

Happy Valentine's Day



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Going vertical

Workers took advantage of a break in the weather Tuesday to erect the first framing at the new junior high school.

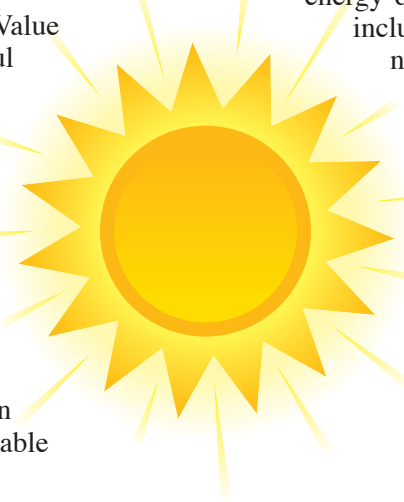
Sunshine power

Solar energy part of new junior high

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The Oklahoma Solar Value Act authored by Sen. Paul Scott at the request of Purcell school superintendent Jason Midkiff got a second look Monday when it was assigned to the Senate's energy committee.

The bill, which only applies to school districts, directs the Oklahoma Corporation Commission to "promulgate rules to enable



Oklahomans to benefit from the value of solar energy distributed generation resources including net metering and interconnection."

"There really haven't been any solar updates to the law," Midkiff told the Purcell school board on Monday.

Solar panels are included in plans for the district's new junior high school now under construction south of the high school.

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Stepping it up

Wayne board picks Ringwald

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The superintendent vacancy at Wayne Public Schools was short lived.

Longtime superintendent Zach Powell's final day will be June 30.

And the Wayne school board has already hired his successor - current high school principal Toby Ringwald.

The board interviewed 32 candidates and selected Ringwald at a special meeting on February 4.

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Return engagement

Giant beams for the second half of the bridge project between Purcell and Lexington have been making their way through town lately.

Fog produces moisture

The dreary and very foggy Monday here resulted in .035" of moisture bringing the year-to-date total to 1.855".

On the other hand, Oklahoma

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Monday holiday

Another Monday closing is on the calendar next week.

It will be in observance of Presidents' Day.

Among the closings will be McClain Bank and First United Bank,

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What is half of a penny worth? Not so much, you say?

Think again.

McClain County presently has a half-cent sales tax and voters will decide March 5 whether to extend that tax for eight years.

The existing tax generated \$3,460,942.03 for the county in 2018.

Three-fourths of that money was designated for public safety and was divided as follows - law enforcement, 33 percent; fire departments, 30 percent; county facilities, 10 percent, and emergency

management, 2 percent.

In actual revenue, that amounted to \$1,142,110.87 for law enforcement and \$1,038,282.60 for fire departments.

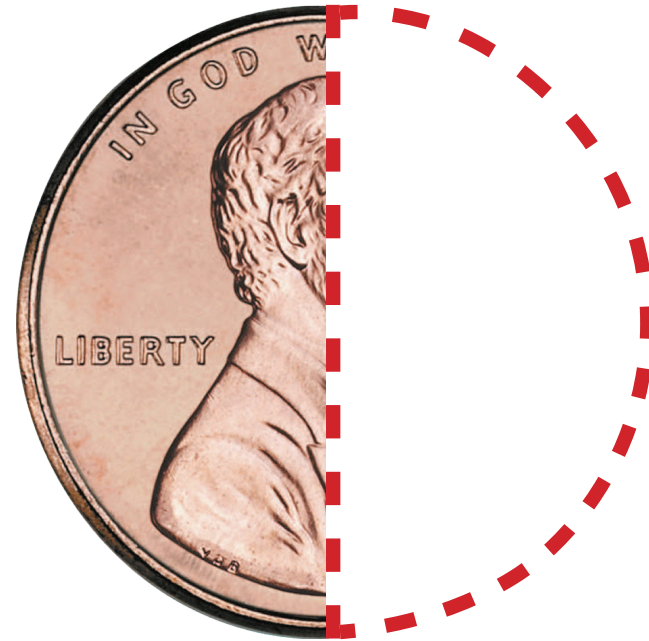
County facilities reaped \$346,094.20 and emergency management for McClain County received \$69,218.84.

The remaining one-fourth of the sales tax revenue funneled 7 percent each into 4-H/Extension, senior citizens and economic development and 4 percent into the McClain

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Penny fraction

Tax generates needed funding



Stock show

Sunday

Bonus Auction Tuesday night

The 29th annual Purcell Livestock Show and Bonus Auction kicks off this weekend with the show on Sunday and auction next Tuesday night.

The stock show begins at 2 p.m. Sunday at the McClain County Fair Grounds.

The auction and dinner starts at 6 p.m. next Tuesday at the Purcell Agriculture Education Building. Exhibitors include

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An Interesting Neighbor
Everyone has a story

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On his last day on the job, Zach Powell's tenure clock at Wayne Public Schools will stop at 39 years.

For the past 24 of those years, Zach has been school superintendent at Wayne.

Zach was one of three children born to Scott and Bessie Powell.

Scott was a sharecropper and later became a Purcell police officer. Bessie worked at Sherri Classics.

Both are gone now, but they worked hard all their lives and instilled a strong work ethic in their children.

They also valued education and viewed teaching as a noble profession - so much that Zach, John and Becky all became educators.

Zach, who graduated from Wayne High School in 1974, earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from the University of Oklahoma.

He would later receive his master's degree in education administration and curriculum from OU, where he completed 34 graduate hours beyond his master's.

Both John and Becky also have advanced degrees - John's a doctorate and Becky lacking a dissertation for a doctorate.

She moved back to Wayne after retiring from Tulsa Union. John teaches at Heritage Hall in Oklahoma City and lives not far from Zach, whose home is in sight of the farm where they grew up.

The first few years he taught, Zach raised cattle and wheat. But with increasing responsibilities and demands on his time, he hung up his agricultural mantle in about 1986.

Zach taught and coached basketball at Maysville Public Schools for the 1978-79 school year.

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Zach Powell

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State Bound

Purcell's Junior High Academic Team is going to State.



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Signups continue for annual Daddy Daughter Dance

A community favorite returns this month as the Purcell Public Library presents the annual Purcell Daddy Daughter Dance.

The dance will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, February 23, at the Purcell School Administration Building adjacent to the library.

There is no charge to the event, but attendees will need to register in advance and then

pick up their tickets at the front desk of the library. All attendees will need to register and have their own ticket.

The event will feature music, dancing and memory making for girls and their fathers, grandfathers or other positive role models in their lives.

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

PJHS progress Steel adding new dimension

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The new junior high school is going vertical this week as crews begin erecting steel.

That was the report the Purcell school board members were given Monday by Chase Haynes, project engineer with Goldsby Construction.

And with steel going up, the final concrete pours for the slab were expected to be completed by the end of the week.

At Conger Field, exterior signs at the field house will be in place in the next two weeks and the scoreboard will move

to the north end.

Haynes said all the work is on schedule.

In a meeting lasting just 11 minutes, the board approved the 2019-20 school calendar and approved a letter engaging Sanders, Bledsoe & Hewett to perform the district's 2018-19 audit.

Superintendent Jason Midkiff reminded the board that there will be no school for students on Monday (Presidents Day).

However, the day is a professional development day for faculty and staff.



McClain Democrats to meet next week

McClain County Democrats will have a planning meeting, Thursday, February 21, at the Purcell Multi Purpose Center, 1400 Chandler Road, in Purcell.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

Donna Bebo will speak, and convention season will be discussed.

All Democratic and Independent voters from McClain County are invited to attend.

For questions, contact our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/McClainDems>.

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Cooler temps and maybe snow forecasted

Cooler temperatures will stick around this week with high temperatures staying in the 40's and low temperatures dropping below freezing. The week ahead looks mostly cloudy, but there will be some periods of sun toward the end of the weekend and middle of next week.

- Connor Bruce

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 January faculty and students include:
Michelle Hall - Faculty of the Month

Michelle Hall, as the school counselor, enjoys putting a smile on someone else's face, whether it be providing a need, helping with a problem or just showing that she cares.

Mrs. Hall has been married to her husband, Chad, for 22 years. They have two kids, both of whom attend Purcell. Shaylin is a senior and Cooper is a freshman.

In her free time she enjoys spending time with family and friends. She loves shopping, going to the lake, traveling and doing things with her church family.

Her role models are her parents. Despite the hard times that have come their way, they stand strong in their faith, never give up and

always show God's love!

Mrs. Hall received her bachelor degree in Science Education from the University of Science and Arts in Chickasha, her Master's degree in counseling from East Central University and her National Board Certification in Counseling.

Alec Thompson - Sixth Grade Boy of the Month

If Alec could go anywhere it would be to the Bahamas.

Alec's favorite subject in school is science.

His favorite type of music is pop.

His favorite hobby is basketball and his favorite food is pizza.

His role model is his dad because he is caring and taught him to play basketball.

His dream job or plan after high school is to play basketball.

Alec's proudest moment is when he wins a basketball game.

Maria Saucedo - Sixth Grade Girl of the Month

If Maria could go any-

where it would be to follow her dreams.

Maria's favorite subjects in school are reading and English.

Her favorite type of music is calm and peaceful music.

Maria's favorite hobby is drawing and crafting for her loved ones and her favorite food is anything with chocolate.

Her role models are her teachers because they help her to reach the top.

Her dream job or plan after high school is to attend college, get a job and soon become an animator.

Maria's proudest moment was when she was named a Student of the Month.

Payton Rivera - Seventh Grade Boy of the Month

If Payton could go anywhere it would be to Hawaii.

Payton's favorite subject in school is reading.

His favorite type of music is country.

His favorite hobby is playing Xbox and he has many favorite foods.

His role model is his dad

because he's very good at what he does.

His dream job or plan after high school is to go to college.

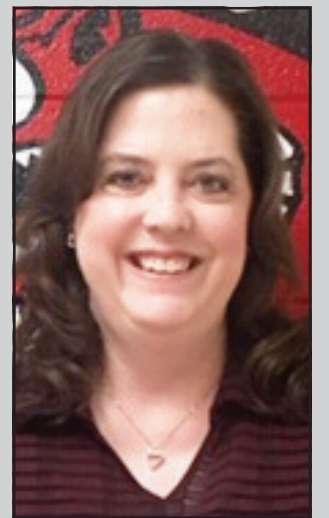
Payton's not sure what his proudest moment is.

Sophia Butler - Seventh Grade Girl of the Month

If Sophia could go anywhere it would be to the Coral Reed in Australia.

Sophia's favorite subject in school is science.

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Michelle Hall



Alec Thompson and Maria Saucedo



Payton Rivera and Sophia Butler

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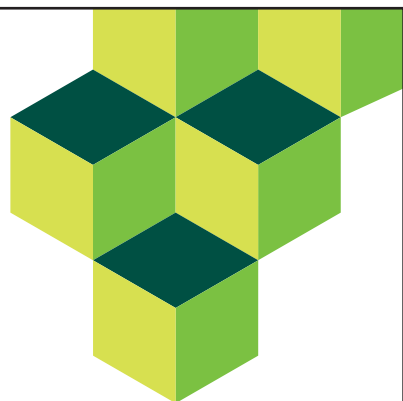
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NEWS In Brief

Purcell Livestock Show, Auction

The Purcell Ag Boosters will be hosting the Local Livestock Show on Sunday, February 17, at 2 p.m. at the McClain County Fairgrounds.

The bonus auction and dinner will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, February 19, at the Purcell FFA Agriculture Education Building.

Indian Tacos

Indian tacos will be available Friday, February 15, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Chickasaw Nation Senior Center, 703 Sherri Classic Blvd., in Purcell at a cost of \$8.

Delivery orders will include Indian taco and dessert only.

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

Wayne Little League Sign-Ups

Wayne Youth Athletic Association will be holding sign-ups for Little League Baseball and Softball.

Sign-ups will be held Saturday, February 16, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Wayne Community Center next to City Hall.

Payment of \$55 per player is not required at this time. If possible bring a copy of the player's birth certificate.

WYAA Board Members will be available to answer your questions.

Rotary Chili Lunch

The Purcell Rotary Club will hold its annual Rotary Chili Lunch Wednesday, February 20, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall of Trinity United Methodist Church.

Tickets are \$7 and can be purchased from any Rotary

Club member or at the door. Proceeds help support the Rotary's local scholarships.

School Foundation

The Purcell Public School Foundation will hold an open meeting for the public Thursday, February 28, at 12 noon.

The meeting will be held in the Administration Building multi-purpose room in the building that formerly housed Purcell Intermediate School, behind the library.

Lexington JH Cheer to State

The Lexington Junior High School Cheerleaders are going to state.

State showings will be held on Tuesday, February 19, at 11 a.m. at the Lexington High School gym and Friday, February 22, at 6:30 p.m. at the Noble Middle School gym, with Noble cheer also performing.

The State Competition will be held Saturday, February 23, time to be announced, at the Newcastle High School Gym.

Attendees are encouraged to wear school colors to show the cheerleaders their support.

Chamber Luncheon

The January Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce luncheon will be held Friday, February 22, at 12 p.m. at the Purcell School Administration Building, 919 N. 9th.

Bring a business card and \$10 for a locally catered lunch and a great time of networking.

Wayne Livestock Show, Auction

The Wayne Livestock Show and Bonus Auction will be held Saturday, March 2.

The show begins at 10 a.m. in the Ag-Ed building followed by the bonus auction dinner in the school cafeteria at 6 p.m. and the bonus auction at 7 p.m. in the Ag-Ed building.

Concessions will be provided by the Junior Class After Prom committee.

For more information call Justina Reaves at 640-6715.

Museum News

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

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

Hospice Volunteers

Loving Care Hospice is looking for volunteers.

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

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. Menus are listed each week.

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

Breaking Free

Door of Hope is presenting a new series "Breaking Free" each Thursday. Food and fellowship begins at 6 p.m. with the meeting beginning at 6:45 p.m.

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

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

Purcell NA Group

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

The group meets at the First Baptist Church in Purcell.

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

Big appointment for Barger

1982 Purcell grad and local real estate appraiser



Barger

Real Estate Appraisal Board's Education, Experience and Testing Committee.

The appointment was made at the board's February board meeting.

Duties of the Education,

Purcell graduate and local real estate appraiser Warren "Scott" Barger has been appointed to the Oklahoma

Experience and Testing Committee include reviewing submissions and documentation and making recommendations to the board regarding approval of Educational Course providers, Course Instructors and Curriculum.

The committee also reviews experience documentation and makes recommendations to the board regarding approval for licensure or upgrade of appraisers to levels with experience requirements.

The committee will review

and make recommendations to the board for changes to statutes or rules with respect to appraiser qualifications.

They will also monitor activities of the Appraiser Qualifications Board of the Appraisal Foundation and perform other duties which may be delegated to the committee by the board.

Barger owns Barger Appraisal Services located in Purcell.

Barger's appointment is for the calendar 2019. He may be reappointed as needed.

Lexington Community News

By Hazel Shockey Daniels

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

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

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

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

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

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

If you ask any of the 12 or 14

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

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

Lunch is served from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday for a \$6 donation. To-go orders are \$7. The lunch is open to the public and home cooked and served by the volunteers at Lexington Community Center, 131 S. Main.

All menus are subject to change.

Menu for February 14, 20 and 21:

Thursday, February 14—Pork chops, mashed potatoes and gravy, blackeyed peas, corn, rolls, salad bar, pecan pie

Wednesday, February 20—Fried catfish, french fries, baked beans, hush puppies,

coleslaw, chocolate or lemon pie.

Thursday, February 21—Fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, corn, rolls, salad bar, peach cobbler.

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Vivian Steiner and Sofia Evans

Purcell High School Students of the Month

Vivian Steiner and Sofia Evans have been named February Students of the Month at Purcell High School.

Vivian Steiner is the daughter of Brandi and Paul Steiner. She is involved in cheer as captain, student council as a class rep and is the secretary of the National Honor Society.

Her honors include Letter "P" Award, Superintendent's Honor Roll, Cheer State 2015 and NCA National Grand Champion in 2016 and state qualifier in 2018.

Vivian's favorite class is English.

After graduation she plans to attend the University of Central Oklahoma to earn a nursing degree.

Sofia Evans is the daughter of Jessica Ramirez. She is involved in baseball as a manager, Key Club and is Senior Student Council secretary/treasurer.

Her honors include Principal's Honor Roll.

Sofia's favorite class is trigonometry.

After graduation she plans to attend East Central University.

Runoffs abound

For school board seats

School board runoffs are in the offing in two McClain County districts following Tuesday's annual school board primary election.

In the race for a seat on the Washington school board, Greg Tontz will face Adam Price in the general election on April 2. There were 149 votes cast Tuesday for Tontz and 125 for Price. Other candidates in the race – Wade Hamilton and Stanley Burns – received 52 and 22 votes, respectively.

