The Eunuch met Jesus on the Ethiopian Road.

Millions have met Jesus somewhere along the Road of Life. Ernestine Cavnar met Jesus on the Joy Road (Highway 77) when Corky Cavnar gave her a ride home.

Billie Lyles and her two sisters met Jesus on Erick Road (Highway 66) when her parents were on their way to church.

Sermon title for this Sunday is "A Sweet Invitation."

The Wednesday evening Bible study for this week will be the 17th 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.

WJH Cheerleaders take state

Angie Steele
Washington Correspondent

Washington's Middle School Cheerleaders have worked hard all season to prepare for the Inaugural 2018 JH State Championship held at OBU on March 3. The team brought home the Class 3A State Championship.

Teams from all over the state performed in their assigned class to compete for the title. Coach Robyne Cox was excited for the competition.

"I felt it was a great tool for our girls to compete in a competition that was set up to run exactly how the Varsity State Championship does. My goal is to have every cheerleader 'mat ready' by the time they are on the varsity squad. The girls worked hard, and they left it all in the mat! I could not be more proud of them," she said.

WJH Cheer brought home the State title in Class 3A. They were excited to also find out that they received the third highest score out of all the teams that performed from class 2A-6A.

Cheerleaders for the 2018 season are Halle Andrews, Madison Blankenship, Haven Brewer, Taylor Bridwell, Gracie Cantrell, Josie Castle, Carrie Cline, Hallie Dancer, Maddie Green, Lydia Horinek, Kaycee Keith, Emily Madden, Katie McClary, Joy Moore, Krissi Norman, Ryane Price, Kayleigh Rector, Alyssa Sharp and Grace Smith. Coach of the team is Robyne Cox.

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.

Warrior Way 5k
Come out and support the Warrior Way 5k and Fun Run this Saturday, March 3, 2018! Start times will be 9 a.m. for the Fun Mile and 9:30 a.m. for the 5k.

The Warrior Way 5k recipient is Gary Bolser. Gary has been diagnosed with Non-Alcoholic Cirrhosis of the Liver and will need a transplant.

Please come and show your support for Gary and his family.

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 9—End of 9 Weeks.

March 13—JH Track at Velma, 7th/JH.

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

March 19-23—Spring Break.

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



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State Champions

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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.fbcole.com.

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

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

Washington United Methodist Church

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

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

Union Hill Baptist Church

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

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

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

First Baptist Church Washington

Weekly Worship Service Times:

Sunday—10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Weekly Small Group Opportunities:

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

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

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

Please see **Wash News**, page 16B



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Grand Champion Heifer

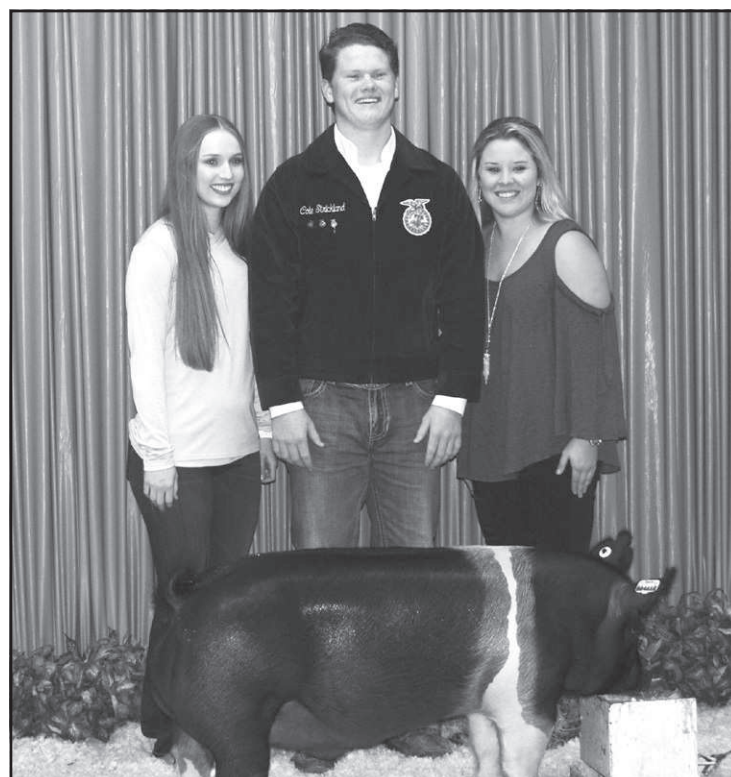
Washington FFA held its Livestock Show February 24 and the bonus auction February 27. Grand Champion Heifer went to Zach Tague.



• Photo by Toni Gay

Reserve Grand Prospect Steer

Washington FFA held its Livestock Show February 24 and the bonus auction February 27. Reserve Grand Champion Prospect Steer went to Brynn Farmer.



• Photo by Toni Gay

Grand Champion Barrow

Washington FFA held its Livestock Show February 24 and the bonus auction February 27. Grand Champion Barrow went to Cole Strickland.

Purcell Senior Citizens

By Fredda Perry

Things are looking up at the senior center. Many of the seniors are still looking for a green leprechaun to help them find the pot of gold. There is still a little bit of time left before the St. Patrick's Day party on March 16.

Last week was a good week as far as how our count was and we started this week out with a good number. We are so pleased our numbers are coming back up.

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 for the week got off to a good start with two tables of cards and a table of dominoes. The ladies in the exercise class were ready to get started at 10:30 a.m. sharp. 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 8, 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 12-16:

Monday—Beef stew, oven fried okra, cornbread, sweet potato crumble.

Tuesday—Blackeyed peas, oven fried potatoes, Harvard beets, cornbread, no bake cookie.

Wednesday—Beefy macaroni, Italian blend vegetables, green salad, apple raisin compote.

