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Architect selected for new hospital

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The Purcell Register

A joint meeting Thursday of the Purcell Municipal Hospital board and Purcell Public Works Authority was brief, but productive.

Hospital board president David Shirley made two motions to move forward plans

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County sales tax

among lowest rates in state

Sales tax revenue funds a variety of things for Oklahoma's municipalities and counties.

In McClain County, it is no different and voters here will go to the polls March 5 to decide whether to extend the county's half-cent sales tax for eight years.

In 2018, that tax generated \$3,460,942.03 for the county.

In turn, the county earmarked 33 percent of that for law enforcement, 30 percent for fire departments, 10 percent for county facilities, 7 percent each for 4-H/Extension, senior citizens and economic development, 4 percent for the McClain County Free Fair and 2 percent for emergency management.

In short, a lot of bang for the buck.

What voters may not know, however, is how the county's sales tax stacks up against other counties.

According to the Oklahoma Tax Commission, 75 of the state's 77 counties have a sales tax.

In 65 of those counties, the tax is higher than McClain County's

half-cent.

Only six counties have a lower sales tax and McClain County is one of five counties holding at a half-cent.

There are four senior nutrition sites operating in the county —

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Life lessons

Mission is in the message



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Nick Moore is a man on a mission and he delivers his message to young ears, young minds.

He has a goal to reach 1 million youngsters.

In the past 26 years, the former Harlem Globetrotter has reached 393,000 kids and he's picking up the pace.

"Since June 1, I've driven 39,000 miles and reached more than 78,000 kids," he said.

And what is the message? Basically hope and encouragement.

Specifically, goal setting, work hard daily, the importance of school testing, character building, respect for teachers and staff, no bullying, believe in oneself, life skills, why one should go to college and career goals in and after high school.

Students at Purcell Junior High School got the message loud and clear on Friday. He's already planning a return visit here to talk to students in the intermediate and high schools.

He was at Washington Public Schools on Monday and will be at Dibble on February 28.

He visited 79 schools in 2018 in Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and Utah.

This year he is concentrating on Oklahoma, Texas and Arkansas and is on track to take his motivational program to 140 schools by the time 2019 ends.

Moore, who grew up in

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Venue on the prairie

A 3-sided veranda will be the site of future weddings at the Byars Old School Venue. The venue is the dream of Regina and Troy Madden who hope their vision will instill new life into the small McClain County town.

Byars Old School Venue

Future is going old school at the old school

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The Purcell Register

Regina Madden was on the Byars school board in early 2015 when the small dependent district faced a grim future.

Voters could either annex with Wayne Public Schools 17 miles away or do nothing and see the state close the town's only going concern for financial reasons.

They overwhelmingly opted for annexation and just like that the brick school building constructed in the 1930s was vacated, empty of students and staff but holding on to paperwork, books and memories.

Regina fretted about the future for the school, another derelict building in a town with too many of those already.

"I didn't want to see it go

to pot," she said.

So when Wayne Public Schools decided to auction the school and adjacent gymnasium two years ago come June, Regina and her

husband, Troy, bought it.

"We didn't want it to go to waste," Troy said,

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Rustic barn

This barn built by Troy Madden is adjacent to the former outside basketball court at Byars School. Madden and his wife, Regina, are owners of the Byars Old School Venue.

Someone to look up to

Purcell Junior High student Isaiah Lee may love basketball as much as former Harlem Globetrotter Nick Moore does. Moore was at the school last week to deliver a motivational message. He high-fived every student as they exited the gymnasium.

No ice, just rain

Tuesday's big winter storm that caused several area schools to cancel classes turned out to be just a minor little rain.

Thankfully there was no snow or ice in the Heart

of Oklahoma. The rainfall measured .25" hiking the year-to-date total here to 2.42".

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Area basketball teams remain alive in post season play.



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Due to the lack of immunization, measles are making a comeback.