In Newcastle, the two candidates advancing to the April 2 election are Tyler Riddle and Gary W. Knowles. There were 257 voters who favored Riddle on Tuesday, to 233 for Knowles. A third candidate, Jeff Dinges, pulled 102 votes to force the runoff.

Another 3-way school board race in Dibble ended differently. Candace Downey's 59 votes were enough to win the seat outright as she garnered more than 50 percent of the votes cast. Other candidates were Harold Ledgerwood with 21 votes and Gene Shiflett with 29.

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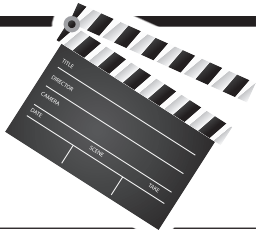
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MOVIES WITH DAVE

By
David
Stull



It's that time of year again. Time to finally put together my top 10 films of 2018.

I know we're already well into 2019, but unfortunately it takes a bit longer for those last minute awards contenders to reach the middle of America. Heck, with the exception of one film, last week's column was entirely devoted to catching up on 2018 releases.

So that's what I'm starting off with. But there's always new movies being released, and this weekend was no exception.

We have a new revenge flick headlined by Liam Neeson, a horror film about a possessed little boy, and gender swapped remake of "What Women Want" starring Taraji P. Henson.

All that in a bit, but first my list of the best movies of 2018.

167. That's the total number of 2018 films I reviewed.

I'm not sure why, but for some reason the releases this past year didn't quite feel as high quality compared to 2016 and 2017.

Sure, every year has its ups and downs and 2018 definitely had its fair share of good movies, it just felt like there were less of them this time around.

For example, in my best of 2017 list, any of the films listed in my top five could have easily been my favorite of that year. In the end I was basically splitting hairs to sort out what I thought was the best.

This time around it's a lot easier to pick my top favorites. In fact if anything, the hardest decision for me was which movie to place at number 10.

Even a down year still has points of greatness though, and there are quite a few excellent 2018 movies worthy of praise.

But first, I'll give the exact same disclaimer I gave last year.

This is my personal favorite films of 2018. I'm not saying these are objectively the best movies of 2018 period, I'm not saying my opinion is the only correct one, these are just the films that resonated with me the most.

If you happened to have enjoyed other 2018 movies more, or for some reason absolutely despise everything I liked, more power to you.

So with that out of the way, here's my top 10 movies of 2018.

10. Hereditary

Like I said earlier, this was by far the hardest to pick spot for me. It could have easily gone a few different ways.

"Can You Ever Forgive Me?" was really good and really well written, but just didn't quite resonate with me.

The same can be said for "Annihilation." A great movie with beautiful visuals and a narrative practically begs to be overanalyzed, but something about it just didn't click.

"Roma" had some of the best directing of all last year, but there wasn't enough substance for someone like me to really latch onto.

Funnily enough the closest competition for the number 10 spot probably ended up being "Game Night," which without question was my favorite straight up comedy of 2018.

In the end though, I decided "Hereditary" edged out all of them. And it's for one very good reason.

No other film in 2018 stuck with me quite like "Hereditary."

While it was a slow burn, this horror movie left me shocked and disturbed like nothing I had ever seen. Even as I was leaving the theater I was still trying to process everything

that happened.

Headlining it all was the fantastic Toni Collette, who gave one of the best performances of last year, and certainly the best one in a horror production.

This movie definitely isn't for everyone, but for me, it was clearly one of 2018's best.

9. If Beale Street Could Talk



Though the characters in Barry Jenkins' past couple films, "Moonlight" and "If Beale Street Could Talk," haven't resonated with me as much as I'd wish, there's one simple thing that can't be denied about his work.

His movies are absolutely beautiful. And this time around Barry completely out did himself.

Everything. The use of color, the way the shots are framed, plus the gorgeous blurred backgrounds in just about every scene make this movie a visual treat.

Honestly, I'm shocked this film didn't get an Oscar nomination for Best Cinematography. I'd be my clear pick to win.

All that, plus a fantastic performance from Regina King, make this film a must watch from last year.

8. Mission: Impossible – Fallout



If you thought I'd only be listing auteur driven dramas and prestige seeking Oscar bait, well you'd be partially right.

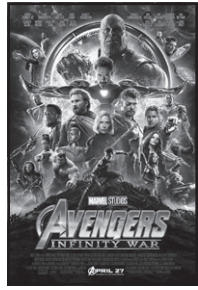
But I can never resist a good action movie, and when it comes to pulse pounding, heart racing moments, nothing from 2018 comes even close to matching "Mission: Impossible – Fallout."

This movie was just one amazing scene after the next. After over 20 years, this series has somehow gotten better and better with each recent installment.

Say what you will about Tom Cruise as a person, but there's no denying his talent and charisma when it comes to film. Not to mention his insane insistence on performing many of his more dangerous stunts.

If you're looking for pure action from 2018, you won't find anything better than this.

7. Avengers: Infinity War



I know I said "Mission: Impossible – Fallout" was the best pure action movie of 2018, and I stand by that. When it comes to thrills alone, "Mission: Impossible – Fallout" is the better action film.

But "Infinity War" delivers on much more than just sheer excitement alone.

It's the culmination of seeing this amazing 10 year long, 20 film saga from Marvel Studios come to a head.

The scope of this movie is unreal and the number of characters thrown in is completely ridiculous. Honestly, it's amazing this movie didn't turn out to be a complete disaster, and under less capable leadership I'm certain it would have been.

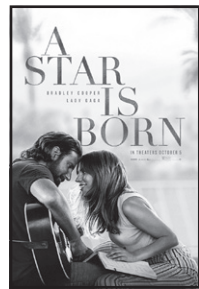
Instead it ended up becoming Marvel's crown jewel.

Despite numerous plot lines and dozens of characters, this two and a half hour film felt streamlined and thrilling from beginning to end, with nearly

every hero having their own moment to shine.

For that alone, this movie definitely deserves a spot in my top 10.

6. A Star is Born



I knew from the very first time I watched the trailer that this film would be something special.

This movie proved many things.

The first of which being Bradley Cooper is not only a proficient actor, but a really good director too. That and he has a pretty dang good singing voice.

It also showed just how talented Lady Gaga is.

Any possible notion that she's just some overproduced, flavor of the month pop icon is complete nonsense at this point.

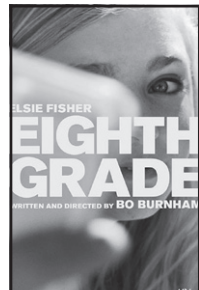
Gaga doesn't just have an amazing voice and an amazing talent for music, she's also a capable actress as well. Her and Bradley Cooper have so much chemistry together here.

Of course I have to mention the music. The songs in this movie are absolutely enchanting. It's been five months since this film was released and I still get goosebumps while listening to "Shallow."

Plus the story, while retold many times, feels fresh and just as relevant today as it would have been in 1937 when the original film was released.

All this combined easily makes this movie one of last year's best.

5. Eighth Grade



Anyone who grew up as a teenager in this technology driven era will find something

relatable in "Eighth Grade."

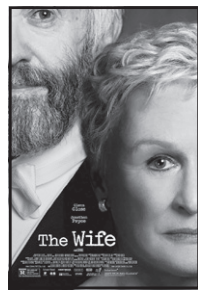
Everything about it feels so genuine, so disturbingly authentic to the awkwardness of the adolescent experience, that it made me physically uncomfortable at times.

I can't believe this is Bo Burnham's first time in the director's chair. The performances here are outstanding, which is especially impressive considering the number of young actors involved.

If there's another coming of age movie that so perfectly encapsulates what it's like to be a teenager during the internet age, I certainly can't think of it. Not one with this level of attention to detail at least.

It might be painful, but it also easily ranks as one of the best films 2018 had to offer.

4. The Wife



This might be the most surprising release of last year for me.

Going into the movie I knew absolutely nothing about it and was subsequently blindsided by how phenomenal it was.

From page 4A

Conley:

Education Committee meeting this week as well as a meeting focused on better explaining education funding through the State Aid Formula.

I will keep you updated in coming weeks on specific legislation as the session progresses.

I can be reached by e-mail at sherrie.conley@okhouse.gov. or by phone at (405) 557-7308.

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.

This might not quite be my favorite film of 2018, but it definitely features my favorite performance.

Glenn Close is absolutely sensational here. No one else, man or woman, comes even close to topping her portrayal of this awe-inspiring woman devoted to living in her husband's (Jonathan Pryce) shadow.

The scenes between Close and Pryce are some of the most captivating moments you'll see in any movie from last year. By the end I was so stunned I had goosebumps.

If nothing else, this film is worth seeing for Glenn Close's performance alone.

3. Green Book

Based on my next two picks, it's seems I have a bias towards



historical buddy dramas. But when the performances are this charming, who can blame me? Viggo Mortensen practically disappears into his role as Tony Vallelonga. I don't think he could have been more perfect. And the same can be said for Mahershala Ali as Dr. Shirley. You couldn't ask for better casting.

I dearly loved all the interactions between these two great actors. They're just incredible

Please see **Dave**, page 7A

Dear Editor,

Right now, in America, there is a battle occurring to protect the life of the unborn. In six states, including Oklahoma, there are legislative bills being presented that would criminalize abortion as homicide.

In Oklahoma, State Senate Bill 13, would offer the same protection to an unborn child as any other child. Presently, Oklahoma's "pro-life" laws only regulate abortion but will never end abortion until a collective no is heard from the people.

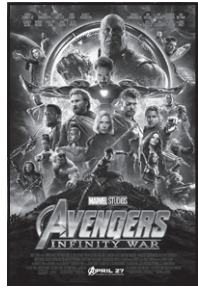
What do we have to lose in ending abortion in this great state? Nothing, but we have everything to gain by ending this horrible act. Let all Oklahoma children get their time on Earth. Let us be a sanctuary state for all babies.

I have read somewhere this saying, "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves." One day, the front page of this newspaper will read that abortion has ended in Oklahoma. Let this happen in our lifetime. Your voice makes the difference.

Please learn more about the bill and support SB13. Please leave a message with your local senator, Senator Paul Scott at (405) 521-5522 and ask that he support SB13. It takes five minutes.

Most important, contact Greg Treat, President Pro Tem of the Senate, who will decide if the bill will be heard in the Senate. Lawmakers are in session now. Greg Treat treat@oksenate.gov, (405) 521-5632.

**Carisa Roberson
Ada**



Society

Stealey HCE

Stealey OHCE met February 11 in the McClain County Community Building with President Phyllis Horn presiding.

Flag salute was given by members in honor of our military service men and women. Phyllis Horn led the group in reading the OHCE Collect.

Thought for the Day was “Don’t wait. The time will never be just right.”

Members present were Cindy Henley, Phyllis Horn, Norma Howard, Peggy Howard and Velma Little.

Norma Howard read the minutes from the January meeting and there were no unpaid bills submitted.

Phyllis Horn taught the lesson entitled “Feeding the Birds: A Health Benefit by Brenda Hill-Alta, FCS Educator” and explores how to be successful with our backyard feeders.

Winter OHCE Council was held February 1 in the McClain County Community Building. Stealey HCE received first place McClain County Group Achievement Award. Members attending were Jan Lenard, Velma Little, Phyllis Horn, Crystal Stidham, Peggy Howard, Peggy Christian and Norma Howard.

March 11 meeting and work day will be held in the McClain County Community Building at 9 a.m. Members will need to bring sewing machines, irons and ironing boards, scissors, etc. The meal will consist of soups, drinks and desserts.

Recycled items lists were turned in to Norma Howard and volunteer hours for January 2019 report forms were reviewed.

Southeast District Conference is Tuesday, March 19, at the Rector Johnson Middle School in Broken Bow. Registration is \$20 and is due to the McClain County OHCE treasurer by February 14.

Demonstration: Velma and Teresa Little taught lessons on how to decorate items such as pots, shabby chic, herb pots using buttons and elastic bracelets and paint brushes, modge podge and ribbons.

Anyone interested in attending one of our meetings is invited to join us on the second Monday of each month at the McClain County Community Building.

For additional information contact the McClain County Extension Office at 527-2437, on Facebook or www.ohcemc-claincostealey.com.

Library is talking tech in Thursday afterschool series

The Purcell Public Library is connecting children with STEAM (science, technology, engineering, the arts and mathematics) through its weekly Afterschool STEAM series, taking place on most Thursdays during the school year.

Programs are for school-age children up to age 11 and begin at 3:15 p.m. They’ll include such activities as Lego building, slime creation, building with kits including Keva Planks and Magna Tiles and more.

No advance registration is required to participate, although there is a limited amount of the kits and building items available.

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

Spread the love in February

Delta Community Action Foundation, Inc. is calling on the public to help ‘Spread the Love’ during the month of February.

Delta is having a peanut butter and jelly food drive to help “Spread the Love” to local citizens in need of food.

The agency’s 2017 Community Needs Assessment revealed the need for food ranked 4th in overall need.

The Spread the Love Peanut Butter & Jelly Drive, sponsored by Delta Community Action Foundation, Inc., will continue through the end of February.

Delta Community Action Foundation, Inc. is under the direction of Karen Nichols, Executive Director.

Donations can be dropped off at the following Delta Community Action locations: Lindsay, 308 SW 2nd; Purcell, 223 W. Washington; and Pauls Valley, 225 W. McClure.

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Door prize winners

Mothers Entwined Club door prize winners, with hostess Brandi Kroth, far right, were Carol DiRienzo, Missy Hewett and Becky Galyean.

Mothers Entwined Club

Mothers Entwined met in the home of Brandi Kroth in Purcell January 23.

Karla Sitton read a prayer before the ladies enjoyed homemade lasagna, salad and bread. They also enjoyed cake for dessert.

Secretary Penny Berrey read the roll call and 15 members were present. They included Kristi Davey, Penny Berrey, Carol DiRienzo, Angie Goldsby, Becky Galyean, Amy David, Brandi Kroth, Julie Wofford, Missy Hewett, Elisa Hendenberg, Kristi Kilcrease, Karla Sitton, Brandi Steiner, Kim Fox and Lori Cox.

Members not present included Kim Croslin, Kim McGregor, Carrie Mayes and Lori Cudd.

Carol DiRienzo gave the treasurer’s report and Becky Galyean gave the Sunshine

report and passed the Sunshine box.

Earlier in the day Lori Cudd received a request by Pam Hobbs of the Lil’ Dragon Food Pantry stating she was asked by one of the local high school counselors about a student that did not own a hoodie. Today was an extremely cold day! Lori took to GroupMe to ask everyone’s thoughts on contributing to this cause and everyone agreed to purchase a Walmart gift card now and get the counselor to take the student shopping and get what he needed to stay warm.

Carol DiRienzo reminded the ladies of the convention set for April 12-13 in Norman at the Embassy Suites. The group decided on what to wear for the Disney Themed event.

Angie Goldsby designed the scholarship application and will deliver to the two schools. The application deadline is April 1.

Carol encouraged everyone to “look around” for Done in a Day projects. Spring will be upon us soon and we should be able to help someone in need.

Door prizes were won by Missy Hewett, Becky Galyean and Carol Di Rienzo.

The next meeting will be at the home of Kim McGregor on February 13.

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It’s a Small World

Gracie Montgomery

Happy Valentine’s Day!
Hope you have a fabulous time with that special someone.

A special happy birthday to my sister-in-law, Missy Clark.

Missy celebrates her birthday Saturday, February 16.

Happy birthdays also go out to Lloyd Beaudion, Dale Bunn, Victor Lohn, Kitty Velasco, Jeff Eck, Judy Moring, Parker Page, Lavene Jones, Bailey Beller, Margaret Miller, Egan Galvin, Anna Belle Carpenter, Jade McCurdy, Daniel Calixto, Jaime D. Ibarra, Jaime Ibarra, Margaret White, Matthew Smith, Jovita Trejo, Dorothy Potter, Macy Parker, Kennedy Tompkins, Mary Millsap, Dakota Pritchett, Dale Evans and Kelsi Jennen.

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

Come enjoy stories and rhymes for preschoolers and toddlers.

Each story time will focus on a GLAR (Growing Like a Read) skill to help encourage learning from a very young age.

Story times will be very active and include an art activity at the end.

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

Teens are invited to the Purcell Public Library for Teen Lounge on Friday, February 22, from 4-5 p.m.

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

The Purcell Public Library will offer its resources and the knowledge of an experienced genealogy researcher Wednesday, February 20, from 2-4 p.m. in the Meeting Room.

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

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

For more information call the library at 527-5546.

The Purcell Public Library will hold its annual Daddy Daughter Dance Saturday, February 23, from 3-5 p.m.

It’s a special night for dads and daughters to make memories and dance the day away!

Registration is required in advance and attendees will need to pick up their tickets at the library.