Thursday—Chicken and rice casserole, steamed carrots, green peas, tropical fruit salad.

Friday—Egg and sausage bake, breakfast potatoes, orange juice, gravy, mixed fruit salad.

Thought for the Week: Repeat this twice a day: Family is where life begins and love never ends.



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Warrior Way

The Washington Warrior 5k and Fun Run held last Saturday in support of Gary Bolser was a huge success!

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John D. Montgomery • The Purcell Register

Hall's class

Michelle Hall's fifth grade class went through DARE graduation here last Thursday morning. Logan Lovett won the best essay contest for the class. The instructor was Purcell Det. Sgt. Scott Stephens.

Legal Publications

No. 210-March 8-1 Time
BEFORE THE CORPORATION
COMMISSION OF THE
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
APPLICANT: NATIVE EXPLORA-
TION OPERATING, LLC
RELIEF SOUGHT: POOLING
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: SECTION
31, TOWNSHIP 6 NORTH, RANGE
3 WEST OF THE IM, McCLAIN
COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
Cause CD No. 201801681
NOTICE OF HEARING
STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO:
All persons, owners, producers,
operators, purchasers and tak-
ers of oil and gas, and all other
interested persons, particularly
in McClain County, Oklahoma,
including the following: Bobby
Gwen Uri; Carol Irwin; Casillas Pe-
troleum Resource Partners, LLC;
Chevron Corporation; Christopher
A. Knorr; Citizen Energy II, LLC;
Double J. Resources, LLC; Eagle
Exploration Production, LLC, a
Delaware limited liability company;
EOG Resources, Inc.; Eugene
Schattell; Julie D. Knorr; Kennedy
Minerals, LLC; Ladonna W. Uri;
The known and unknown heirs
and successors of Leo Schattell
and Anabell Schattell a/k/a An-
nabell Schattell, deceased; Lima
Resources Associates, LP; Lima
Resources Associates, LP; Lima
Resources Associates, LP; Linn
Energy Holdings, LLC; Lucille
Leveridge Trust, Lucille Leveridge
and George W. McKinnon, Co-
Trustees; Lucille Leveridge Trust,
Lucille Leveridge and George W.
McKinnon, Co-Trustees; Lucille
Leveridge Trust, Lucille Leveridge
and George W. McKinnon, Co-
Trustees; Lynn Griffor f/k/a Lynn Al-
exander; Marathon Oil Company;
Margaret D. Dinsmore and David
D. Dinsmore; Margaret Lee Sim-
mons; Mrs. Evelyn Clifton; Native-
Legacy Partners, LLC; Newfield
Exploration Mid-Continent, Inc.;
Nikki Angel Uri; Osage Oil and

Gas Properties; Phillip A. Knorr;
Sharon Alexander; Stephens
Land Services, Inc.; The known
and unknown heirs and suc-
cessors of Della Light, deceased;
The Linda L. Reid Revocable
Trust, dated April 12, 2000; The
Louise B. Reid Revocable Trust,
dated October 1, 1999; Varas, Inc.;
Walter P. Schattell; Youngblood,
Ltd., a Texas Limited Liability
Partnership; Ben R. Briggs; Joe
E. Baker; Mary Ann Cullum Reed;
Mrs. Byron M. Stalloup; and, if
any of the named individuals be
deceased, then the unknown
heirs, executors, administrators,
devises, trustees and assigns,
both immediate and remote, of
such deceased individual; if any
of the named entities is dissolved
partnership, corporation or other
association, then the unknown
successors, trustees and assigns,
both immediate and remote, of
such dissolved entity; if any of
the named parties designated as
a trustee is not presently acting
in such capacity as trustee, then
the unknown successor or suc-
cessors to such trustee; if any of
the named parties designated as
an attorney-in-fact is not pre-
sently acting in such capacity as
attorney-in-fact, then the unknown
successor or successors to such
attorney-in-fact; and if any of the
named entities are corporations
which do not continue to have legal
existence, then unknown trustees
or assigns of such parties.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the Applicant, Native Exploration
Operating, LLC, has filed an ap-
plication in this cause requesting
the Corporation Commission enter
an order pooling the interests of
the oil and gas owners, and adjudi-
cating the rights and equities with
respect thereto, in the proposed
640-acre horizontal drilling and
spacing units comprised of Sec-

tion 31, Township 6 North, Range
3 West of the IM, McClain County,
Oklahoma, for the Mississippian,
Woodford and Hunton separate
common sources of supply with
respect to the development of
such separate common sources of
supply in such unit. The interests
of the oil and gas owners involved
herein and the rights and equities
in respect thereto are sought here
to be pooled and adjudicated
pursuant to Tit. 52, Okla. Stat.,
Section 87.1 within and on the ba-
sis of the drilling and spacing unit
covered hereby, and not limited to
a single wellbore. The Applicant
has proposed the development of
the separate common sources of
supply in the drilling and spacing
units involved herein under a plan
of development and has proposed
to commence such plan of devel-
opment of such unit by an initial
well in the lands covered hereby,
and that the Applicant has been
unable to reach an agreement with
the owners of drilling rights named
as respondents herein with respect
to such proposed plan of devel-
opment of the separate common
sources of supply in the drilling
and spacing unit covered hereby.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN
that the application in this cause
requests that the Applicant or
some other party recommended
by Applicant be designated as
operator under the order to be en-
tered in this cause of the separate
common sources supply in the
drilling and spacing units involved
herein, including the proposed
initial well and any subsequent
wells under Applicant's proposed
plan of development of such unit.
Applicant may request up to one
year for the date of the order to
enter in this cause, within which
to commence the initial well.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN
that this cause will be referred