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Peafowl splendor

This peafowl is the latest pine cone creation by Benny Ackerman at the McClain County Courthouse. The colorful sculpture stands nearly 3 feet high.

Cattle trail sliced through Purcell

Heart of Oklahoma on Texas cattle trail back in the day

Margaret Kraisinger
For The Purcell Register

Few people realize that Purcell once sat on a Texas cattle trail.

In 1867, when Joseph G. McCoy announced that the small Kansas town of Abilene was now open to receive cattle herds, Texas drovers splintered from the well-used pathway of pre-war years to head north to Abilene. Their pathway passed through Purcell.

Since Texas statehood in 1845, trail drivers had developed and used a trail network from south Texas to Kansas to

deliver longhorns to northern markets.

The network later became known as the Shawnee Trail.

When the Union Pacific Eastern Division Railroad progressed along the northern bank of the Smoky Hill River, arriving in Junction City in November of 1866 and in Abilene the following March, Texas cattlemen in the spring of 1867, blazed more branches from the Shawnee Trail trunkline.

One branch splintered from the trunkline at Boggy Depot in the Choctaw Nation, Indian

Territory, to continue north to Junction City (the West Shawnee Trail); another one splintered from Fort Gibson in Indian Territory along at the Arkansas River toward the two Kansas towns (the Arkansas River Branch); and another sprouted from Waco, Texas, to continue north to Abilene, Kansas (the Shawnee-Arbuckle Trail).

All three branches were used from 1867 through 1870, and carried over a half million head of Texas beef.

The branch via Fort Arbuckle crossed the Red River into Indian Territory at two primary locations: Rock Bluff Crossing and Sivell's Bend.

Both routes rejoined on the Cloud Road in Chickasaw

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7 day forecast from @PurcellRegister @OUNewsCrowd						
Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
52°36° Cloudy	50°47° Rainy	59°30° AM Rain	53°34° Partly Cloudy	58°41° Cloudy	54°30° Partly Cloudy	52°31° Partly Cloudy

Cloudy week in store here

We have another cloudy week ahead of us. There will be some rain Friday into Saturday but temperatures warm up into the upper 50's. Skies begin to clear, and we will see some sun moving into next week. Low temperatures will stay around freezing.

Measles: An old foe returns

Every year the world health organization lists its top threats to global health.

Alongside usual suspects like air pollution, cancer and heart disease, a newcomer has joined the 2019 edition: vaccine hesitancy.

The anti-vaccine movement has gained momentum in recent years as parents refuse to vaccinate their children out of fear of autism and other side effects.

"It's causing outbreaks of communicable diseases like measles that had vanished from this country," said Stephen Prescott, M.D., president of the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation.

Already in 2019, at least 10 states have reported cases of the measles, which were declared eliminated in the U.S. in 2000. Outbreaks have recently occurred in New York, New Jersey and the Pacific Northwest.

While usually not often life-threatening, measles brings a widespread rash that covers most of the body. It's often accompanied by fever, cough, runny nose and other cold-like

symptoms.

"In some instances, it can be much more severe and require hospitalization, supportive treatment with fluids and oxygen," said OMRF's Prescott, a physician and medical researcher. "If complications become severe, measles can even result in death."

One complication is viral pneumonia.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, as many as one in 20 children who get measles will get pneumonia, which can be lethal, especially in the very young.

Also, about one in 1,000 will develop life-threatening swelling of the brain that can lead to deafness, mental disability and convulsions.

"While severe complications are rare, the more cases there are, the greater the chance of these worst-case outcomes," said Prescott.

The vaccine is usually administered in two doses: one at 12 to 15 months, and the second between the ages of 4 and 6. The CDC reports this two-dose regimen is 97 percent

effective.

"The vaccine works, which is great news considering measles is one of the most highly contagious diseases in the world," Prescott said, "It is a disease that is incredibly efficient at infecting people, especially young children."