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

It’s an afternoon of creativity at the Purcell Public Library and the Pioneer Library System’s Maker Mobile at the program “My Creation: Leather Bracelets,” at 1 p.m. Saturday, February 9, at the library, 919 N. Ninth St.

Ages 18 and up will use the Maker Mobile’s laser cutter and Inkscape software to create their own leather bracelet.

This is part of a continuing series of creative activities for adults scheduled once a month on a Saturday.

All materials for the project will be provided but are limited in amount, so registration is required in advance to participate.

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

Here’s a quick prep time recipe that you could make in your slow cooker.

Easy Slow Cooker Taco Pasta

1 pound lean ground beef
Salt and pepper
1 bell pepper chopped
15 ounce can crushed tomatoes
1 cup jarred salsa
15 ounce can corn, drained
3 tablespoons taco seasoning
2-1/2 cups water or low sodium chicken broth
12 ounces shell pasta
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
Heat a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add the beef and season with salt and pepper. Cook the meat, stirring often, until browned. Transfer beef to slow cooker.

Add the bell pepper, crushed tomatoes, salsa, corn, taco seasoning, and broth or water. Stir. Cook on low for 5-6 hours or high for 2-3 hours.

Stir in the pasta. Cook on high for 10-20 minutes. Pasta cook time will vary by slow cooker, begin checking for doneness at 10 minutes.

Stir in the cheddar cheese and serve.

Okeyha Mothers Club has meeting

Okeyha Mother’s Club gathered in the home of Aletha Lydick February 11.

Members present were Jenny Hunter, Kim Thompson, April Gillen, Morgan Thompson, Valerye Haley, Heather Wyatt, Peggy Hill, Judy Moring, Kristy Brock, Dede Page, Betty Little, Sheila Barfield, Gisella Wolfenbarger, Sarah Rangel, Keshia Montgomery and Aletha Lydick.

The club voted to give two scholarships to graduating seniors this year. Applications will be available next week.

The ladies talked about the OAMC Conference scheduled for April 12 and 13. Also discussed was the upcoming fundraiser “Egg My Yard.”

This service provided by Okeyha will be offered for

Purcell, Lexington and Wayne addresses. “Egg My Yard” will occur the night before Easter when the Okeyha ladies will hide Easter eggs in your yard so that you are ready for when your little ones wake up on Easter morning.

If you would like to sign up for this please contact any Okeyha member.

Roll Call wrapped up the meeting by asking what members liked about Valentine’s Day.

Door prizes were won by Jenny Hunter, Heather Wyatt and Sarah Rangel.

All of the Okeyha Mothers are looking forward to the next meeting where they will meet and have dinner with Bliss and Mothers Entwined Clubs at The Grand Canadian Theater.

Dave:

together. Not only that, but for the uninformed this movie gives a lot of insight on how it was for African-Americans to travel through some of the more racially hostile areas of the U.S. during the mid-20th century.

Despite racial tensions though, the whole experience will leave you with a smile on your face, a tear in your eye, and warm feeling in your heart. Honestly, what more could you ask from one of 2018's best?

2. Stan & Ollie



I only had the chance to check out this film just last week, but boy am I glad I did.

As someone who didn't grow up with the old Laurel and Hardy movies, I had no idea what to expect from this film going into it.

What I got though was one of the most charming, the most touching, and one of the funniest movies of all last year.

Steve Coogan and John C. Reilly are fantastic here and their chemistry together is off the charts.

Like I said in my full review, I can't believe this is only the second film they've been in together. If I didn't know better I'd say they've been working as a team for the past couple decades.

1. Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse



This movie is a must see, even if you don't know a thing about Laurel and Hardy. When it comes to 2018, I don't think you'll find anything more heartwarming.

I swear while watching this movie the only thing I could think was how completely absurd it all was. Despite that, it also had me constantly cracking up. Laughing out loud at the ridiculousness of it all.

All in all, I think if you go into this film knowing it's a dark comedy, you'll probably find a lot to like here. I just feel sorry for anyone expecting "Taken" with snow.

Everything about this film is perfect. The animation is out of this world spectacular. It's like a comic book come to life on the big screen, not to mention one of the most beautiful animated films I've ever laid eyes on.

Plus the voice acting is top notch, the music is phenomenal, the storytelling is simple yet brilliant, and the plot itself is just about every Spider-Man fan's dream come true.

I don't have a single bad thing to say about this movie. It's one of the best, if not the single greatest, superhero movie ever made.

Nothing else came close to topping "Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse" the whole year, easily making this film my favorite movie of 2018.

And that's my top 10 for 2018. Now that I've gotten last year out of the way, here's what I saw this week.

First up is "Cold Pursuit." Following the mysterious death of his son, Nels Coxman's (Liam Neeson) quiet life as a snowplow driver is completely upended.

His search for justice turns into a vengeful hunt for Viking (Tom Bateman), a drug lord he believes is connected to the death. As one by one of Viking's associates "disappear," Nels goes from upstanding citizen to ice-cold vigilante, letting nothing, and no one, get in his way. I know what you're thinking.

"Oh, Liam Neeson is starring

in another revenge flick. Been there, done that."

Let me tell you though, this is much different than your typical vigilante films.

In fact, just forget everything you'd expect from a Liam Neeson revenge movie.

This is a comedy. A very dark and often brutal comedy to be sure, but a comedy nonetheless.

Let me be very clear. This isn't an action movie with occasional funny moments. It's not a goofy revenge flick that doesn't take itself seriously. This is a dark comedy through and through.

If you go into this film expecting your typical lone vigilante revenge fest, you will be sorely disappointed.

I'm giving this warning because I'm fairly certain absolutely no one in the theater I shared this bizarre experience of a film with had any idea what they were actually getting themselves into, myself included.

However, if you're able to adjust to the sheer absurdity this outlandish film constantly deals out, you might just find yourself laughing your head off.

Once I discovered what I was actually in for, and adjusted my expectations accordingly, I ended up having a great time.

Liam Neeson's character Nels Coxman might be the hero, but he's also completely unhinged. He has zero qualms about casually murdering anyone even remotely culpable for his son's death.

And if you think Coxman is crazy, just wait until you meet the villain.

Tom Bateman as Viking is so ridiculously hammy, so ludicrously over-the-top, he's basically a walking talking parody of a bad guy.

I swear while watching this movie the only thing I could think was how completely absurd it all was. Despite that, it also had me constantly cracking up. Laughing out loud at the ridiculousness of it all.

All in all, I think if you go into this film knowing it's a dark comedy, you'll probably find a lot to like here. I just feel sorry for anyone expecting "Taken" with snow.

"Cold Pursuit" is rated R.

Next is "The Prodigy."

A mother's (Taylor Schilling) concern about her young son's (Jackson

Robert Scott) disturbing behavior turns into horror as she faces the possibility that an evil, supernatural force has overtaken him.

Fearing for her family's safety, she must choose between her maternal instinct to love and protect her son and a desperate need to investigate what, or who, is causing his dark turn.

I don't really have all that much to say about this film.

Not because I thought it was particularly bad or that I hated it, but because it's just kind of dull.

Sure, it has a halfway interesting concept.

The whole thing is about a little boy born with the spirit of a serial killer. And since the kid is sharing his head with the mind of an adult, he ends up appearing remarkably intelligent for his age.

But as the movie goes on, the concept becomes muddled and even considering the realm of the supernatural the possession doesn't make a whole lot of sense.

Much like science fiction and fantasy, horror movies need rules. Consistent rules that an audience can grasp onto. Strict boundaries on what is and isn't possible in these stories where the impossible can come to life.

That way, even when unbelievable phenomena are happening on screen, things will still make sense and feel right to those of us watching.

This movie doesn't bother doing that. It just kind of flies by the seat of pants, and feels like it's making things up as it goes along.

Acting wise, I thought the performances were fine.

Taylor Schilling does the best she can do given the script and Jackson Robert Scott isn't half bad considering his age.

At the end of the day though, for a horror movie, this film just isn't all that scary. And the few hair-raising moments it does have are all lame jump scares.

Like I said, I don't partially dislike this movie, it's just kind of boring.

Unfortunately for this film, a few good ideas don't make up for poor execution. If you're searching for horror you'd be much better off looking elsewhere.

"The Prodigy" is rated R.

Finally, last this week is "What Men Want."

Constantly boxed out by her male colleagues, the life of female sports agent

Ali Davis (Taraji P. Henson) takes a bizarre turn when she gains the power to hear men's thoughts.

Ali uses this newfound ability to her advantage as she races to sign the NBA's next superstar.

If this concept sounds familiar, it's because this is a remake. Back in 2000, Mel Gibson starred in a romantic comedy titled "What Women Want," in which Gibson's character gained the power to hear the thoughts of women.

A cute concept to be sure, but also one that easily fell into using sexestropes. Tropes which oftentimes come across as pretty insulting, and certainly haven't aged all that well.

So when I heard they were doing a gender swapped remake of this film, I didn't have terribly high hopes. Then when I saw it was starring Taraji P. Henson, I lost all hope entirely.

Henson is one of those actresses who I only seem to be able to enjoy when she isn't the

main focus of the story.

Take "Hidden Figures" from 2016. She has a prominent role in the film, yes, but she shares the spotlight with two other strong characters, and overall does a pretty bang up job in the film.

But then there's the movies where she take center stage. Films like "Proud Mary" and worst of all Tyler Perry's "Accrimony," both of which made me want to pull my hair out while watching.

And unfortunately for me, this is another film in which Taraji P. Henson takes up the entire spotlight.

I think this is the first time I've seen Henson in a straight up comedy role, and if fate has any mercy, it'll be the last time too.

Her entire routine is nothing but shouting, shrieking, and making strange loud noises. If that sounds funny to you, more power to ya, but personally it drove me insane.

I think I might have let out a single laugh during the entire film. The rest of it felt like nails slowly scraping a chalkboard for nearly two hours straight.

And if the comedy itself wasn't annoying enough, the story is somehow even worse.

The plot basically only works because the men around the Henson's character are brain dead morons.

One example of Ali using her amazing new powers was to notice a client at the agency she worked for didn't enjoy the sales pitch they were just given.

But anyone with half a brain cell could read the look of sheer horror on client's face. You don't need to be a mind reader to see he hated it. Everyone in the presentation room could have picked up on the exact same insight if they weren't all bumbling buffoons.

And then there's Ali's love interest Will, played by Aldis Hodge. Unfortunately his character is just as dumb as the rest of them.

In order to appeal to that same client as before, Ali ropes Will into pretending to be her longtime husband.

Except somehow Will doesn't realize he's being used despite Ali overtly acting like the two of them are married and her treating his son as her own.

It all builds up to the dumbest use of the 'liar revealed' trope I've ever seen, where Will acts betrayed for being used as a prop. I don't think she could have been more upfront and overt about using him without straight up telling him to his face.

Why couldn't the story just have been about them both pretending to be a couple, then later on discovering their true feelings for each other?

Sure, that's an overused trope

as well, but at least it's a less annoying one.

But I haven't even gotten to the cherry on top of this manure drenched sundae. No, that would be the shockingly amount of product placement featured in this film.

I hope Fiji Water wrote the production team for this movie a giant check because I haven't seen product placement this overt since Michael Bay's Transformers.

Not only is Fiji featured prominently in multiple scenes, the bottled water is even written into the dang script. Multiple times.

Ali's boss doesn't tell her to calm down when he thinks she's acting out of line, he tells her to "grab a Fiji." It's like everyone in this movie drinks nothing but Fiji.

This movie might as well

have been called "Fiji Water Presents: What Men Want," for as much as it's featured in the film.

I'm not opposed to movies doing advertising deals or featuring real life products. In fact it can make a movie feel more grounded in reality if handled properly.

Even the original with Mel Gibson handled product placement better than this movie. Gibson was an advertising executive, so a plot revolving around selling an ad campaign to Nike made sense.

Maybe I'm out of the loop and sports agents really love their Fiji Water. I doubt it though.

I really didn't like this movie. Maybe if you're a huge Taraji P. Henson fan you'll get more out of it, but for me it was nothing but misery.

"What Men Want" is rated R.

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The Last Mile

Former legislator Bobby Cleveland, right, met with rap star turned minister MC Hammer at the unveiling of a new inmate program at Mabel Bassett Correctional Center in McLoud.

Coding their future

New program for state prison

An innovative program for inmates was unveiled Monday at the Mabel Bassett Correctional Center in McLoud.

The Oklahoma Department of Corrections and several state and national nonprofits are partners in a state-of-the-art coding program for inmates to help them obtain careers in technology once they are released.

The computer coding program is the only one in Oklahoma, thanks to The Last Mile, The Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, The George Kaiser Family Foundation and The Lobeck Taylor Family Foundation.

Dozens of press, corrections leaders, state leaders, advocates and law enforcement professionals gathered inside MBCC's visitation room for the ceremony, which included speeches from the governor; rapper, philanthropist and minister MC Hammer, board member of The Last Mile; The Last Mile Executive Director and cofounder Beverly Parenti; ODOC Communications Director Jessica Brown, and a grateful student of the program.

The Last Mile began in December 2010 as a six-month entrepreneurship program at

San Quentin State Prison in California. The program, which has since grown to 10 prisons in four states, provides inmates with marketable skills in industries that will employ them after they release. TLM offered its first computer coding program in a prison in 2014.

Program students, who are not allowed on the internet while incarcerated, use a special software programming platform that mimics the internet while also giving them a live coding experience. Graduates in other states have gone on to produce mobile apps and other programs consumers use.

Participants cannot have a history of cyber or sex crimes, disciplinary infractions for at least 18 months and no life-without-parole sentences. They also must have a high school diploma or equivalent, and be within 36 months of release. Other requirements also apply.

The ability to find work and earn a legitimate living post-incarceration plays a key role in keeping former offenders out of prison.

The Last Mile has served nearly 500 students to date – and those students have a zero recidivism rate.

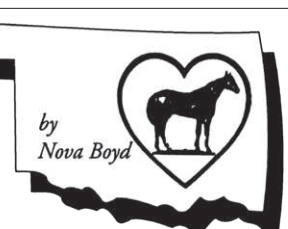


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Pauls Valley Opry

The dynamic brother/sister duo of Missy Rude and Wiley Winters, will be back on the stage of the Pauls Valley Opry on Saturday, March 2. The show begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Pauls Valley High School auditorium.

The Horseman's Corner



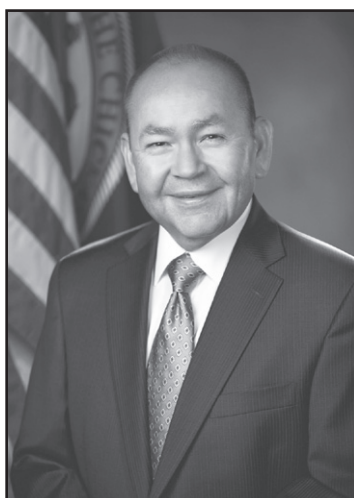
More 2019 Oklahoma Quarter Horse Hall of Fame Inductees

Last week we covered the induction of Belle Mere Farm of Norman, whose original farm was in Lexington. This week we will showcase Bill Anoatubby, Governor of the Chickasaw Nation and Laico Bird, bought by Floyd H. Jones Sr., and his two sons, Floyd Jr. and Billy R B Jones.

Both entities have close ties with our area, as Purcell was known before statehood as the "Queen City of the Chickasaws" and is still a part of the Chickasaw Nation, and the Jones family has called Norman and the surrounding area home for many years.

Bill Anoatubby, Governor of the Chickasaw Nation Bud Breeding Oklahoma Spirit Award

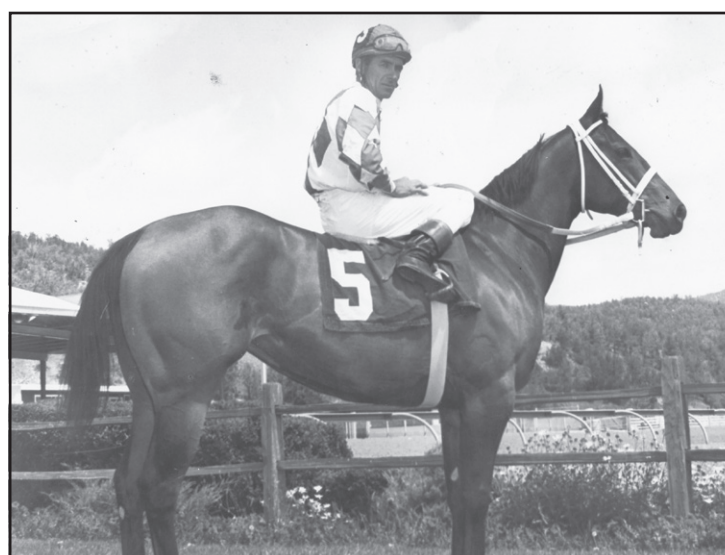
Bill Anoatubby has served as the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation since 1987. Prior to that, he served as the first Lieutenant Governor from 1979-1987. Anoatubby has been active in tribal government since 1975. His previous positions include



Governor Bill Anoatubby

director of tribal health services, director of finance, and special assistant to the governor and controller.