to an Administrative Law Judge
for hearing, taking of evidence
and reporting to the Corporation
Commission.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN
that this cause will be heard before
an Administrative Law Judge on
the Merits Docket at the Corpora-
tion Commission, First Floor, Jim
Thorpe Building, Oklahoma City,
Oklahoma, at 8:30 a.m., on the
27th day of March 2018, and that
this notice will be published as
required by law and the rules of
the Commission.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN
that the Applicant and interested
parties may present testimony by
telephone. The cost of telephonic
communication shall be paid by
the person or persons requesting
its use. An interested party who
wishes to participate by telephone
shall contact the Applicant's at-
torney, prior to the hearing date,
and provide his or her name and
phone number.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN
that all interested persons may
appear and be heard. For informa-
tion concerning this action contact
Theo Coleman, Rock Creek Land
& Energy, (405) 358-6090, or Em-
ily P. Smith, attorney, OBA No.
20805, (405) 272-4710, 101 Park
Avenue, Suite 1400, Oklahoma
City, OK 73102. Please refer to
Cause CD Number.
DONE AND PERFORMED THIS
26th day of February 2018.
CORPORATION
COMMISSION
OF OKLAHOMA
DANA L. MURPHY, Chairman
J. TODD HIETT,
Vice Chairman
BOB ANTHONY,
Commissioner
BY ORDER OF THE COMMIS-
SION:
PEGGY MITCHELL, Commis-
sion Secretary

No. 212-March 8-1 Time
BEFORE THE CORPORATION
COMMISSION OF THE
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
APPLICANT: ECHO ENERGY
PARTNERS I, LLC AND ECHO
E&P, LLC
RELIEF SOUGHT: POOLING
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: SECTION
31, TOWNSHIP 7 NORTH, RANGE
3 WEST McCLAIN COUNTY,
OKLAHOMA
CAUSE CD NO. 201801775
NOTICE OF HEARING
STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO:
Anadarko Petroleum Corpora-
tion; Beck Pump & Supply, Inc.;
Beck Pump & Supply, Inc.; Beck
Resources, Inc.; Beverly Jean
Ratliff; Bill Ferguson; Blue Chip
Royalty Partnership; Boatmen's
Trust Company as Trustee of the
Winifred Witwer Edwards Trust
under Trust Agreement effective
2/1/1994; Bradley Randal Gubser;
Buddy Duane Ratliff; Dan Gubser;
Daniel Gubser; Daniel Lynn Gub-
ser; Dianna Renee Blankenship
spa Renee Blankenship; E.L. Yost;
Echo Energy Partners I, LLC; Echo
Operating, LLC; Fillmore Energy
Resources, LLC; Geist Oil Hold-
ings, LLC; Gilliland Oil and Gas,
Inc.; H. Wayne Foss; Hampton
Resources Corporation; Helen
Hyde Harding; Hildegard Ratliff;
Jack B. Searle & Tamara D. Searle,
JT; Jedidiah Conley Carroll; Jerry
D. Feil; Jim Bell aka James V. Bell;
Joan Sharon Snowder; Kingfisher
Partners, Ltd. 1979-III; La Garita
Land & Mineral Company Ltd.;
Ladonna Aycox; Lake Energy
Corp.; Landmark Energy Partners,
L.P.; Landmark Management, Inc.;
Landmark Petroleum Partners,
L.P.; Larry David Ratliff; Linda
M. Sanders; Linn Energy Hold-
ings, LLC; Little Moose Energy
Corporation; M. Maxine Curfman,
Trustee of the M. Maxine Curfman

Living Trust dated August 1, 1995;
MaryDonnis Galgan; May Maxine
Curfman, a/k/a Maxine M. Curf-
man and M.M. Curfman; Megan
E. Wheeler; Merle D. Feil; Merle
Yost; Michael L. Feil; Monty Craig
Reed; Morris O. & G., L.L.C.; Na-
tive Exploration Operating, LLC;
Osage Oil and Gas Properties;
Overlook Energy Corporation;
Prospect Partners, L.P.; Richard
R. Schmaltz; Robert P. Cadwell;
Robin B. Foley; Rosemary Bell;
SMR Preerred Return Acquisition
Fund 1995 LP; SMR Preerred
Return Acquisition Fund 1995 LP;
Ted W. Hester; TRP MidCon, LLC;
Wade Durell Gubser; Warren D.
Kistler; Warren D. Kistler; William
E. Richardson Trust B, Sue Ellen
Richardson, Trustee; Winston
Scott Witwer, Trustee of the Win-
ston Scott Witwer Trust uta dtd
11/1/1988; Winston Scott Witwer,
Trustee of the Winston Scott Wit-
wer Trust uta dtd 11/1/1988; ZEB
Enterprises, Inc.; Bud Vann; Buddy
Lee Weeden Ratliff; Cherokee
Minerals, L.P.; Cherokee Minerals,
L.P.; Craig Bell; Daniel E. Foley;
Daniel E. Foley Revocable Trust
under date November 1, 1990;
Don Barnett Ratliff; Douglas Curtis
Bell; EOG Resources, Inc.; Estate
of Michael C. Weigand; Janet S.
Romanoff; Janet S. Romanoff
Living Trust dtd 6/8/1987; Jeffrey
Vance Bell; Jerry Roscoe Ratliff;
JoAnn Gubser; John Wrather;
Kalos Resources, LLC; Mechelle
Renee Bell; Morre-Weigand Oil
Partnership; Myrtle Feil; Norma
Jean Bell; Renee Blankenship;
Saratoga Royalty, LP; Steven
L. Speth, Trustee of the Debra
Lee Atkinson Bankruptcy Case
#13-11441; Teddy Vance Bell;
Theodore Romanoff; W.H. Beck,
Inc.; W.H. Beck, Inc.; William
E. Richardson Irrevocable Trust
dated April 28, 1994, Sue Ellen