In 2010, under Governor Anoatubby's leadership, the



Laico Bird

Chickasaw Nation, through its subsidiary Global Gaming RP, LLC, purchased the Remington Park Racetrack and Casino in Oklahoma City. In addition to the purchase of the track, Global Gaming also invested over \$30 million in renovations and upgrades to the facility.

Remington Park is now recognized and renowned for conducting the world's premier Quarter Horse race meet, which annually distributes from \$13 million to \$15 million in purse money to racing Quarter Horses during its yearly 50 day live race meet.

Work experience prior to his involvement with the Chickasaw Nation includes managing office operations of American Plating Company and the chief accountant of Little Giant Corporation. Anoatubby received degrees in accounting and business and has taken many continuing education courses.

Today, the Chickasaw Nation employs more than 14,000 people. Funding for tribal operations has grown exponentially, tribal assets have grown two-hundredfold.

Governor Anoatubby is committed to meeting the needs and desires of the Chickasaw people by providing health care services, opportunities

for employment and career advancement, heritage preservation, cultural preservation and growth, and the chance for every Chickasaw to obtain a higher education.

Bill and his wife, Janice, have two sons, Brian and Chris, and five grandchildren, Brendan, Eryn, Chloe, Sydney and Preslea.

Laico Bird

Laico Bird was foaled in April 1965. A daughter of Good Bird (TB) and Paula Laico, she was bred by B R Campbell of Frederick, OK. The brown filly was sold as a yearling in the Haymaker Sale for \$3800, and later for \$5000. Floyd H. Jones Sr. purchased the filly for his two sons, Floyd H. Jr and Jimmy R B Jones. Jimmy was the trainer.

The delicate feminine filly, standing just over 14 hands, garnered every laurel for which she qualified in the voting for the 1967 year end championships by the American Quarter Horse Association Racing Committee. Not since 1955 had a juvenile performed with such authority, being named World Champion, Champion Mare and Champion Two-Year Old Filly.

One of the most noteworthy among Laico Bird's accomplishments was becoming the

world's richest Quarter Horse with the astronomical earnings of \$406,399.20. She achieved this by winning the 1967 All American Futurity, the Los Alamitos Futurity, the Raton Futurity, Texas Futurity, Columbus Futurity, and placing second in the Rainbow Futurity and the Blue Ribbon futurity.

At age two, in 17 starts she amassed: 11 wins, five seconds, and only ran one race where she didn't "light up the board." She ran on six different tracks, winning five stakes races and placing second in two others and remained "sound" through a very rigorous two year campaign.

Laico Bird came back as a three-year-old to win the Buttons and Bows Derby, placed second in the Raton Derby, the Sunland Park Fall Derby and placed third in the Rainbow Derby and the Ruidoso Championship stakes. She retired with a record of 34 starts, 17 firsts, 12 seconds and three third place finishes Earning \$435,653 in her lifetime.

Laico Bird proved Jimmy Jones right when he stated, "She's like a deer, with quick small feet, and very alert. She stands about 14.1 hands and weighs 950 pounds. Laico Bird looks like she can move fast."

She was ridden by Boyd Morris, Bob Harmon, or Billy Powell in all of her starts. Bobby Harmon was in the irons when she won the 1967 All American Futurity.

Retired at the end of 1968, she was bred to Jet Deck to produce two fillies, both stakes horses. Fly Laico Bird won the Columbus Triple Crown Futurity, and placed second in the Oklahoma Futurity, the Sunland County Futurity and accumulated earnings of \$129,931. The second filly was Laico Bird 2, a stakes placed runner who earned 42,200.

Laico Bird died of a twisted intestine in May 1971.

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PJH:

Her favorite song is "Save Me" by BTS.

Her favorite hobby is drawing and her favorite food is ice cream.

Her role model is her dad because he's very responsible.

Her dream job or plan after high school is to be a rocket scientist, an artist or IDK.

Sophia's proudest moment was when she won a medal in cross country.

Luke Edelman - Eighth Grade Boy of the Month

If Luke could go anywhere it would be to Lake Huron, Mich.

Luke's favorite subject in school is science.

His favorite song is "Black Lung Heartache."

His favorite hobby is fish-

ing and his favorite food is salmon.

His role model is his dad because he works at everything.

His dream job or plan after high school is to be a physical therapist.

Luke's proudest moment is



Luke Edelman and Katelyn Eck

when he caught his biggest bass which was six pounds six ounces.

Katelyn Eck - Eighth Grade Girl of the Month

If Katelyn could go anywhere it would be to Grand Caymans or the Bahamas.

Katelyn's favorite subject in school is math.

Her favorite type of music is country.

Her favorite hobby is playing basketball and her favorite food is quesadillas.

Her role model is her mom because she is strong, motivational and always happy.

Her dream job or plan after high school is to go to college and become a dental hygienist.

Katelyn's proudest moment was when she became a sister.



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Business in the Spotlight

The Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce recognized JaMakin' Me Tan & More as their Business in the Spotlight for the month of February. JaMakin' Me Tan & More is a family owned business located at 2208 N Green Ave. in Purcell. Pictured with the owner, Gale Cheatwood (center), is part of the Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce 'Love on Local' Team, Sally Maynard and Debbie Neff.

OSU

EXTENSION News

Caring for cut flowers this Valentine's Day

Courtney DeKalb-Myers
Horticulture Educator

Whether it's a bouquet of roses, tulips, or lilies, there's nothing quite as special than receiving a vase of flowers on Valentine's Day.

They're fresh, they smell fantastic, and they'll brighten up any room. You want your fresh bouquet to last as long as possible. How?

Think about it from the plant's perspective – the stems were cut off from their roots, eliminating the plant's source of nutrients and water. The flowers no longer have these resources supplied through the soil, so we have to provide them.

Cut flowers will quickly wilt if they do not have a source of water. Ensure that all stem ends of the flowers are submerged in water. Consider changing this water every few days.

This will prevent bacteria growth that may plug up the water conducting tissue in the stems.

The water should be lukewarm; this forces out air bubbles that may have entered the stem. Keep green foliage out of the water. It will quickly deteriorate and the health of the flowers will decline.

To revitalize the stems, cut an inch of the stem ends under warm water. This will reopen the water conducting tissue in the plants.

Consider using a sharp knife to make cuts, rather than scissors. Scissors can smash the water conducting tissue and ultimately limit the stem's uptake ability.

Flowers also need starch and carbohydrates for extended vase life. There are many excellent floral preservatives available, which can be mixed in with the water. Alternatively, a tablespoon of sugar can be added to the vase water.

Many tap waters are alkaline and need to be acidified. This can be done with two tablespoons of white vinegar. Giving your flowers a quality vase water and supplying nutrients will prolong the vase life.

When picking out an arrange-

ment, look for flowers that are just beginning to open. These flowers are fresher than their fully open counterparts. With roses, look for tight buds with only a few petals beginning to unfold.

When picking stems with multiple blooms, like freesias or gladiolus, make sure the youngest blooms are still closed. As time progresses, these flowers will continue to open before declining.

Avoid placing the flowers next to your fruit bowl. Fruits emit ethylene gas, which is the ripening hormone in plants. A

Please see **Flowers**, page 10A



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Student of the Week

Megan Moreno's fourth grade Student of the Week at Purcell Intermediate School is Halle Buchanan. Her favorite color is blue and her favorite food is a taco salad. Her favorite book is "Wonder." In her free time she enjoys playing with her dogs, playing the Wii with her family and watching Youtube. When she grows up she would like to be a doctor or a dentist.

OSU EXTENSION News

Scholarship applications available

Brenda Hill
Extension Educator

Applications are being accepted for the Hester Sickles Memorial Scholarship.

The Oklahoma Home and Community Education group of Cleveland County is sponsoring three \$1,500 scholarship awards. The scholarships are available to any high school senior residing in Cleveland County or attending school in Cleveland County.

Applicant must attend a post high school institution in the fall. Students attending a home based school are eligible to apply for this scholarship.

Application materials must be turned in to the Extension Office by May 1. Applicants will need to provide the following in the application packet: copy of high school transcript, two letters of recommendation, ACT/SAT, acceptance letter

from a college, university or career tech and the completed scholarship application.

Financial need will be a consideration for the award of this scholarship.

Please turn in application materials by May 1 to the Cleveland County Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service at 601 E. Robinson in Norman or call 321-4774 for additional information.

WAYNE SCHOOL MENU

Week of February 18
MONDAY
No School.
TUESDAY BREAKFAST
Cereal, fruit, juice, milk.
LUNCH
Frito chili pie, corn, broccoli, applesauce, juice, milk.
WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST
Bagel toppers, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.
LUNCH
Chicken salad sandwich, chips, pickle, pineapple, juice, milk.
THURSDAY BREAKFAST
Cereal, fruit, juice, milk.
LUNCH
Ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, roll, spinach, pear, juice, milk.
FRIDAY BREAKFAST
Poptart, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.
LUNCH
Burrito, pinto beans, chips and salsa, tropical fruit, juice, milk.

PURCELL SCHOOL MENU

Week of February 18
MONDAY
No School.
TUESDAY BREAKFAST
Muffin, yogurt, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.
LUNCH
Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, dinner roll, salad bar, fruit, milk.
WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST
Biscuit and gravy, jelly, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.
LUNCH
Lasagna, green beans, breadstick, salad bar, fruit, milk.
THURSDAY BREAKFAST
Pancake, scrambled eggs, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.
LUNCH
Chili, Fritos, beans, salad bar, fruit, milk.
FRIDAY BREAKFAST
Doughnuts, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.
LUNCH
Pizza bar, garden salad, salad bar, fruit, milk.

LEXINGTON SCHOOL MENU

Week of February 18
MONDAY
No School.
TUESDAY BREAKFAST
Whole grain cereal, breakfast crackers, peaches, fruit juice, milk.
LUNCH
Biscuit and gravy, sausage link, potato wedges, stewed tomatoes, orange smiles, milk.
WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST
Cinnamon rolls, fried fruit, fruit juice, milk.
LUNCH
Chicken spaghetti, whole kernel corn, steamed carrots, pears, breadsticks, milk.
THURSDAY BREAKFAST
Breakfast sticks, syrup, strawberries, fruit juice, milk.
LUNCH
Turkey and cheese sandwich, blackeyed peas, lettuce and tomatoes, peaches, wacky cake, milk.
FRIDAY BREAKFAST
Whole grain cereal, breakfast crackers, pineapple, fruit juice, milk.
LUNCH
Pulled pork on a bun, potato salad baked beans, bread and butter pickles, rosy applesauce, milk.

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Get fresh with healthy choices in cooking show

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

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

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

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

On the table with these culinary classes are new recipes and skills meant to boost a family's everyday eating experiences.

In February, attendees can expect to learn about and consume goulash, savory corn cheddar muffins, banana poppy seed muffins and oatmeal bars.

These dishes were planned around the themes "What's in Your Pantry?" and "Brunch Time 2.0."

Classes on Brunch 2.0 are set for Thursday, February 14, at 10 a.m. and noon.

For more information call 527-6967.



NEWS from the City of Purcell

Sec. 106-244. Truck parking prohibited in certain areas.

It is unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to park any commercial vehicle or trailer of all types, including travel, camping, and hauling, in excess of 24 feet in length on any public street in a residential district. (Code 1991, § 15-720)

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Annual awards presented at OHCE Winter Council

**By Mickey Simpson
Extension Educator,
FCS/4-H
McClain County OSU
Extension**

The Stealey Home and Community Education Group was awarded the "Outstanding Group" award at the McClain County Oklahoma Home and Community Education Winter Council meeting February 1.

Other "Outstanding Group" awards went to ECHO OHCE, 2nd place; and Washington OHCE, 3rd place.

Three members received Perfect Attendance certificates for 20 years or more perfect attendance at OHCE meetings.

Leading the group was Velma Little from the Stealey group with 68 years. Peggy Howard

of Stealey was honored with 30 years, and Bonita Brakefield from Stealey with 23 years.

New county-wide OHCE officers were installed by Family and Consumer Educator Mickey Simpson.

Officers for 2019 are president, Tammy Elliott; vice president, Rayanne Carpenter; secretary, Leah Haxton; treasurer, Kathy Langley; and Inspiration Leader, Deanna Surber.

The meeting, held at the McClain County Farm/Home Building in Purcell, was called to order by President Tammy Elliott. Stealey OHCE was the hostess group.

Kathy Langley led the flag salute and Deanna Surber offered the Thought for the Day.

McClain County OHCE kicked off their year by an-

nouncing that major emphasis for 2019 will be on "Women's Heart Health." Attendees at the meeting were asked to wear red or pink in support of the project.

To further accentuate the importance of "Women's Heart Health," the day's program opened with a fashion show sponsored by Cato's Fashions of Purcell. Fashion show participants modeled outfits highlighted by the colors of red or pink.

Secretary Leah Haxton presented the minutes from the Fall, 2017, Council meeting, and Kathy Langley gave the treasurer's report. Committee reports were given by President Tammy Elliott.

Projects the groups will work on in 2019 are Women's Health Fair, Quilt Block Challenge at the County Fair, Recycling, Youth Sewing Camp, Farm to You, maintaining children's libraries at DHS in Purcell and the Health Department in Blanchard.

Also Make 'N Take event in October, saving Stamps for the Wounded, One Plus One membership drive, cultural enrichment tour, Master Volunteer training, and assisting with McClain County Operation Christmas.

Mickey Simpson, who serves as OHCE advisor, presented the 2018 awards.

Leah Haxton was named the Heart of OHCE recipient, Lori Marshall received the Rookie of the Year award, Tammy Elliott was presented the OHCE Member of the Year award, and Jackie Elliott was awarded Young Member of the Year.

Life Story Essay awards went to Deanna Surber, first; Teresa Langley, second; and Susie Allen, third.

Photography winners were Peggy Christian, first; Jackie Elliott, second; and Phyllis Linker, third.

The Membership Recruitment award was presented to ECHO with five new members.

Perfect Attendance certificates were received by Community OHCE Member—Onetia Staton, 10 years.

ECHO OHCE Members—Rachel Coffey, one year; Teresa Langley, one year; Jennifer Osborn, one year; Michelle Shaw, one year; Tena Smith, one year; Bernita Wilson, one year; Leah Haxton, three years; Tammy Elliott, four years; Charlotte Shaw, four years, and Kathy Langley, 10 years.

Stealey Members—Norma Howard, five years; Phyllis Horn, nine years; Bonita Brakefield, 23 years; Peggy Howard, 30 years; and Velma Little, 68 years.

Washington Members—Lois Stephens, two years; and Phyllis Linker, 11 years.

McClain County Home and Community Education offers opportunities for education in topics related to Family and Consumer Sciences and involvement in community service and volunteerism.

For information on joining local groups, contact the McClain County OSU Extension Service at 527-2174.

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Flowers:

very small amount will cause your stems to prematurely decline.

To prevent this issue in confined spaces, provide proper air circulation for dilution of the gas. Flowers that are particularly sensitive to ethylene include alstroemerias, anemones, dianthus, freesia, lilies, and roses.

Taking the extra steps to extend vase life will allow you to enjoy that beautiful, fresh bouquet for as long as possible.



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Perfect attendance

McClain County OHCE members with perfect attendance for 2018 are (kneeling) Tammy Elliott, Leah Haxton, Kathy Langley, (standing) Norma Howard, Velma Little (68 years perfect attendance), Onetia Staton, Bonita Brakefield, special guest Reagan Lanzarin, Phyllis Linker, Lois Stephens, Peggy Howard, Phyllis Horn and Teresa Langley.



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New officers installed

McClain County Oklahoma Home and Community Education officers for 2019 were installed at the Winter Council and awards program February 1. They include (from left) Leah Haxton, secretary and Heart of OHCE recipient; Kathy Langley, treasurer; Deanna Surber, inspiration leader; and Tammy Elliott, president and OHCE Member Award recipient. Not pictured is Rayanne Carpenter, vice president.

Rookie Member

Lori Marshall, member of ECHO OHCE, received the 2018 Rookie Member award.

Thomas "Tom" G. Cavnar

A Celebration of Life Service for Thomas "Tom" G. Cavnar, 60, of Purcell was held Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at the Wilson-Little Funeral Home Chapel. Services were under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Mr. Cavnar passed away peacefully on February 7, 2019 at Sunset Estates in Purcell.

He was born on March 18, 1958, in Purcell, to Laverne and Will Cavnar. He graduated from Vidor High School in 1976. He married Carolyn Raley on August 24, 1984 in Texas.