Richardson, Trustee; Bobby Lee
Ratliff; EK Mabry Estate; FSO
Oklahoma Investment Corpora-
tion; HG&G, Inc.; Jerry Lynn
Ratliff; Robert A. Lorenz; Savannah
Jones; The H Revocable Trust;
The Varick Trading Co Inc.; Vin
Cassell; Bobby Lee Ratliff; Fer-
guson Oil & Gas Co.; Jacqueline
Yvonne Ratliff; Jerry Lynn Ratliff;
Lori Lee Vann; M. A. Dennis;
Patricia A. Vann; Patricia Jean
Chaney Ratliff; Samuel Gordon;
Vera Reed; Wanda Ratliff; and all
persons, owners, producers, op-
erators, purchasers and takers of
oil and gas and all other interested
persons, particularly in McClain
County, Oklahoma, and if any of
the individuals are deceased, or if
any of the companies are no longer
in existence, the unknown heirs,
executors, administrators, devi-
sees, trustees, successors and
assigns, immediate and remote,
of the named parties.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Applicant in this cause is
requesting the Commission pool
the interests, designate an oper-
ator, and adjudicate the rights and
equities of oil and gas owners in
the Mississippian and Woodford
common sources of supply under-
lying Section 31, Township 7
North, Range 3 West, McClain
County, Oklahoma.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN
that the Applicant in this cause is
requesting the following special
relief: to designate the Applicant
or some other party as Operator
of the unit well. Applicant is fur-
ther requesting that the Order to
be entered in this cause be made
effective on a date prior to the
date of the Order. Applicant may
request up to one year from the
date of the Order to enter in this
cause, with which to commence
the initial well.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN
that this cause be set before an
Administrative Law Judge for
hearing, taking of evidence and
reporting to the Commission.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN
that this cause will be heard before
an Administrative Law Judge on
the Initial Hearing Docket at the
Corporation Commission, Jim
Thorpe Building, 2101 N. Lin-
coln, Oklahoma City, OK 73105,
at 8:30 a.m., on the 26th day of
March, 2018, and that this Notice
be published as required by law
and the Rules of the Commission.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN
that the Applicant and interested
parties may present testimony by
telephone. The cost of telephonic
communication shall be paid by
the person or persons requesting
its use. Interested parties who
wish to participate by telephone
shall contact the Applicant or
Applicant's attorney, prior to the
hearing date, and provide their
name and telephone number.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN
that all interested persons may
appear and be heard. For infor-
mation concerning this action,
contact JOSEPH C. VAUGHAN,
Echo Energy, LLC, Telephone:
(405) 546-5833, OR RICHARD K.
BOOKS, Attorney, Two Leadership
Square, 211 North Robinson, Suite
1300, Oklahoma City, OK 73102,
Telephone: (405) 232-3722.
CORPORATION
COMMISSION
OF OKLAHOMA
Dana L. Murphy, Chairman
J. Todd Hiatt, Vice-Chairman
Bob Anthony, Commissioner
DONE AND PERFORMED THIS
2nd DAY OF MARCH, 2018.
BY ORDER OF THE COMMIS-
SION:
Peggy Mitchell, Secretary

No. 209-March 8-2 Times
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF McCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FRANK A. KARNAKY, DECEASED.
Case No. PB-2018-29
COMBINED NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE OF
HEARING PETITION FOR SUMMARY ADMINISTRATION,
DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, AND FOR APPROVAL
OF FINAL ACCOUNT, DISTRIBUTION AND DISCHARGE
TO: THE CREDITORS OF, AND TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN
THE ESTATE OF FRANK A. KARNAKY, DECEASED.
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that Karl John Karnaky, Jr. of 920 White
Point Blvd., Charleston, SC 29412, Petitioner of the Estate of Frank
A. Karnaky, Deceased, represented by Seth D. Coldiron of Hartsfield
& Egbert, PLLC, 307 E. Danforth Rd. #130, Edmond, OK 73034, has
petitioned the Court for Summary Administration of the Estate.
Petitioner alleges that Frank A. Karnaky, Deceased, died testate on
March 19, 2000, domiciled in Harris County, Texas. Petitioner alleges
the total value of the Estate is less than \$200,000.00. Petitioner further
alleges that the names, ages, and last known addresses of the admin-
istrators, executors, non-petitioning co-nominees, heirs, legatees, and
devises of Decedent, so far as known to the Petitioner, are as follows:

Name	Relation	Age	Last Known Address
Karl John Karnaky, Sr., Deceased	Brother	N/A	N/A
Karl John Karnaky, Jr.	Devisesee/ Nephew (Son of Karl Sr.)	Adult	920 White Point Blvd. Charleston, SC 29412
Robert Keith Karnaky	Devisesee/ Nephew (Son of Karl Sr.)	Adult	726 Tirrell Houston, TX 77019
Katherine Ada (Karnaky) Peterson	Devisesee/Great Niece (Daughter of Robert)	Adult	3250 Van Ness Ave. San Francisco, CA 94109
Kristine Sara Karnaky	Devisesee/Great Niece (Daughter of Robert)	Adult	463 South Ave. 60, #1 Los Angeles, CA 90042
Karen Troylyn Karnaky	Devisesee/Great Niece (Daughter of Robert)	Adult	1135 Barton Hills Dr., #307 Austin, TX 78704
Josie (Karnaky) Hester, Deceased	Sister	N/A	N/A
Estate of James (Jim) Hester, Deceased	Devisesee/ Nephew (Son of Josie)	N/A	N/A
Coralee Hester	Devisesee/Niece (Wife of Jim)	Adult	3401 Premier Drive, #211 Plano, TX 75023
Walter Z. Hester, Jr., Deceased	Devisesee/ Nephew (Son of Josie)	N/A	N/A
Gloria Hester	Devisesee/Niece (Wife of Walter Jr.)		10737 Longmont Houston, TX 77063
Walter Z. Hester III	Devisesee/Great Nephew (Son of Walter Jr.)	Adult	1309 Blue Heron St. Hitchcock, TX 77563
Richard Hester	Devisesee/Great Nephew (Son of Walter Jr.)	Adult	33203 Whitley Ct. Fulshear, TX 77441
Dorothy (Hester) Walker, Deceased	Niece (Daughter of Josie)	N/A	N/A
Douglas Walker	Devisesee/Great Nephew (Son of Dorothy)	Adult	Unknown
Rebecca Walker	Devisesee/Great Niece (Daughter of Dorothy)	Adult	Unknown
Elizabeth Walker	Devisesee/Great Niece (Daughter of Dorothy)	Adult	Unknown
Florence (Karnaky) Gordon, Deceased	Sister	N/A	N/A
James E. Gordon	Devisesee/Great Nephew (Son of Florence)	Adult	Unknown
R. Craig Gordon	Devisesee/Great Nephew (Son of Florence)	Adult	Unknown

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Hearing will be held on the 19th day of April 2018 at 9:30 a.m., at the District Courthouse in the McClain County, in Purcell, Oklahoma, before the Judge of the District Court. At the Hearing, the Court will decide whether to approve the Petition for Summary Administration and the Final Account and Petition for Determination of Heirs, Legatees and Devises, and Distribution. The Final Account and Petition for Determination of Heirs, Legatees and Devises, and Distribution will be filed herein on the or before the 30th day of March 2018.
Persons receiving this Notice must file any objections they have to the Petition at any time before the hearing and send a copy to the Petitioner in care of his attorney or you will be deemed to have waived any objections to the Petition. If an objection is filed before the hearing, the Court will determine at the hearing whether summary proceedings are appropriate and, if so, whether the Estate will be distributed. Claims of creditors will be forever barred unless the claim is presented to Seth D. Coldiron, attorney for Petitioner, at the law offices of Hartsfield & Egbert, 307 E. Danforth Rd. #130, Edmond, OK 73034 on or before the 20th day of March 2018.
DATED this 27th day of February, 2018.

CHARLES GRAY
ASSOCIATE DISTRICT JUDGE
DISTRICT JUDGE

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Spencer's class

Aaron Spencer's fifth grade class went through DARE graduation here last Thursday morning. Ava Stauffer won the best essay contest for the class. The instructor was Purcell Det. Sgt. Scott Stephens.

No. 222-March 8-1 Time BEFORE THE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA APPLICANT: BP AMERICA PRODUCTION COMPANY RELIEF SOUGHT: POOLING LEGAL DESCRIPTION: SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 6 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST OF THE IM, MCCLAIN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA CAUSE CD NO. 201801814 NOTICE OF HEARING STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: All persons, owners, producers, operators, purchasers and takers of oil and gas, and all other interested persons, particularly in McClain County, Oklahoma, including the following: Mary Bingaman; Northshore Energy & Investments, Inc.; Para Pro Corp.; Richard Gray Minerals, LLC; if the above-named individual be deceased, then the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees and assigns, both immediate and remote, of such deceased individual; and if any of the above-named parties is a dissolved partnership, corporation or other association, then the unknown successors, trustees and assigns, both immediate and remote, of such dissolved entity NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Applicant, BP America Production Company, has filed an application in this cause requesting the Corporation Commission of Okla-

homa to enter an order pooling the interests of oil and gas owners, and adjudicating the rights and equities in connection therewith, in the 640-acre horizontal well unit formed in Section 15, Township 6 North, Range 2 West of the IM, McClain County, Oklahoma, for the Woodford common source of supply, in respect to the development of such common source of supply in such unit. The interests of the oil and gas owners involved herein and the rights and equities in respect thereto are sought herein to be pooled and adjudicated pursuant to 52 O.S. §87.1 within and on the basis of the unit covered hereby as a unit, and not limited to a single wellbore. The application in this cause states that Applicant has proposed the development of the common source of supply in the unit involved herein under a plan of development and has proposed to commence such plan of development of such unit by an initial well in the lands covered hereby. Such application further states that Applicant has been unable to reach an agreement with the owners of drilling rights named as respondents herein with respect to such proposed plan of development of the common source of supply in the unit covered hereby. Such application further requests up to 365 days within which to commence operations on or in connection with such initial well

under such plan of development. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the application in this cause requests that BP America Production Company, or some other party recommended by Applicant be designated as operator under the order to be entered herein of the common source of supply in the unit covered hereby, including the initial well and any subsequent well or wells to be drilled under or otherwise covered by Applicant's proposed plan of development of such unit. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this cause is set before an administrative law judge for hearing, taking of evidence and reporting to the Corporation Commission of Oklahoma. Notice is further given that the application in this cause may be amended at such hearing in accordance with the rules of the Commission and the laws of the State of Oklahoma. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this cause will be heard before an administrative law judge on the Conservation Docket at the Western Regional Service Office of the Corporation Commission, Jim Thorpe Building, 2101 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, at 8:30 A.M. on the 26th day of March, 2018, and that this notice be published as required by law and the rules of the Commission. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN

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No. 221-March 8-1 Time BEFORE THE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA APPLICANT: BP AMERICA PRODUCTION COMPANY RELIEF SOUGHT: POOLING LEGAL DESCRIPTION: SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 6 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST OF THE IM, MCCLAIN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA CAUSE CD NO. 201801816 NOTICE OF HEARING STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: All persons, owners, producers, operators, purchasers and takers of oil and gas, and all other interested persons, particularly in McClain County, Oklahoma, including the following: Black Oil, LLC; BNSF Railway Company; Hazeltine Holdings Corporation; Native Exploration Operating, LLC; Reservoir Rock Acquisitions, LLC; Paisano Energy Fund I, L.P.; Smith Minerals, LLC; and if any of the above-named parties is a dissolved partnership, corporation or other association, then the unknown successors, trustees and assigns, both immediate and remote, of such dissolved entity. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Applicant, BP America Production Company, has filed an application in this cause requesting the Corporation Commission of Oklahoma to enter an order pooling the interests of oil and gas owners,

and adjudicating the rights and equities in connection therewith, in the 640-acre horizontal well unit formed in Section 25, Township 6 North, Range 2 West of the IM, McClain County, Oklahoma, for the Woodford common source of supply, in respect to the development of such common source of supply in such unit. The interests of the oil and gas owners involved herein and the rights and equities in respect thereto are sought herein to be pooled and adjudicated pursuant to 52 O.S. §87.1 within and on the basis of the unit covered hereby as a unit, and not limited to a single wellbore. The application in this cause states that Applicant has proposed the development of the common source of supply in the unit involved herein under a plan of development and has proposed to commence such plan of development of such unit by an initial well in the lands covered hereby. Such application further states that Applicant has been unable to reach an agreement with the owners of drilling rights named as respondents herein with respect to such proposed plan of development of the common source of supply in the unit covered hereby. Such application further requests up to 365 days within which to commence operations on or in connection with such initial well under such plan of development.

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No. 220-March 8-1 Time BEFORE THE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA APPLICANT: BP AMERICA PRODUCTION COMPANY RELIEF SOUGHT: POOLING LEGAL DESCRIPTION: SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 6 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST OF THE IM, MCCLAIN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA CAUSE CD NO. 201801817 NOTICE OF HEARING STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: All persons, owners, producers, operators, purchasers and takers of oil and gas, and all other interested persons, particularly in McClain County, Oklahoma, including the following: Ashley Pallette; Cheryl Cortez; Christopher Muse; Derek Mordhorst; James Rogers; Jeffrey Hoort; Kit Kern Wagner; Larry L. Rice; M. Shane and Sharon K. Kern Family Trust, dated 5/13/10, and Mark Shane Kern and Sharon Kern as Co-Trustees of such trust; Marilyn Markley A/K/A Rhio Gabriel; Shelby Summers; The Dan Mordhorst Revocable Trust dated 6/30/1997, and the Trustee of such trust; Virginia Kay Rogers George; Charles Wayne Falkenstein; Nicole Thomas; Kyle Summers; Suni Summers; Sydney Summers; Raymond "Les" Summers, Jr., deceased; if any of the above-named individuals be deceased, then the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees and assigns, both immediate and remote, of such deceased individual; and if any of the above-named parties

designated as a trustee is not presently acting in such capacity as trustee, then the unknown successor or successors to such trustee. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Applicant, BP America Production Company, has filed an application in this cause requesting the Corporation Commission of Oklahoma to enter an order pooling the interests of oil and gas owners, and adjudicating the rights and equities in connection therewith, in the 640-acre horizontal well unit formed in Section 10, Township 6 North, Range 2 West of the IM, McClain County, Oklahoma, for the Woodford common source of supply, in respect to the development of such common source of supply in such unit. The interests of the oil and gas owners involved herein and the rights and equities in respect thereto are sought herein to be pooled and adjudicated pursuant to 52 O.S. §87.1 within and on the basis of the unit covered hereby as a unit, and not limited to a single wellbore. The application in this cause states that Applicant has proposed the development of the common source of supply in the unit involved herein under a plan of development and has proposed to commence such plan of development of such unit by an initial well in the lands covered hereby. Such application further states that Applicant has been unable to reach an agreement with the owners of drilling rights named as respondents herein with respect to such proposed plan of develop-

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Oklahoma History Center eighth annual Cowboy Round-Up

The Oklahoma History Center is proud to host its eighth annual Cowboy Round-Up, one of its finest traditions. The event will be held both inside and outside the Oklahoma History Center on Saturday, March 24, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be no charge to the public, and all ages are encouraged to attend.

Special activities include rope making, Dutch oven cooking, side shows and more. Each year this program draws hundreds of patrons from all over the state and a number of surrounding states. Attendees are encouraged to dress the part with boots, cowboy hats and gingham dresses. No registration is required.

For more information, contact the Education Department at education@okhistory.org or call Sarah Dumas at 522-0785. This event is sponsored by Sonic, America's Drive-In. The Oklahoma History Center

is located in the State Capitol Complex at 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive in Oklahoma City.

The Oklahoma History Center is a division of the Oklahoma Historical Society and is an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, National Archives and is an accredited member of the American Alliance of Museums.

The mission of the Oklahoma Historical Society is to collect, preserve and share the history and culture of the state of Oklahoma. Founded in 1893 by members of the Territorial Press Association, the OHS maintains museums, historic sites and affiliates across the state.

Through its research archives, exhibits, educational programs and publications the OHS chronicles the rich history of Oklahoma.

For more information about the OHS, please visit www.okhistory.org.

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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

As we continue to serve our veterans and their families at our Veterans Foundation, I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the men and women who have made what we do possible. Without your support, this organization would not be able to help the hundreds of veterans and their families who visit us each week.

Since moving to our new location in Norman located at 1268 North Interstate Drive, we have been assisting an average of 275 veterans and surviving spouses each week. We have asked for and received financial support through the donations of cars, trucks, motorcycles and handicapped items.