He absolutely loved helping others whenever possible. He spent his days tending to his beehives, fishing, painting and wood working. Whenever the sun was shining, you would find him in the garden. Tom had the ability to see the best in people and was able to bring that out.

He is preceded in death by his father, Will Cavnar.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn; son, Kenneth and wife, Deaven; fur baby, Peanut; grandcat, Penelope and granddog, Iris; mother and step-father, Laverne and Kenneth; brothers, Delbert, William and wife, Stephanie, and Steven and wife, Jeannie; sisters, Suzanne and Shelley; sister-in-law, Teri, and several nieces and nephews.

We'll always carry your memory in our heart!

Online condolences may be made at wilsonlittle.com.

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James J. Donovan Jr.

James J. Donovan Jr. died February 10, 2019 in Norman, Oklahoma at the age of 75 years 11 months 24 days. Funeral Services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday, February 14, 2019 at Wadley's Funeral Chapel. Interment will follow at the Lexington Cemetery, entrusted to the care of Wadley's Funeral Service. Online condolences may be made at www.wadleysfuneralservice.com.

Jay was born February 17, 1943 in Boston, Massachusetts, to James J. Sr. and Frances L. (Moore) Donovan. He was raised in Boston, graduating from Christopher Columbus High School in 1960. Jay was inducted into the United States Air Force in January 1962, in Boston.

On July 3, 1963 he married Patsy R. Morgan in Wichita Falls, Texas. Jay served in the Air Force for 20 years, and was honorably discharged as a Master Sergeant in January 1982. After retirement, Jay and Patsy moved to Lexington, Oklahoma. Jay went to work for Perfection Hy-Test as a machinist, retiring in October 2005.

He enjoyed hunting, camping, and fishing. Jay spent a lot of time fishing with his grandfather for lobster. He loved playing Hockey, and was a member of many organizations like the NRA, SAF, CCRKBA, GOA, VFW, American Legion, and the Retired Enlisted Association. Jay loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Jay was preceded in death by his father, James J. Donovan, Sr; a sister-in-law, Joan Donovan; and brothers-in-law, Rob Cleary and Daniel Carter.

Survivors include his mother, Frances Donovan; wife, Patsy Donovan of the home; daughter, Linda Landez and husband, David, of Norman, OK; son, J. Michael Donovan and wife, Lori, of Lexington; son, W. Billy Donovan and wife, Loretta, of Cottonwood, Ariz.; grandchildren, Jasique Hughes, Joshua Hughes, Levi Vargas, Jaise Donovan, Lacey Vargas, Vanessa Donovan Lyles, Corey Vargas and Nicholas Donovan; eight great-grandchildren, and one on the way; one great-grandchild; siblings, Richard Donovan, Paul Donovan and wife, Joanne, Robert Donovan and wife, Corinne, Nancy Crane and husband, Kevin, Janet Cleary and Mary Ellen Carter; and many other relatives and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be made in Jay's name to The Disabled Veterans National Foundation, Inc., PO Box 96648, Washington, DC, 20090-6648.

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Math Hall of Fame

The newest Math Hall of Fame recipients are Conner Maggart, Giovanni Caballero, Cameron Davis and Ashlyn Kirkland. These students mastered addition, subtraction, multiplication and division math facts with 100% accuracy on their timed tests which qualified them for the Wayne Elementary Math Hall of Fame.

McClain County Republican Precinct Meetings March 2

McClain County Precinct Meetings will be conducted from 8:30-9:30 a.m. March 2 at the Newcastle Storm Shelter for the purpose of precinct elections.

The goal is to elect Precinct Officers and Delegates to the County Convention.

Other business may also be conducted as necessary for the precinct.

Registration is from 7:45-8:30 a.m. Attending a Precinct meeting is the first step in selecting delegates that will attend the County, District and State Conventions.

The McClain County Republican Convention will be held immediately following on March 2. The County Convention convenes at 10:15 a.m. and will conclude at 12:30 p.m.

The State Convention is on Saturday, April 6, at First Moore Baptist Church, 301 NE 27th St.

In announcing these meetings, the McClain County Republican County Chairman said, "A person must be a registered Republican voter

of the precinct to take part in a precinct meeting or to serve as a delegate to any Republican convention.

"Others are most welcome to attend the meeting, but may not vote. These meetings are informative with time allowed

for discussing problems at the local, state, and national levels and to elect precinct and county positions."

March 9 has been reserved at the as a backup date in case of severe weather.



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Newsmakers

Gantz named to honor roll

Connor D. Gantz of Purcell, a sophomore at Oklahoma Baptist University was named to the honor roll for the fall semester.

Gantz, who is studying Religion, was named to the President's Honor Roll, an honor achieved by those who recorded a "straight-A" or 4.0 GPA.

OU names graduates

Students from the Heart of Oklahoma were among the candidates for degrees this fall on the University of Oklahoma Norman campus.

Graduates include **Ashley Victoria Howell**, Bachelor of Arts, and **Hannah M. Burgess**, Master of Legal Studies, both of Purcell; and **Matthew Allen Cole**, Bachelor of Business Administration, **Gayln Wayne Adams**, Master of Science, and **Stacia Sorrels**, BA in Administrative Leadership, all of Lexington.

OU honor students

Students from 128 communities across Oklahoma are listed on the University of Oklahoma Norman campus honor roll for the Fall 2018 semester.

In most colleges, students must earn a minimum 3.5 grade-point average on a 4.0 scale to be included on the honor roll. Students in the College of Architecture are recognized with a 3.3 or better, and students in the College of Engineering are recognized with a 3.0 or better.

Honor roll students who are enrolled full time in at least 12 credit hours are listed below by the hometowns they provided on their records. The names of students who earned a 4.0 (A) grade-point average also are President Honor Roll designates and are indicated by an asterisk.

Heart of Oklahoma students include **Jordan Taylor Haynes** of Byars; **Matthew Allen Cole**, **Nicole Renee Escoe***, **Aleshia A Hamm**, **Shelley Medrano***, **Austin G. Stejskal**, **Tobi LeeAnne Wade** and **Paige E. Wood***, all of Lexington.

Purcell students named to the honor roll include **Wilson G. Barger**, **Gavan Bazinet***, **Sydney Rachel Dye**, **Abigail N. Huddleston**, **Kaitlyn Eunji Kim**, **Braiden Allen Maggia**, **Chelsea Esperanza Martinez***, **John R. McCray**, **Savannah Elizabeth McCurdy**, **Taylor Lauren McElderry**, **Carrie Ann Mills**, **Jackson C. Milner***, **Caylin Blaise Nimmo***, **Josue Alberto Olguin**, **Payte Lynn Owen***, **Matthew Peters***, **Michaela Raquel Riley***, **Alexandra J. Sharfman***, **Jamison R. Short***, **Michael Duane Smith** and **Riley P. Wren**.

Also named to the honor rolls were **Spencer Mackenzie Hester**, **Michael Patrick McClung*** and **Ashlen Sage Rasmussen**, all of Washington, and **Stephanie Barrios***, **Tiffany Leighanne Lang** and **Isabella Marie Perez**, all of Wayne.

OCU honor roll students

Oklahoma City University has announced its honor students for the fall 2018 semester.

Students named to the President's Honor Roll completed a minimum of 12 credit hours while maintaining a GPA of 3.9 or higher.

To qualify for the Dean's Honor Roll, students must complete a minimum of 12 credit hours with a 3.5 grade point average or higher.

President's Honor Roll students include **Kaitlyn Sheehy** and **Tracie Singletary**, both of Purcell.

Dean's Honor Roll students include **Stephanie Krichena** and **Joseph Charlton**, both of Washington.

Schaeffer receives Master's

Phillip Schaeffer of Goldsby recently received a Master of Business Administration degree in Management from Frostburg State University in Frostburg, Md., during its 153rd commencement ceremonies.

FSU President Dr. Ronald Nowaczyk conferred nearly 400 undergraduate and graduate degrees at this December commencement.

PCCC to meet February 26

The Purcell Chickasaw Community Council will host a meeting February 26 at the Area Office.

Stew and chili will be served at 6 p.m. with the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

This is a "Meet, Greet and Eat" meeting, to socialize present, listen to concerns, get suggestions on what speakers or departments they would like to hear from and answer any questions people may have about the Community Council.

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



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Regional runners-up

Purcell's Junior High Academic Team won runner-up honors at their Regional Meet February 9 at Bethel. They are headed to State April 13. Pictured, from left, back row - Cole Smedley, Brody Holder, Carter Goldston and Eliut Duque. Front row - Tevin Zirkel, Adrian Piedra, Noria Stell, coach Pam Kyzer, Noah Gracey, Zach Idlett and Allison Schlotthauer.



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Lexington Middle School Academic Team

Lexington Middle School Academic Team finished its season at Regional playoffs February 10 at Bethel Middle School. It was the first time in many years that the middle school has had a team to compete. Team coach Tammi Coker was very proud of the time they spent practicing and learning new material and looks forward to next year. Team members include Alexis Feuerborn, Madison Liebl, Addie Gower, Natalie Dickson, Levi Holsonbake, coach Tammi Coker, Sky Loux and Corbin Perry. Not pictured is Promise Fried.

Year round landscaping program

Mickey Simpson
Extension Educator

McClain County OSU Extension and OHCE invites the public to attend their upcoming program on "Year Round Landscaping."

This program will be held on Thursday, February 21, at 1:30 p.m. in the OSU Extension Classroom, 1721 Hardcastle Boulevard, in Purcell.

Guest speaker Julia Laughlin, Oklahoma County Extension Horticulturist, will discuss how to create a more pleasing home landscape, as well as how to use landscaping to add value to your home.

She will also cover how to update your existing landscape or create a new one to enjoy for years to come.

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Headed to State

Lexington Junior High Cheerleaders will be attending J&C JH Cheer State Competition at 11 a.m. on February 23. Please attend the competition to cheer them on. Orange and black attire is encouraged. Members include (top) Emma Hokett, Madison Schoonover, Abbi Ramos, Lexi Evans, Lauren Hooper, Kylie Smith, Addie Lippel, Stephanie Potts, (bottom) Ava Burgess, Savannah Warren, Baylee Rillema, Briana Tarp, Jasmine McGregor, Serenity Hannabass and Chloe Cheatwood.



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Light turnout

Paul McKay marks his ballot Tuesday at Precinct 6, the McClain County Community Center. At 2:45 p.m., McKay was the day's 11th voter at the polling place.

From page 1A

Fog:

City has received 2.27" of rain this year.

After a high of 70 predicted for Thursday, a 40 percent chance of snow exists for next Monday.

From page 1A

Auction:

Alyssa Bumpass, Carson Culp, Haiven Culp, Kaylee Evans, Cecilya Johnson and Tucker Bloodworth.

Also, Chase Anderson, Cooper Lynn, Jaxon Staggs, Brianna Risenhoover, Emma Lynn, Thomas Edwards, Jasey Baker, Jalyn Tate and Hailey Cooper.

From page 1A

Solar:

One option to generate savings through solar is by net metering.

That allows an electric meter to run backwards when an on-site generator like solar panels produces more energy than is being used.

Some electric utilities bill on the difference or offer credit for excess electricity that goes back into the grid.

The City of Purcell, however,

does not use net metering.

City manager Dale Bunn said Tuesday he hasn't spoken to Midkiff about SB952 or using solar at the junior high school.

"We can accept excess power back into the grid, but we won't pay anybody for it," Bunn said. "We don't give anybody credit for that sort of thing."

In fact, Bunn added, such an arrangement could jeopardize the city's agreement to purchase electricity from the Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority.

"We have to buy all our electricity from OMPA," he added.

For that reason, Bunn believes that any consideration for net metering credit would have to involve OMPA.

Midkiff told the board that the bill has already generated some interest in the committee.

But even if it doesn't make it out of committee or fails to gain enough votes to become law, all is not lost.

Hopefully if nothing else, it gains enough traction to pass next year," Midkiff said.

From page 1A

Penny:

County Free Fair.

Dollar-wise, that was a disbursement of \$242,265.94 each to 4-H/Extension, senior citizens and economic development, while the free fair received \$138,437.68.

The ballot will include separate propositions for three-fourth and one-fourth of the tax.

Voters in 2011 gave overwhelming approval to an 8-year extension. That count was 2,425 to 846.

However, a proposition in October 2015 that would have extended the sales tax indefinitely didn't fare as well. That was part of a measure to add an additional 5/8-cent county sales tax to fund construction of a new courthouse and detention center. It was defeated 2,787 to 834.

From page 1A

Ringwald:

"I am excited to be able to serve Wayne Schools in this new capacity. I understand following a superintendent with the expertise and longevity of Mr. Powell will not be an easy task, but he has been gracious enough to offer me any assistance I will need going forward," Ringwald said.

Now the search is on for a high school principal to replace Ringwald.

He has been principal since June 2013.

Ringwald attended Purcell schools, graduating in 1996 in the top 10 percent of his class. He also played on the Class 3A state championship basketball

team in 1994.

After high school, he attended East Central University at Ada, earning a bachelor's degree in education.

He taught math and was assistant girls basketball coach at Dickson his first year out of college.

Subsequent posts in the district included athletic director, five years as head coach of girls basketball, four years as assistant high school principal and two years as middle school principal.

While at Dickson, he continued his studies at ECU, earning a master's degree in secondary administration.

From page 1A

Holiday:

Lexington and Wayne, it will be a professional day for teachers in those districts. There will also be no classes at Mid-America Technology Center.

However, students attending

Washington Public Schools will have class.

Municipal offices in Purcell, Lexington, Goldsby, Washington and Wayne will be closed for the holiday.

From page 1A

Neighbor:

It was, he says now, his "sabbatical year."

The following year, he accepted a job at Wayne as middle school principal and head coach for boys basketball.

"I taught fourth through sixth grade," he said. "In 1981, I had 42 fourth graders in a self-contained classroom."

He still considers surviving that year one of his greatest accomplishments in a career crowded with accomplishment.

Zach has an enviable record as superintendent.

In 24 years, the district's voters never failed to pass overwhelmingly a bond issue and there have been six of those.

He's also never had a bad board member and has been blessed with school boards that were very student oriented and intelligent.

Those qualities showed when the current board selected Zach's successor.

"They did their due diligence," he said of the board.

The board interviewed 32 candidates, called some back for a second interview and selected high school principal Toby Ringwald as the new superintendent.

Ringwald will be handed a district that is "probably the most stable financially in our area," Zach said.

"I'm very proud. We're in good shape and that's a testament to the board allowing me to do my job," he said.

Perhaps what he will miss most are the students.

"They treat me as well as any-

body deserves to be treated," he said.

Bad days are cured by walking into the high school and being greeted by the students.

"And if I need a hug, all I have to do is go into the elementary school," he said. "How do you not miss that?"

He treasures, too, the mentors who became friends.

"I've loved every job I've had in education - I've dug a few ditches around here before. But when you spend 40 years (on the job), you realize in life you have a limited amount of time."

It's now time for a new chapter - and more time for family.

Marla Powell was working for Dr. Glenn Mead and as fate would have it, Zach had a toothache.

"I was smart enough to ask her out," he said.

The Powells have two sons - Eric, a driller, has worked in the oil field since high school; Jordan owns a hazmat company east of Lexington - and three grandchildren. Blake and Gracie attend Lexington schools and Mason is in Purcell schools.

"I always thought education was not my calling, but was a passion," he said.

"There's not been any job here on campus I didn't enjoy. God lays out opportunity in front of you and it's up to you to take advantage of those opportunities.

"I've indeed been blessed by the opportunity laid out in front of me. I don't think my career path would have been the same if I hadn't gone to Maysville."

Municipal filings

Last week's 3-day filing period for municipal offices in McClain and Cleveland counties ended with only four races developing.

Other office openings drew either single candidates or generated no interest.

On the April 2 ballots will be:

- Blanchard, Ward 2, Lonnie Bewley, Michael Scalf Sr. David E. Miller didn't draw an opponent in Ward 1.

- Goldsby, Ward 1, Greg Giltner, Russ McReynolds; Ward 5, Dera Clark, Kris Hyde. Chad Madden didn't draw an opponent in Ward 3, nor did Sandy Jenkins for the office of clerk/treasurer.

- Lexington, Council At-Large, Mike Donovan, Ricki

Lea Moore.

There won't be an election in Byars, Dibble and Newcastle.

In Byars, only three candidates filed for three available trustee seats. They are Marion D. "Bo" Cail, Tom Lessley and Dwight McCullar. Also, Angela Fisher was the single filer for the post of town clerk.

Dibble also had openings for three trustees. However, just one, Alfred Gilreath, filed.

Single candidates also filed for two posts in Newcastle. They are Tommy Clay, Ward 1, and Gene C. Reid, Ward 2.