For those of you who would like to join our team, please visit us any Tuesday or Thursday morning. On an average month, we are spending \$25,000 in direct or indirect support. That money comes from the men and women who believe in what we are doing for those who have done so much for this country.

Our Veteran of the Week Anthony Lackey served in both World War II and the Korean War. It was our privilege to introduce him to the hundreds of people in attendance Thursday morning at our Veterans Foundation. We also presented him with one of our caps representing his service in the military. Meeting the men and women who served our country in those wars is an honor and privilege. This veteran was transported by one of our two drivers who spent 68 hours carrying 18 folks



• Photo by Rhonda Reynolds

Veteran of the Week

Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation Veteran of the Week is Anthony Lackey who served in both World War II and the Korean War. We appreciate Mr. Lackey for his service to our country.

916 miles last week.

Each week I receive calls wanting to know why so many people visit us for help with their VA claims and questions. My answer is always the same; our volunteers are what make the difference. We also take steps to ensure proper quality control on each claim for VA benefits.

Last week a new record was set for the number of our veterans who received a 100 percent rating for their service-connected disabilities. There were 17 men and women awarded that rating. They will receive a combined annual amount of \$971,630 per year. Twenty-two veterans received service-connected disabilities ranging from 10-90 percent and will receive a combined annual income of \$ 270,993 per year. There were three surviving spouses of veterans approved for DIC, Pension or the Aid and Attendance benefits. Their combined annual VA benefit will be \$4,907. Some veterans and their surviving spouses will be eligible to receive the Aid

and Attendance benefit when they need assistance from others especially when they are in a nursing home or other type of facility. For any questions please visit with one of our volunteers who specialize in surviving spouse benefits.

Veterans rated 100 percent service-connected will also receive the Oklahoma State Benefits that consist of property tax exemption, sales tax exemption, discounted auto tags, and free hunting and fishing licenses. Dependents of veterans who were not retired from the military and received a 100 percent disability are eligible to receive the medical insurance Champ-VA at no cost. Another benefit many veterans and their families don't know about is our veteran's facilities administered by the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs.

When a veteran has a service-connected disability rated from 70-100 percent there is no cost to the veteran to reside at one of these state facilities. That could be a game changer for those families who cannot afford a nursing home for their veteran.

Each week there are veterans from other states who make the trip to see us. Last Thursday there were veterans from San Diego, California, Atlanta, Georgia, Kansas, Arizona and Texas who visited us. Ninety percent of the people we assist are from Oklahoma. Veterans and surviving spouses visit us from all 77 counties in Oklahoma. When I asked them why they traveled to Norman for help with their VA claims the answer is usually that we had helped someone they knew to receive their VA benefits.

As a VA Accredited Claims Agent, a VA Form 21-22A is filed on each veteran or surviving spouse I represented at the Department of Veterans Affairs. This allows me to review their VA claims folder. The ability to electronically review the veterans VA claims folder has been a valuable tool to ensure their claims were processed correctly and examine the evaluations prepared by the VA contractors such as QTC, LHI, Vets Services or the VA medical facilities who perform C and P examinations.

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

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

We are at 1268 North Interstate Drive in Norman, Exit 110 off of I-35 each Tuesday and Thursday morning at 5:30 a.m. Please arrive by 8 a.m. Contact Dale with any questions at (405) 550-8806 Extension 101 or dale@dalekgrahamveteransfoundation.org or Shirley Clark-Cowdin for spouse benefits at Extension 104. Visit our website at www.dalekgrahamveteransfoundation.org. Semper Fi!

**Dale K. Graham
Veteran's Corner,
VA Accredited
Claims Agent**

Washington Correspondent Contact Information

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

My contact information is angiesteele73@gmail.com or 413-2471 if you have any news to share, story ideas, or if you have someone you would like to see a feature article about. Send me birthday, anniversary, or personal news that you would like to share with our community.

Angie Steele



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Norman agent

The newest member of the Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce is the New York Life office in Norman. Cutting the ribbon February 27 is Neil Sherman. His parents, Donald and Carmel Sherman, left, lead the applause. To the right of Neil Sherman are his fiancée, Ashleigh FitzGerald, and his grandmother, Mary Sherman. They are joined by a welcoming group of chamber members.

Pauls Valley Opry show April 7

It was a fantastic night at the Pauls Valley Opry. Guests and the Memory Makers Band created some beautiful music!

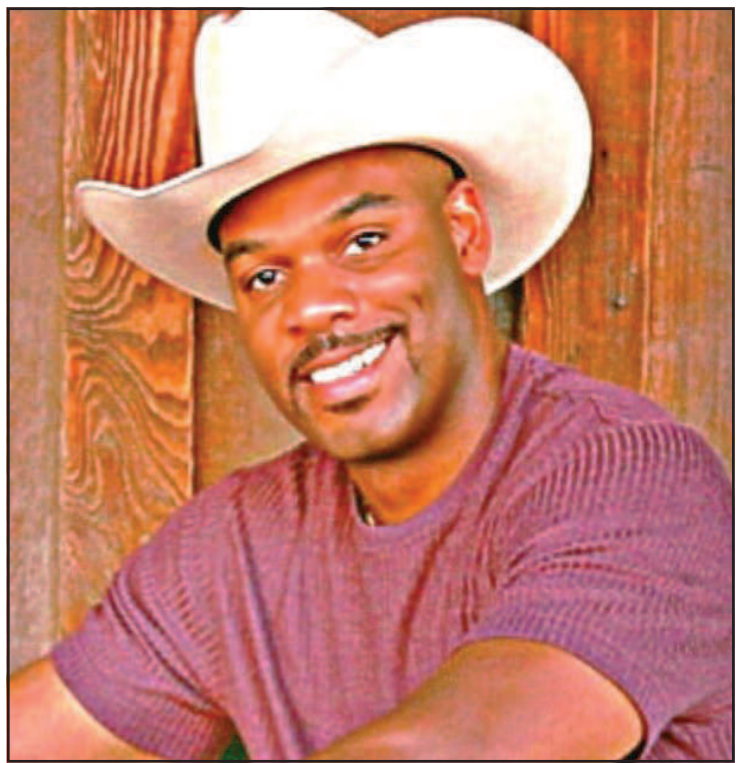
Donna Marie Kilmurray made her second appearance at the Opry and rocked us with the Martina McBride tune of "Independence Day" and then took us to church with "How Great Thou Art."