Max Punneo was the only candidate filing for a Ward 1 seat on the Lexington City Council. There were no filings for the Ward 2 seat.

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Pressure

Gracie Wells pressures a Bridge Creek player during Washington's recent 61-43 win over the Bobcats. Wells also scored 12 points in the game.

Warriors are Playoff ready

Washington is set to host Harding Fine Arts Academy Friday

John Denny Montgomery
The Purcell Register

Washington girls Head Coach Rocky Clarke says his team is Playoff ready.

"I think we're going to have a great Playoff run," he said. "If we play good we should have a great chance. And we're playing pretty good."

The Warriors are set to open the Playoffs with Harding Fine Arts Academy Friday night at home.

If the Warriors win they will play the winner of the Crossings Christian-Riverside game next Thursday at home.

Newcastle
Washington dropped a 50-47 decision to Newcastle Friday.

It was a one-point game in the final few seconds of the game and Katelyn Crosthwait was eyeing a point-blank shot for the lead.

But a questionable no-call on her shot attempt left the Warriors down by one point and without the ball the Warriors were forced to foul.

Newcastle sank both free

throws and hung on for the three-point win.

"That happens in basketball sometimes," Clarke said. "Newcastle is no slouch."

Crosthwait led the Warriors in scoring with 22 points. Laylin Scheffe scored 11 points.

Marlow

Washington defeated Marlow 52-40 Monday night on the road.

Crosthwait led all scores with 18 points.

Gracie Wells broke double figures with 11 points.

Crosthwait has eclipsed the 2,000 career point mark.

Boys

Head Coach TJ Scholz's boys team opens with Harding Fine Arts Academy Friday night.

"Harding is really athletic," Scholz said. "They'll try to pressure outside and extend the zone on us."

The coach said Harding doesn't have much depth on

Please see **Warriors**, page 4B

Dragons hosting Districts

Marlow Outlaws riding into town

John D. Montgomery
The Purcell Register

Due to a scheduling flaw at Marlow, the Dragons will host the Outlaws in the District Tournament here this Friday with the girls tipping off at 6:30 p.m. followed by the boys.

Coach Roger Raper's Dragons have knocked off the Outlaws twice this year while coach David Sikes' Dragons have lost twice to the Terry Reimer-coached Lady Outlaws.

The latest encounter with the Outlaws was last Tuesday at Marlow, a 54-32 Dragon victory led by Garrett Galyean's 27 points.

The lanky senior drained three treys in the game the Dragons led from the outset.

Purcell turned a 25-17 half-time lead into a rout scoring 29 points in the second half.

Fellow senior Jake Berrey was also in double figures with 11 points.

"We were pleased with our trip to Marlow, which is always a tough place to play," Raper said. "Our kids met the challenge and played well."

Purcell had a tough draw in Match Play last weekend drawing Bethany.

Despite having three players in double digits, the Bronchos shot 64 percent from the field and knocked off the Dragons, 71-60.

Mojo Browning and Galyean tied for team high shooting hon-

Please see **Dragons**, page 14B



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On fire

Alicia Baker has scored 68 points in the last three games for the Dragons. The Purcell junior scored 30 points in Purcell's 60-30 win over Chickasha, matching the entire opposing team's scoring output.



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Offensive Player of the Year

Toby Prevost was honored Friday night as the 2018 Heart of Oklahoma Player of the Year. The Lexington senior was 133-226 passing for 1,867 yards and 26 touchdowns. He rushed the ball 117 times for 553 yards and seven touchdowns. Pictured with Prevost (center) are J.D. Beck and Purcell Register publisher John D. Montgomery.

Gray, Posey lead on Senior night

Wayne nabs final home wins of the season over ECP

Emily Montgomery
The Purcell Register

Rodney Gray singled the nets for 34 points last Tuesday to help his Bulldogs secure the 64-53 win over ECP and push him over the 1,000 point mark in Wayne history.

According to head coach Josh Trent, the Bulldogs got down early but battled back to knot the score at 24-40 going into the lockerroom.

After the break, Wayne started to heat up as they outscored the Badgers 18-11.

Holding a seven point lead and headed into the final quarter, Wayne relied on free-throw shooting to seal the victory.

"We got down early, but were able to pull away late in the fourth quarter for the win," Trent said.

Gray led all scorers with 34 points. James Spencer, Brannon Lewelling and Dawson Mantooth added seven points apiece.

The Bulldogs were on the road at Rush Springs Tuesday for their final game of the regular season.

Girls

Morgan Posey shone last Tuesday in a 61-56 win over ECP. The senior came through for her team, scoring 28 points in her final home game.

Fellow senior Raegan Dill finished the game with double digits, making 11 her final tally. Sophomore AJ Gray added nine.

Tied at 14 after one quarter of play, ECP went off for 23 points in the second quarter. Wayne had 10, but were down 37-24 at the half.

But, the Lady 'Dawgs were not out. They battled back to outscore the Lady Badgers 15-

Please see **Wayne**, page 2B

2/5

Wayne 64
ECP 53

Wayne 18 6 18 22—64
ECP 18 6 11 18—53

Player	Points
Rodney Gray	34
James Spencer	7
Brannon Lewelling	7
Dawson Mantooth	7
Dezmen Wilson	4
Ethan Mullins	2
Cooper Chick	2
Cash Castle	1

2/5

Wayne 61
ECP 56

Wayne 14 10 15 22—61
ECP 14 23 10 9—56

Player	Points
Morgan Posey	28
Raegan Dill	11
AJ Gray	9
Lorena Martinez	5
Coralee Castle	3
Allie Walck	3
Hannah Blackwood	2

Districts on tap for 'Dawgs and Lady 'Dawgs

Lexington playing host to Holdenville this weekend

Todd Newville
The Purcell Register

Things are looking good for head coach Derek Clark and his Lady Dawgs'. They were victorious Monday evening at home against the Purcell Dragons, 53-50.

"This game was definitely important to us," Clark said, whose club is now 12-10. "They are definitely a lot better than their record shows. They have played a bunch of ranked teams and that's what I told our team. Just because our record is better than theirs, it doesn't mean they can't beat you. I told our team to play hard and do things right."

"Purcell has played a gauntlet of a

schedule! I've seen them play before they played us. They certainly contested every shot and we had to make every free throw when we were up on the line. We did what we had to do to win a close ballgame against a good team. We haven't played many close ballgames like this."

Indeed, the Lady Dragons are just 2-18 after playing highly-ranked teams like Newcastle, Washington, Tuttle, Comanche, Pauls Valley, Vanoss, and Marlow. Purcell's tenacity was evident throughout Monday's contest against Lexington.

Please see **Lexington**, page 4B

2/11	
Lexington 38	Purcell 73
Purcell 19 8 27 19—73	Lexington 6 18 6 8—38

Player	Points
Colton Penner	15
Seth Cottrell	8
Josiah Dawley	8
Teagin Pruitt	2
Ocampo	2
Becker	2

2/11	
Lexington 53	Purcell 50
Purcell 14 7 14 15—50	Lexington 20 10 8 15—53

Player	Points
Lauren Beason	17
Amanda Graddy	12
Ciara Winterton	10
Bri Webster	5
Anna Sample	5
Salisbury	4

Bulldogs runner-up at PV

Garrett says his team looking forward to Regional

Lexington's wrestling team will spring board off last week-end's runner-up finish in the Pauls Valley Tournament to the 3A West Regional Tournament at Marlow this weekend.

The Bulldogs finished second in Pauls Valley only topped by 4A power house Newcastle.

Both Connor Wesson and Hunter Mooneyham brought home first place hardware and the brackets to their respective weight classes, 182 pounds and 152 pounds.

Josh Scott was a runner-up at 113 pounds while Dalton Matthews took second at 160 pounds.

Wrestling their way third place were Christian Lobaugh at 126 pounds and Avery Armstead at 195 pounds.

Coach Jared Garrett got a pair

of fourth place finishes from Colton Turner at 138 pounds and Brady Rillema at 170 pounds.

"We wrestled hard and competed," Garrett said. "In the end, it paid off with us bringing home both individual and team hardware."

"I'm really proud of the way we wrestled and hope to use that momentum this week going into the Regional," the coach continued.

"This is the last week of guaranteed wrestling. You can either win and move on or lose and your season is over," Garrett said.

Garrett said Pauls Valley also held a junior high tournament that included a girls division.

"Lexington didn't disappoint," Garrett said with both Izzy Pack and Elexa Collins winning their respective weight classes, 150

and 162 pounds.

Pack won the distinction of the Lower Weight Outstanding Wrestler while Collins was named the Outstanding Wrestler in the Upper Weight Division.

The junior high boys were led by a foursome of third place wrestlers in the tournament.

Carlos Huerta, 89 pounds, Dalton Wall-Miller, 113 pounds, Joseph Findley, 132 pounds, and Victor Rosalez, 150 pounds, were all third place finishers.

Finishing fourth in their weight classes were Loren Fincher at 126 pounds and Brock Cormier at 132 pounds.

"The boys continued to improve on the mat bringing home six medals," Garrett said. "It was a great way to end the junior high season."



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The Captain

Caleigh Clifton has been named the captain of the OU softball team for the 2019 season. Clifton is a 2015 graduate of Wayne High School.

Local College Signings



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New Bison

Trevor Stuever signed a letter of intent to play football at Oklahoma Baptist University, with his mom, Charity and dad, Shawn looking on along with Warriors Head Coach Brad Beller.



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Seminole bound

Morgan Posey (center) has signed a letter of intent to play softball at Seminole State College. Braiden Black, left, Chance Sharp, right, and Josh Trent (standing) were also on hand for the special event.

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Newest Tiger

Wayne senior Rodney Gray signed a letter of intent with East Central University on Thursday to play football for the Tigers. Looking on are coaches Chance Sharp, Josh Trent, Brandon Sharp, Sammy Sharp and Shane Collins.

From page 1B

Wayne:

10 in the third and 22-9 in the fourth to seal the 61-56 win.

"I'm proud of our girls. They were down but battled back in the second half to win," Trent said.

The Lady Bulldogs were scheduled to travel to Rush Springs Tuesday night for their final regular season contest.

Districts

Friday night Wayne will

host Coalgate and AmPo for Districts. The Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs will take on the Wildcats of Coalgate. The winners of Friday night's games will face AmPo Saturday.



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Nowhere to go

Julie Hiser (11) and **Allie Walck** (12) surround an Elmore City player during their 61-56 victory over the Badgers.

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PURCELL vs. Marlow
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WASHINGTON vs. Harding Prep
Friday at Washington • 6:30 PM & 8 PM

LEXINGTON vs. Holdenville
Friday at Lexington • 6:30 PM & 8 PM



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Friday at Wayne • 6:30 PM & 8 PM
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2/9 Boys
Kingfisher 64
Washington 46

Washington 8 6 13 19—46
 Kingfisher 15 15 18 16—64

Player	Points
Alex Foster	11
Kaleb Kilcrease	8
Kade Hendrix	6
Harrison Keeler	5
Adam Hyde	5
Joseph David	4
Jackson Adams	3
Nathan Ladlee	2
Gavin Grimsey	2
Kobe Scott	2

2/11 Boys
Washington 68
Marlow 47

Washington .. 21 17 14 16—68
 Marlow 12 10 10 15—47

Player	Points
Manny Trejo	18
Harrison Keeler	12
Kaleb Kilcrease	11
Alex Foster	10
Graham Schovanec	6
Joseph David	4
Kobe Scott	2
Jackson Adams	2
Kade Hendrix	1
Preston Milligan	1
Gavin Grimsey	1

From page 1B

Warriors:

the bench.

Kingfisher

Washington was defeated by Kingfisher 64-46 Saturday in Matchplay at Lindsay.

The No. 1 in Class 4A ranked Yellowjackets got Washington out of their game plan early.

“We tried to use the same game plan as when we played them before,” Scholz said. “They were trapping every first pass and we ended up rushing a little bit.”

Washington trailed 15-8 after the first quarter.

They lost a lot of ground to Kingfisher from the charity stripe.

The Warriors were only 9-21 from the line whereas the Yellowjackets made 25-26.

“You just can’t leave those points laying around to them,” Scholz said. “Our guys also understand this time of year your season can end on missed free throws.”

Washington trailed by 16 points at halftime and the game

2/7 Girls
Newcastle 50
Washington 47

Newcastle 14 18 9 9—50
 Washington 13 8 20 6—47

Player	Points
Katelyn Crosthwait	22
Laylin Scheffe	11
Kassi Hyde	9
Mattie Richardson	3
Gracie Wells	2

2/11 Girls
Washington 52
Marlow 40

Washington 2 15 25 10—52
 Marlow 8 10 7 15—40

Player	Points
Katelyn Crosthwait	18
Gracie Wells	11
Laylin Scheffe	9
Delaney Beller	8
Kassi Hyde	5
Mattie Richardson	2

started to slip away.

“The game should be close but it ballooned,” Scholz said. “The guys started pressing and they were trying to score too quick. We couldn’t get stops in the third quarter and their defense was good on us.”

Alex Foster was Washington’s leading scorer with 11 points.

“We’re going to throw that loss away and get ready for the Playoffs,” Scholz said. “We’ll need to utilize that game plan again and maybe we can learn from the game.”

Marlow

Washington defeated Marlow 68-47 Monday night.

The Warriors had 11 different players score, led by Manny Trejo with 18.

Harrison Keeler scored 12, Kaleb Kilcrease had 11 and Foster finished with 10 points.

Notes

Katelyn Crosthwait will be honored Friday night for her 2,000 point accomplishment.

From page 1B

Lexington:

In fact, Purcell took the lead, 47-46, with 2:57 left in the fourth. But, that’s as close as the Dragons could get.

Lauren Beason scored 17 points to lead the way for Lexington while Amanda Graddy added 12 and Ciara Winterton chipped in 10.

Last week, the Lexington girls’ team beat Dibble, 59-28, as Graddy erupted for 28 points, followed by Beason with 15 and Winterton with 11. The ‘Dawgs lost at Davis, 47-35, last Tuesday. Graddy and Beason both had 14 points.

There was no doubt that Clark was pumped after Monday’s contest. It gives his team a taste of what the playoffs will be like, he said.

“It’s good for us going into the postseason because tonight was like a playoff atmosphere,” Clark said. “They took the lead for a short while late in the game. It’s what you should expect in a tough game against a close rival. They played hard and we played hard. We were lucky to come out on top.”

Lexington will host Holdenville (2-19) in the first round of district playoffs.

“We have been focusing on Purcell and we haven’t really studied Holdenville much,” Clark said. “But, I’ve got some film of them and I will get a chance to look at it. It’s a good chance and an opportunity for us to win a district championship.”

“But, I don’t get too far ahead of myself. I’ve told our girls to look to the next game and that’s it. Don’t look ahead. Now, we’ll celebrate for a day and then we’ll look at Holdenville.”

Boys

The Lexington boys’ basketball team is trying to get itself out of a late-season lull. Lexington (now 8-13) lost to Purcell, 73-38, Monday night.

That loss comes on the heels of a 48-33 defeat at the hands of Dibble and a heartbreaking 48-46 loss at Davis.

Against the Wolves last Friday night, Colton Penner had a marvelous 21 points.

On Monday, Lexington head

coach J.D. Beck sincerely thought that his ‘Dawgs were in prime position for a victory.

A bucket at the halftime buzzer by Lexington led them into the locker room down 27-24.

“I really did think we had momentum at that point,” Beck said.

“They jumped on us early in the game but we fought back and I really thought we took momentum into the locker room at the break. We talked about defense. But, Purcell came out scoring like gangbusters.”

The Dragons outscored the Dawgs 27-6 in a decisive third quarter. Penner had 15 points for Lexington while Seth Cottrell and Josiah Dawley each contributed eight.

Things are still gelling for Beck (in only his second season as head coach) as he is learning to mesh his philosophy with his players’ tendencies.

“We just have so much to learn still,” Beck said. “This game is about fundamentals and small stuff. But, you also have to have passion for the game. We’re still building on that and trying to get everything into the mix. Honestly, we’re not used to winning and having that competitive will. I’m trying to show them that and how to get there.”

“I know they’ll continue to work hard and I know they will build into that type of team. It takes time and, for the seniors, there’s not much of that left. But, I hope the younger players can see what the seniors have given to the program and follow their lead. For sure, I’m darn proud of these guys.”

The ‘Dawgs will host Holdenville (0-18) for the first round of district playoffs.

“Holdenville is a good draw for us,” Beck said. “It’s a chance for us to get back up on that win column. I’m not taking anything away from Holdenville. They’ve played tough all year. It’s just that the game will be here at home and it’s going to be chance for us to make some noise.”

2/8
Lexington 33
Dibble 48

Dibble 12 12 15 9—48
 Lexington 8 10 4 11—33

Player	Points
Hayden Pruitt	6
King	6
Colton Penner	5
Johnson	5
Toby Prevost	4
Seth Cottrell	4
Seth Comer	3

2/5
Lexington 46
Davis 48

Davis 10 9 11 18—48
 Lexington 7 5 11 23—46

Player	Points
Colton Penner	21
Toby Prevost	11
Teagin Pruitt	7
Seth Cottrell	5
Hayden Pruitt	2

2/8
Lexington 59
Dibble 28

Lexington 16 21 10 12—59
 Dibble 9 4 4 11—28

Player	Points
Amanda Graddy	28
Lauren Beason	15
Ciara Winterton	11
Salisbury	3
Bri Webster	2

2/5
Lexington 35
Davis 47

Lexington 6 14 8 7—35
 Davis 12 8 11 16—47

Player	Points
Amanda Graddy	14
Lauren Beason	14
Ciara Winterton	5
Bri Webster	2



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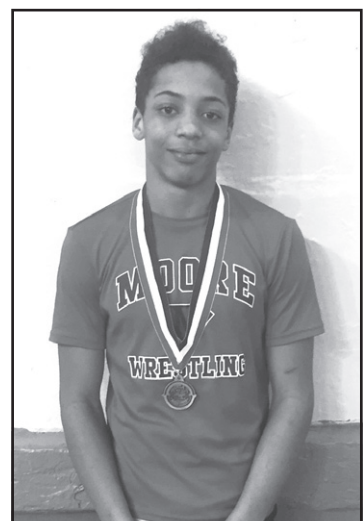
Lauren Beason dribbles by a Dibble defender Friday night during Lexington’s 59-28 win. Beason scored 15 points.



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Second place

Cash Sessions recently wrestled his way to second place in the 105 pound weight division of the Junior High All-State Wrestling tournament.



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

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Age Group Bible Study 5:30 pm
Evening Worship 6:30 pm
Wednesdays
Fellowship Meal 5:30 pm
Age Group Bible Study 6:30 pm

Johnson Road Baptist Church
4 mi. N. of Purcell on I-35
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Wednesday Evening - 6:30 p.m.
Steve Roach, Pastor

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Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

By Fr. Jim Chamberlain

All major monotheistic religions – Judaism, Islam, and Christianity – understand one God as Creator of the Universe. But this God is not simply a watchmaker who sits back and watches the clock tick.

In Christianity, especially, this God is a personal God who acts in the lives of His people. This transcendent God is also an immanent God. Nowhere is this more clearly seen than in the way that He invites individuals to be in relationship to Him, inviting them into their true vocation, or calling.

Sometimes this calling is dramatic and occurs in unexpected times and places. St. Paul was on the road to Damascus, intending to arrest more Christians for trial, when he was knocked off his feet by a bright light and a voice from the heavens. His new vocation

was to use his zeal and his gifts not to persecute Christians but to work on their behalf, and especially on behalf of their Lord and Saviour.

Isaiah the prophet was called to his ministry while praying in the Temple (Is. 6:1-8). Peter was called to his ministry while doing what he did best – fishing (Lk 5:1-11). In both cases, their first response was “I am not worthy, Lord. I am sinful and I am weak.” But God was calling them because of their potential and he would provide the healing and the cleansing that was needed.

When we feel that we are in the “right place” in our lives then we feel most at home. It might be when we find the right mate for marriage. Or when we find the right job or vocation. Or we discover some gifts that we have that are being appreci-

ated by others in the service of the kingdom.

We might have some initial hesitations. But the God of Jesus Christ is a God who invites us into that which is most authentic in our personhood. And His Holy Spirit will cleanse us and heal us for the vocation that is truly ours.

Lent is only a few weeks away. Mardi Gras will be celebrated on Saturday, March 2. Our R.E. Board is inviting parishioners to form small Lenten prayer groups. This will help make the season of Lent more special in your home.

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

Visit us on Facebook or call the church office in the mornings, 527-3077.

Lexington United Methodist Church

Our next Food Bank Give-Away will be this Saturday, February 16, between 12 and 4 p.m. If you are hungry and need food or know someone who is hungry and needs food, please come to the Food Bank. It is first-come, first-serve, and there is plenty for all.

One of the most bothersome things in our society today is the acceptability of hatred being shown toward different groups. The groups may be differentiated by wealth, race, country of origin, religion, gender identification, sexual orientation, obesity, the color of one’s eyes or hair—just about anything that can be different between any two individuals and allows prejudice toward the characteristic we are judging.

For example, it isn’t enough to condemn someone for practicing homosexuality or being transgendered. It isn’t enough to condemn that person for whatever reason. It isn’t enough to say you can’t be a part of our group. It isn’t enough to allow God to judge the person and their actions.

In many cases the homosexual person has violence done to them, sometimes to the point of death. Do you remember Mat-

thew Shepard? We are sending the message that the people that aren’t in our group don’t even have the right to live.

Those of us who profess to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ must practice what he teaches us about God and love. Recall what he taught about the Greatest Commandment in Matthew 22:34-40: you must love God with your whole heart, mind, and being; and the second commandment is similar, you must love your neighbor as you love yourself.

If we’re not practicing this love, we’re sinning as much as any other wrongdoer we judge to be a sinner. But when we ARE loving God and loving our neighbors (which includes those that are not part of our group), we are acting on the forgiveness and grace that we received from Jesus’ sacrifice on our behalf.

From our Adult Bible Studies lesson, we read: “The location where we most need to worship God is within us, not tied to any physical place. But the location where we most need to live out the result of that worship is in our churches, our homes, our workplaces, and our communities in solid acts

of faithfulness to God and love for our neighbors.”

We can say we love all of humankind, but we have to follow that up with loving actions that are done to actual human beings. We can say we are “saved” and are part of God’s eternal family, but for the family membership to be real, we have to demonstrate itself in our actions. In other words, to “talk the talk,” we have to “walk the walk.”

The weekend of March 30, we will be sponsoring a beans and cornbread supper to benefit the Lexington Fire Department and our church’s mission projects. The money raised will be shared equally. We’ll be sharing more details over the next month, but please put the date on your calendar—we hope you’ll be there!

To renew our spirit weekly, we practice “Open Hearts... Open Minds... Open Doors...” We are a community of recovering sinners—you don’t have to be perfect to join with us in sharing God’s love. Worship starts at 9:30 a.m., with Sunday school beginning at 10:45 a.m. Our address is 631 East Ash. For more information, please call the church at 527-3506.

Lexington Westside Church of Christ

Front-Porch Gospel: Is this mud in my eyes necessary?

Good day to all. Welcome to the “front porch.”

Through my search through the Bible, I have learned to ask myself this question as I come to a particular biblical account: Why is this story in here? Or, what is the Holy Spirit saying to us? Sometimes we ask that same question in regard to a single word or phrase.

For us to illustrate each biblical example of this fully, I would have to say as John says

at the end of his gospel—I’m not sure the world could contain all of the books that could be written to illustrate each word and account that the Holy Spirit chooses.

But, for today, here’s one example, located in the ninth chapter of the book of John. I will say, from the start, that the answer to “Why is this story recorded?” is this: The Holy Spirit wants us to know that God means exactly and precisely what He says.

It is in John 9 that Jesus encounters a blind man who is sitting outside the city of Jerusalem begging. Jesus and his disciples begin to talk about the blind man’s condition when they walk up to him, and the blind man, no doubt, listens to their conversation with interest. We almost can hear the blind man say, humorously, “Fellas, I’m right here. I can hear you. I’m blind, not deaf.”

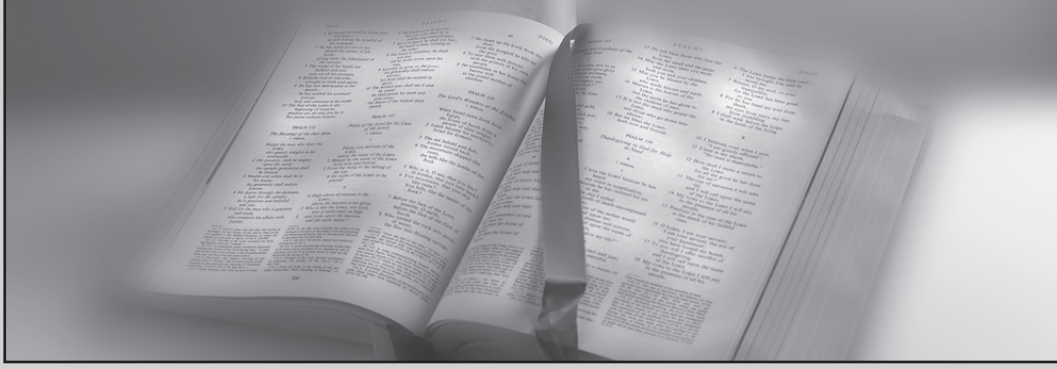
I’m sure, though, that the blind man merely listens and does not protest. Perhaps he recognizes the person and the voice of Jesus, and his hopes for a cure are elevated to a new

high. One thing is for sure, he does not rebel at all when this Jewish teacher completes the discussion, turns to him, spits on the ground, and makes mud and rubs it on his eyes.

Nor does he argue when the Lord speaks to him for the first time, saying, simply: “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (v. 7).

We have to admit: This is quite a strange scene. And we cannot help but pose the question we considered in the beginning: Why does the Spirit include it in John’s record. Not only that: Why would the Spirit devote the entire ninth chapter of John to this one story of a random blind man sitting outside the city of Jerusalem begging?

Space is limited, you know, in this book. It is like writing for the newspaper. We have to be judicious with our words because space is precious. I am thankful my editors are extremely generous in that regard and, I say this with a



Green Avenue Church of Christ

Last Wednesday evening the congregation looked at four more songs from the song book the congregation uses.

The Sunday morning adult Bible class studied the second, third and fourth chapters of James which address a number of issues including the sins of favoritism and pride, the futility of faith without works and the difficulty and importance of controlling the tongue.

During the Sunday morning assembly Keith Shackelford discussed how God repaid good and evil in various times recorded in the Old and New Testaments which include rewards to the good and punishments to the evil, beginning with the reading of Ezra 17:19.

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

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Church:

smile, would cut out Dagwood for us if necessary.

Sometimes space doesn't seem to bother the great Editor, the Holy Spirit, either. He allows detail in some unusual places. So, why here? Why all of this detail about one blind man? When we search for those answers, we learn something monumental about how we are to look at and study the Word of God. We can put that lesson we learn into one simple question:

Are we not a blind man who must decide whether or not to act in obedience when the Lord gives us simple commands that we do not understand?

The blind man could not have understood the logic behind this whole scene. In fact, he could

have protested with a series of high-pitched complaints: Do you have to get this mud all in my eyes? Do you know how far it is to the Pool of Siloam? Do you know how hard it is for me to get all the way over there? Do you know how much income I may lose while I am off on that little excursion?

With these questions on our minds, we'll leave this blind man right where he is. I'll let you decide what you think the blind man does and what we are going to do ourselves? Today, are you going to get up promptly and go wash in the pool of Siloam? Think on it.

Until next week, God bless! coachbowen1984@gmail.com

No. 233-February 14-1 Time
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MILDRED V. SHAW, DECEASED
CASE NO PB-2019-27

COMBINED NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE OF HEARING
To: All Persons Interested in The Estate of Mildred V. Shaw, Deceased:
You are hereby notified that on the 12th day of February, 2019, the Petitioner, Matthew Whitaker filed in the District Court of McClain County, Oklahoma, a Petition For Summary Administration. The Petitioner has alleged that Mildred V. Shaw died testate in the County of Stephenson County, State of Illinois on April 25, 1989, an adult, domiciled and residing in Stephenson County, Illinois, at the time of her death and that the total probable value of her property in Oklahoma was less than \$150,000.00.

The names, ages, and last-known addresses of the administrators, executors, non-petitioning co-nominees, heirs, legatees and devisees of Decedent, so far as known to Petitioner, are as follows:

Name	Age	Last-Known Address	Relationship
Arthur G. Voigt	Adult	214 SE. 8th St. Ankeny, IA 50021	Brother
William Hathaway	Adult	2697 Wheeler Rd. Cherry Valley, IL 61016	Grandnephew
Karen Hathaway Morris	Adult	1406 Wheeler Rd. Cherry Valley, IL 61016	Grandniece
John Voigt	Adult	322 SE. 10th Ankeny, IA 50021	
Joan Shaw Dirksen	Adult	3824 Garfield St., Northwest Washington, DC 20007	
Laura Gail Dirksen Green	Adult	1718 Linden Ave. Baltimore, MD 21217	
Richard Dirksen	Adult	5814 Wyngate Dr. Bethesda, MD 20817	
Mark Dirksen	Adult	17 Dan St., #2 Beverly, MA 01915	

In the Order for Combined Notice entered herein, the Court found that it should dispense with regular estate proceedings prescribed by law and order notice to creditors and issue an order for hearing upon the Petition for Summary Administration and Determination of All Heirs, Devisees, and Legatees, the Final Accounting and Petition for Distribution.

Pursuant to the Order for Combined Notice, all creditors having claims against the above Decedent are required to present same, with a description of all security interests and other collateral, if any, held by each creditor with respect to such claim to the Petitioner, Matthew Whitaker, c/o Mark B. Houts, 3847 South Boulevard, Suite 100, Edmond, Oklahoma 73013, on or before the hearing in this matter, which has been set for March 14, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. at the McClain County Courthouse, 121 N. 2nd Street, Purcell, OK 73080, before Judge Charles Gray. At the hearing, the Court will decide whether to enter an order distributing the Oklahoma property in accordance with the last will and testament of Decedent.

You are hereby advised that you must file objections to the Petition for Summary Administration before the hearing and send a copy to the Petitioner's Attorney, Mark B. Houts, 3847 S. Boulevard, Suite 100, Edmond, Oklahoma 73013, or you will be deemed to have waived any objections. If you have no objections, you need not appear at the hearing or make any filings with the Court.

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 and to whom the estate will be distributed.

DATED this 12th day of February, 2019.

CHARLES N. GRAY
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Counsel for Petitioner

Johnson Road Baptist Church

Johnson Road Baptist Church was filled with smiles and praise with the increased attendance last Sunday. Hope the good attendance will continue to increase as the spring arrives with green trees, green grass and colorful flower and shrubs.

In going north or south on I-35 you may have seen some alterations in the landscape at Johnson Road. OEC has been in the tree cutting business at Johnson Road.

We commend the men with OEC for their professional work in removing the long rows of pine trees on the north and east fence line. It was amazing the swiftness with which they worked and the exceptional cleaning and removal of the debris from our property.

The result of the tree removal left a nice fence of tree stumps some five feet high. Sometime in the future the men from OEC will return to complete their job by removing the stumps. We commend OEC for its long history of providing dependable electrical power to their customers.

Special music Sunday morning was provided by Mark Brown and Gynean Gentry.

Matthew Dobbs richly blessed the congregation during the morning worship with his informative message on the need to stay on a spiritual diet of heavenly foods. Matthew compared the demands and will power to stay on a proper physical diet with the demands to eat the heavenly bread of life.

The temptation is always present to indulge in the wrong foods and overeating. If we want to look our best and be healthy we should watch what we eat and how much we eat. If we want to honor God, grow spiritually and influence others we should stay on a diet of studying God's Word daily and staying active in service.

Matthew has come a long way since he was a youth riding on a church van to church on Sunday morning. He is now a very intelligent and mature young man with promising goals in life.

Ann Gilman made a blueberry cobbler for the Sunday dinner to honor Matthew. Matthew's mother, Twila, and grandmother were present to support their gifted son. His mother, Twila, is an employee at the Baptist Village in Oklahoma City.

The rich and poor are always welcome to attend Sunday morning services at Johnson Road Baptist Church. We need some more families to fill our empty pews.

Sermon title for this Sunday is "What You Don't Forget."

The weekly prayer meeting is a one hour session of prayer and Bible study that begins at 6 p.m.

Sunday morning worship begins at 11 a.m.

No. 237-February 14-3 Times
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
NATIVE EXPLORATION MINERALS, L.L.C.,
Plaintiff,
vs.

The Unknown Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees, and Assigns of DOSHIE HOUCK f/k/a DOSHIE P. WYNNE, deceased, et al, Defendants.