Terry Wilson showed us his vocal talents on songs such as "Statue of a Fool" (Ricky Van Shelton) but when he sang "Goodbye Time" (Blake Shelton), you could have heard a pin drop. Terry sings with such emotion and once again, proved why he was voted the 2017 Pauls Valley Opry Horizon Award Winner.

Mary McDonald, the Queen of Country down at her famous Mary's Music Barn has a great country voice but she is also one of the sweetest ladies that you will ever meet. This country gal thrilled the crowd with tunes such as "Those Memories" (Martina McBride) and "Heart We Did All That We Could Do."

The Runaway Bay, Texas, Sweetheart, Cathy Lake, is anointed with a heavenly voice. She did an unbelievable job singing the Anne Murray classic, "Snowbird." When you hear Cathy sing, you really can't tell if it's her or a recording! She followed that with a little Texas Swing tune of "Swing On" (Carolyn Martin).

It is always an honor to have Pauls Valley Opry Hall of Fame Member Ray Deviney on the show. A fantastic singer/songwriter/musician, Ray got everyone in the mood when he



• Photo provided

Guest performer

Marcus Leary will be making his debut performance at the Pauls Valley Opry on Saturday, April 7. The show begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Pauls Valley High School auditorium.

sang the Elvis hit, "Don't Be Cruel." Then, like Cathy, Ray set the mood for two-steppin' with his version of "Eyes as Big as Dallas" (Sonny Marshall).

Annie West was back and like always, she brought the house down! This gal can sing, sing, and sing some more. Annie sang so beautifully on the Martina McBride song, "Help Me Make It Through the Night" (Sammie Smith) and blew the doors off with the Bonnie Raitt hit "Something to Talk About." She definitely gave us something to talk about.

John Williams did a fantastic

job as MC and the Memory Makers Band added to the evening's enjoyment with songs such as "Seminole Wind" (John Anderson), "Already Gone" (Eagles) and "Nothin' 'Bout Memphis" (Trisha Yearwood).

That is only a sample of the great music you missed out on, if you missed the Pauls Valley Opry! Why not check it out for yourself? The next show is Saturday, April 7, and guests will be John Williams, Missy Rude, Wiley Winters, plus newcomers to the Pauls Valley Opry – Danette Rizzo, Paul Lopez and Marcus Leary.

OSU EXTENSION News

State resources make a natural impact

**Sean Hubbard
Communications Specialist**

Do not believe the rumors. Money actually does grow on trees, or least there is money in trees.

Any plant or animal that can be grown extensively for profit or subsistence is a crop. The loblolly pine tree is an often overlooked, but important, crop grown in Oklahoma. While wheat is typically considered king of the crop world in the state, in reality, loblolly pine is the most valuable, according to the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service.

"The recent economic impact analysis of Oklahoma forestry shows timber harvest, of which loblolly pine is by far the primary species of commercial use, had a direct economic impact of \$2.9 billion to Oklahoma and the total economic impact was estimated at \$4.5 billion annually," said Dwayne Elmore, OSU Cooperative Extension wildlife specialist. "This is particularly impressive considering the vast majority of commercial forestry is confined to southeastern Oklahoma." Approximately 1 million acres

of Oklahoma's 7.3 million acres of timberlands (16 percent of state land) are dedicated to loblolly pine trees that are grown in planted and managed stands. The forestry industry not only produces direct impacts like paper, furniture and other wood products, but also directly and indirectly employs approximately 18,000 people in the state.

"Commercial forests also provide important wildlife habitat," Elmore said. "This is noteworthy as the total value of hunting and fishing to Oklahoma is over \$1 billion annually. For comparison, this is about twice the annual sales of wheat in Oklahoma."

Southeastern Oklahoma, the area where most commercial timber is harvested in the state, provides ample recreational opportunities to visitors from major metro areas in the region, including Tulsa, Oklahoma City and the Dallas/ Ft. Worth area.

According to a 2016 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service report, 11.5 million people 16 years and older went hunting in the United States. Regardless of the species hunted, an average of 16 days

was used pursuing wild game, resulting in more than \$25.6 billion spent on trips, equipment, licenses and other items to support their activities.

In Oklahoma, 244,000 people went hunting, spending more than \$355 million annually. Fishing is even more popular and produces a \$730.5 million impact to the state with nearly 730,000 people participating.

There is even a greater economic impact made by those who simply watch wildlife. Nearly 87 million Americans fed, photographed and observed wildlife in 2016, according to that same U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service report. They spent \$75.9 billion on their activities.

For Oklahoma, 1.26 million people participated in wildlife watching, creating a nearly \$475 million economic impact.

"Timber and wildlife are often overlooked resources in Oklahoma," Elmore said. "How we steward these resources not only affects our quality of life, they are major economic drivers that should be considered in decision making."



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Reserve Grand Breeding Ewe

Washington FFA held its Livestock Show February 24 and the bonus auction February 27. Reserve Grand Champion Breeding Ewe went to Trevor Burns.



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Grand Champion Wether

Washington FFA held its Livestock Show February 24 and the bonus auction February 27. Grand Champion Wether went to Joseph David.