Case No. CV-2019-17
PUBLICATION NOTICE
THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: The Unknown Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees, and Assigns of DOSHIE HOUCK f/k/a DOSHIE P. WYNNE, deceased; The Unknown Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees, and Assigns of CHARLES AARON HOUCK, deceased; The Unknown Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees, and Assigns of JAMES FRED HOUCK, deceased; The Unknown Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees, and Assigns of LULA BELL UHLES f/k/a LULA BELL HOUCK, deceased; The Unknown Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees, and Assigns of ANNE MAE REED a/k/a ANNA MAE REED a/k/a ANNE V. REED, deceased; The Unknown Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees, and Assigns of CHARLES AARON HOUCK, deceased; The Unknown Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees, and Assigns of VERA BETH CLARK a/k/a BETH CLARK a/k/a VERA HOUCK, deceased; The Unknown Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees, and Assigns of JIMMIE R. UHLES, deceased; The Unknown Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees, and Assigns of WILLIAM HERBERT UHLES, III, deceased; CURTIS EUGENE HOUCK; BREN-

DA LOWERY; DORIS CHARLENE BURRIS f/k/a DORIS CHARLENE HOUCK; CHARLES DAVID HOUCK a/k/a DAVID HOUCK; PATRICIA O'HAGAN; SHARLA ANN HIBBARD; RONALD LESLIE UHLES; RICHARD OTIS UHLES; ROBERT RAYNEAL UHLES; SHONDA M. KELLER; MIRANDA GREEN; WILLIAM G. UHLES a/k/a BILL UHLES; ROBERT O. UHLES a/k/a BOB UHLES; and PATRICIA KAY NEWBERRY a/k/a KAY NEWBERRY.

You have been sued by the above-named Plaintiff, Native Exploration Minerals, LLC. Plaintiff alleges it is the owner of leasehold and/or oil, gas, and/or other mineral interests in the following real property:
SW/4 SW/4, W/2 E/2 SW/4, W/2 NW/4 SW/4, SE/4 NW/4 SW/4, Section Five (5), Township Eight (8) North, Range Four (4) West of the Indian Meridian, McLain County, Oklahoma
S/2 SE/4 NE/4, SW/4 NE/4, NW/4 SE/4, N/2 NE/4 SE/4, Section Six (6), Township Eight (8) North, Range Four (4) West of the Indian Meridian, McLain County, Oklahoma
You are directed to file an answer on or before March 29, 2019, or Plaintiff's allegations in this action will be taken as true and confessed, and default judgment may be entered against you.

If you fail to respond in any fashion, it will be adjudged that you have no right, title, interest, lien, or estate in and to the above-described real property, and that title and possession of Plaintiff in said real property will be quieted and confirmed in favor of Plaintiff and against you as prayed for in Plaintiff's "Petition for Declaratory Judgment".
Respectfully submitted this 12th day of February, 2018,
Mark B. Houts,
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Counsel for Plaintiff

No. 232-February 14-1 Time
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY,
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
JUVENILE DOCKET
IN THE MATTER OF
M.E.R. (07/15/2013)
A DEPRIVED CHILD
CASE NO. JD-2017-04
MOTION FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS

Comes now the State of Oklahoma by and through, Michael Patlan, Assistant District Attorney, and moves the Court to terminate the parental rights of Violet Richardson in and to the above-named child on the following grounds:
A. That M.E.R. was adjudicated deprived April 13, 2017; and
B. That M.E.R. has been out of the home since January 31, 2017, a total of nineteen (19) months; and
C. That pursuant to 10A O.S. § 1-4-904(B)(5):
a. That Violet Richardson has failed to correct the condition of SUBSTANCE ABUSE which led

to the deprived adjudication of the child;

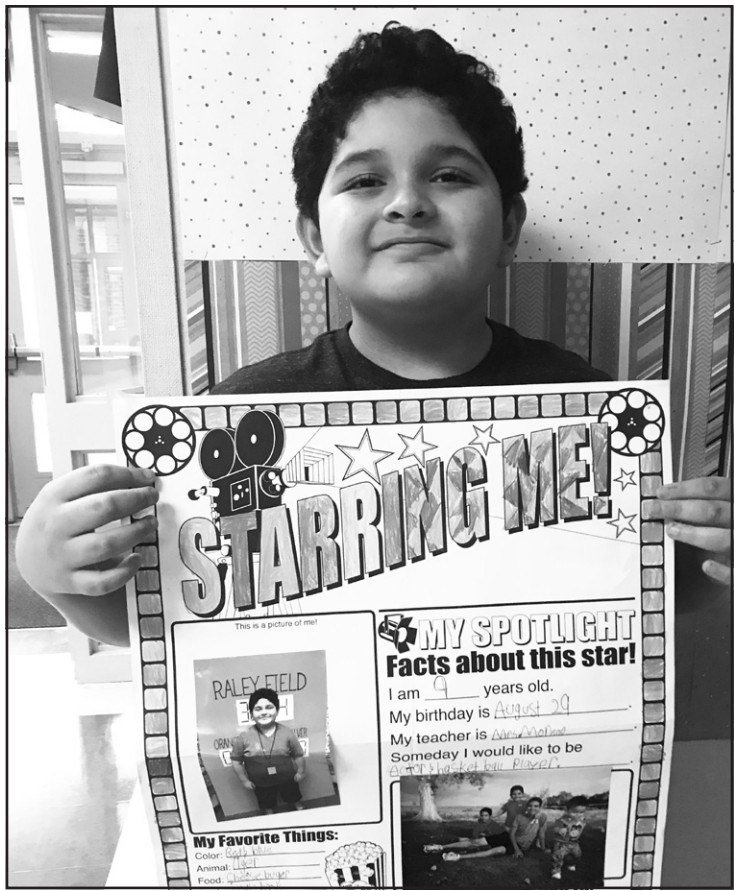
b. That Violet Richardson has been given at least three (3) months to correct the above mentioned condition.

D. That pursuant to 10A O.S. § 1-4-904(B)(17):

a. M.E.R. was younger than four (4) years old at the time of placement; and

b. M.E.R. has been placed in foster care by the Department of Human Services for at least six (6) of the twelve (12) months preceding the filing of this motion; and
c. M.E.R. cannot be safely returned to the home of the parent.
Further, it is in the best interests of M.E.R. that parental rights be terminated.
Dated this 30th day of August, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Michael Patlan
Michael Patlan, OBA #31678
Assistant District Attorney



• Photo provided

Student of the Week

Megan Moreno's fourth grade Student of the Week at Purcell Intermediate School for the week of February 4 is Rafael Gutierrez. His favorite colors are red and blue. His favorite food is a cheeseburger. His favorite book is "The Jungle Book." In his free time he enjoys playing basketball, video games and the piano. When he grows up he would like to be an actor or a basketball player.

No. 227-February 14-2 Times
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATES OF BUDDY LEE WEEDON RATLIFF A/K/A BUCK RATLIFF, and LELA MARGARET ESTEP RATLIFF
Case No.: PB-2019-25
COMBINED NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR SUMMARY ADMINISTRATION, FINAL ACCOUNTING, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP, DISTRIBUTION, AND DISCHARGE

To: All Persons interested in the Estates of BUDDY LEE WEEDON RATLIFF A/K/A BUCK RATLIFF and LELA MARGARET ESTEP RATLIFF, both deceased.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on the 11th day of February, 2019, Amanda Estes, filed in the District Court of McClain County, a Petition for Summary Administration of the above-referenced Estate pursuant to 58 O.S. §§ 245-246, in which Petitioner alleges and states that Buddy Lee Weedon Ratliff a/k/a Buck Ratliff died, intestate, on December 29th, 1976 in Golden, Colorado at the age of 75 and Lela Margaret Estep Ratliff died, intestate, on September 19th, 1990 in Golden, Colorado at the age of 85. Both as residents of Golden, Colorado, owning real property in McClain County, Oklahoma; that Petitioner has diligently search and inquiry have been made to ascertain if either Decedent left a Will, and none has been found.

The names, ages, and last known addresses of the of the administrators, executors, non-petitioning conominees, heirs, legatees, and devisees of Buddy Lee Weedon Ratliff, a/k/a Buck Ratliff, so far known to Petitioner, are as follows:

NAME	AGE	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
LELA MARGARET	Adult	(Wife)	Deceased 9-19-90
JERRY ROSCOE RATLIFF	Adult	(Son)	Deceased
BUDDY DUANE RATLIFF	Adult	(Son)	395 A Ottawa Lane Stratford, CT 06614
L3 RESOURCES c/o AMANDA ESTES	Adult	Petitioning Administrator	115 E California Ave Suite 330 Oklahoma City, OK 73104

The names, ages, and last known addresses of the of the administrators, executors, non-petitioning conominees, heirs, legatees, and devisees of Lela Margaret Estep Ratliff, so far known to Petitioner, are as follows:

NAME	AGE	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
JERRY ROSCOE RATLIFF	Adult	(Son)	Deceased
BUDDY DUANE RATLIFF	Adult	(Son)	395 A Ottawa Lane Stratford, CT 06614
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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a hearing on the Petition for Summary Administration and Final Accounting, Determination of Heirship, Distribution and Discharge of the Estate of both Decedents will be held on the 11th Day of April, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. in the Courtroom of the Honorable Judge Gray of the District Court of McClain County, State of Oklahoma. You may file objections before the time of hearing and send a copy to the following to the attorney of record for Petitioner at the following address: Shea Patrick Kastl, 115 E. California Avenue, Suite 330, Oklahoma City, OK 73104. If you have no objections you need not appear at the hearing or make any filings with the Court. In absence of any objections, you will be deemed to have waived any objections to the Petition. At the hearing, the Court will determine where summary proceedings are appropriate and, if so, whether the Estates of the Decedents will be distributed and to whom the Estates of the Decedents will be distributed.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that in accordance with the provisions of 58 O.S. §246 the claim of any creditor will be barred unless the claim is presented to the Special Administrator, Amanda Estes, by and through her attorney of records at the above stated address, no more than thirty (30) days following the granting of the Order admitting the Petition and Combined Notice, or the same will be forever Barred.
Dated this 11th day of February, 2019.

/s/ Shea Patrick Kastl
Shea Patrick Kastl, OBA #19669
115 E. California Avenue, STE 330
Oklahoma City, OK 73104
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Previous puzzle answers...
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KARLY LYNNS SPEER CROSS

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Dragons:

ors with 16 each while Berrey finished with 14.

Galyean was held scoreless in the first half but Brown took up the slack pouring in 12 first half points while Berrey chipped in seven points in the opening half.

Galyean knocked down two shots from downtown in his 16-point second half.

“That was our sixth ranked 4A team to play this semester,” Raper said.

“We did some really good things against them but any

time a team shoots 64 percent from the field makes it tough to win.”

The Dragons did cut the deficit to six points with 2:30 left in the final period.

“That was a great game to have prior to the playoffs,” Raper said. “Hopefully we can stay healthy throughout and make a nice run.”

Led by Alicia Baker’s 30 points, Sikes’ Dragons romped to a 60-30 victory last Friday night over Chickasha.

Baker was on fire adding nine

rebounds, two steals and three assists to go with her 30 points that single-handedly tied the entire Chickasha team.

“We played well from start to finish,” Sikes said. “Every girl was part of this win. Alicia Baker was exceptional.”

Something special caught the eye of Sikes in a recent practice.

“I saw some leadership in two of our players in practice this week,” he said. “That is something we’ve missed this year. We need that in every practice.”

Sikes’ Dragons lost at Marlow last week, 59-39 despite 17 from Baker and 10 from Emily Madden.

Purcell will get one more shot at the Lady Outlaws here this Friday.

Sikes’ Dragons came up just short in a 53-50 loss at Lexing-

ton Monday.

Baker led all scorers with 21 points.

Raper’s club is 15-8 heading into the playoffs after their regular season finale victory at Lexington on Monday.

Led by Galyean’s game-high 20 points, the Dragons won

going away, 73-38.

Browning was also in double figures for the Dragons with 17.

Dragon notes:

Purcell Athletic Director Jay Solomon said the only passes that will be accepted at the District Tournament are OS-SAA playoff passes.

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Purcell 54
Marlow 32

Purcell 16 9 14 15—54
Marlow 4 13 6 9—32

Player	Points
Galyean	27
Jake Berrey	11
Mojo Browning	6
Gavin Nation	4
Nate Willis	4
Kyle Ginn	2

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Purcell 60
Bethany 71

Purcell 12 18 11 19—60
Bethany 26 18 6 21—71

Player	Points
Mojo Browning	16
Garrett Galyean	16
Jake Berrey	14
Gavin Nation	6
Nate Willis	5
Grant Smith	3

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Purcell 73
Lexington 38

Purcell 19 8 27 19—73
Lexington 6 18 7 7—38

Player	Points
Garrett Galyean	20
Mojo Browning	17
Grant Smith	7
Nathan Willis	6
Gavin Nation	5
Reece Milner	4
Kody Kroth	4
Ryan Rogez	4
Misal Duque	3
Andre Garcia	2
Kyle Ginn	1

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Purcell 39
Marlow 59

Purcell 5 9 9 16—39
Marlow 15 23 12 9—59

Player	Points
Alicia Baker	17
Emily Madden	10
Anoli Billy	6
Sandra Del-Toro	2
Addie Stanton	2
Hannah Buchanan	2

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Purcell 60
Chickasha 30

Purcell 17 14 16 13—60
Chickasha 3 8 11 8—30

Player	Points
Alicia Baker	30
Emily Madden	11
Hannah Buchanan	5
Natalie Auz	3
Anoli Billy	3
Kayla Skinner	2
Jacie Carr	2
Sandra Del Toro	2
Chelsea Spain	2

2/11

Purcell 50
Lexington 53

Purcell 14 7 14 15—50
Lexington 20 10 8 15—53

Player	Points
Alicia Baker	21
Chelsea Spain	9
Emily Madden	7
Anoli Billy	6
Hannah Buchanan	4
Addie Stanton	3

Mr. Eads’ Bridge

Written by Duane Porter
Illustrated by Nona Cady

CHAPTER SEVEN

Steel Resolve

Becky tried not to giggle. “You asked the President of the United States to help keep the bridge on track?”

Mr. Eads shrugged. “One has to use any and all means at their disposal. The steamship companies surely did in attempting to maintain their monopoly. If you only knew about the tussles I’ve had with Carnegie...”

“I’d love to hear about them,” Becky said.

“Andrew Carnegie is a director at the Keystone Bridge Company, the iron supplier for the project. He continually pressures me to use common iron rather than the steel that is now available. I’ve seen alloy steel used successfully in several applications in Europe on a smaller scale. I know this river, and an inferior design using inferior materials will not stand up to its destructive nature.”

“What’s the difference between iron and steel?” Becky asked. “I always thought they were kind of the same.”

“Steel is simply iron blended with other elements resulting in a stronger metal. The steel supplier delivered unacceptable quality carbon steel components. I’ve elected to use chrome steel instead for the structural parts, an alloy combining iron and chromium. However, the cast steel couplings for the superstructure were so shoddy I had to replace them with braces of my own design using forged wrought iron.”

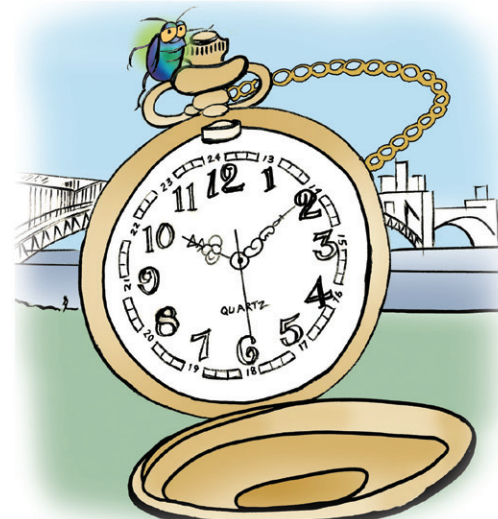
“Wrought iron?”

“It’s shaped from solid metal rather than being fully melted and poured into a casting. It’s one application that remains stronger than the new steels.”

Becky looked at the interlaced tubes and ribbed arches on the emerging bridge. “It’s more getting the right people involved that determines success or failure,” Eads replied, following with her gaze. “I have a number of exceptional engineers with me who contributed immensely. The quality issues, unfortunately, resulted in nearly two years of delay.”

He pulled out a pocket watch. “Ladies, I’ve enjoyed our talk. Thank you for your interest. I must bid you adieu and rush to another meeting.” He smiled, bowed and departed.

“How fortunate I was able to introduce you to that man!” Laura said. “He has spent a great deal of time recuperating from



health issues. However, he’s discovered a multitude of technical innovations while convalescing during his trips to Europe.”

“Not simply discovered them; he’s implemented them on a grander scale here than they have in Europe,” Becky said.

Laura smiled. “Now you’re seeing his genius.”

“I can’t blame you for being excited. It really is marvelous.” Becky looked out the corner of her eye as a blinking, glowing beetle made a daring Immelmann loop in slow motion. “Umm, Laura, thank you for sharing all of this with me. I’ll never forget it! But I need to be going now.”

“Of course, my friend. It was a pleasure.” Laura bowed gracefully, then walked toward the bridge.

“Now, my little glowing bug, where are you?” Becky whispered.

Not bug. Time beetle, a tiny voice sang near her ear. You did well.

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