When an infected person sneezes or coughs, the measles virus enters the air and can infect anyone who comes in contact with the airborne particles – or touches objects or surfaces where the germs have settled.

"A lot of viruses are transmitted this way, but what makes measles more likely to spark an outbreak is that the virus lives for a long time outside of the body," said OMRF's Eliza Chakravarty, M.D., an immunologist.

"One infected person could go into a classroom, movie theater or daycare, and it puts everyone there at high risk."

Globally, the World Health Organization reports that be-

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Water tanker

Firefighters were in desperate need of additional water while they battled a huge four alarm grass fire south of 150th Monday morning and into the afternoon. An estimated 60-70 acres were torched.

Tax reform questions?

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Grass fire corralled

Windy conditions hamper firefighters

When a grass fire ignited around 11 a.m. on the south side of 150th, the strong north winds fanned the flames quickly turning it into a massive wildfire.

Wayne firefighters needed assistance so Purcell, Rosedale and Byars all sent units to battle the blaze.

No one was injured in the fire that engulfed an estimated 60-70 acres of grassland. Also, no structures were damaged thanks to the work of the firefighters.

Cold temperatures along with the wind didn't seem to bother the firemen, according to Purcell Assistant Chief Rocky Claunch.

Purcell firefighters were on scene from 11:04 a.m. until 12:23 p.m.

Purcell firefighters responded to two smaller fires from controlled burns after the big fire Monday, Claunch said.

Lexington's department was not dispatched due to the bridge repair.

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Purcell Senior Citizens

By Fredda Perry

Will it be cold or will it be warm? We really do not know, but one thing we do know, we live in Oklahoma and it can change at any given moment.

We still have a few members doing rehab on knees and other parts. Some of us visited several of the ladies who are at Sunset Estates now. We had a good visit with Eulalia, Wanda and Doris. We also visited Richard Gray.

Our number remained at a pretty good count during all the on again off again days of the weather. We have had a good number and we have a few new people for which we are very thankful. We have been having new people visit often and some are returning to play cards and dominoes with our members.

We have been having some card and domino games being played after lunch. Feel free to continue your games. The center is open until 2 p.m. each day.

We had a great Valentine's Day party. Our Valentine King and Queen for this year are Keith Andes and Iva Stone. They both were voted on by the senior members and are very deserving of the honor.

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

The senior garage sale for this week will be Thursday, February 21, and Friday, February 22. It will start at 8 a.m. and last until 3 p.m. Check it out. With a new year comes new donations. Hester tells me she received a good amount of new items this week.

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

Menu for the week of February 25-March 1:

Monday—Steak sandwich, lettuce, tomato, mayonnaise, tomato soup, fruit cup, crackers, chocolate chip cookies.

Tuesday—Hot open faced turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, sliced bread, fruit geratin.

Wednesday—Spaghetti, tossed salad with dressing, corn, garlic bread, lemon pudding with topping.

Thursday—Ham and beans with sliced onions, tomato spoon relish, spinach, cornbread, margarine, starburst cake.

Friday—Cheeseburger on bun, lettuce, tomato, pickles, onion, macaroni salad, peanut butter bars.

Thought for the Week: Nobody is going to stop you from being you except you.

Washington OHCE

Washington's Oklahoma Home & Community Education Club met February 13 at the Washington Senior Citizens Center. Our President Delores Givens led us in the Flag Salute. Karen read the Collect and Harley Bromley read the February 1 Council report.

We were encouraged to vote March 5, particularly on the part designating how the county sales tax is divided so the County Fair is funded and our law enforcement is provided for.

Attention was called to State Project Chair Marilyn Gibson's article in the Spring Oklahoma Outreach calling for a Heart Shaped Pillows Contest. It was noted that since the 2019 State Project was Women's Health Education that making and donating these to Heart Hospitals, regular hospitals, at emergency rooms or surgery dept and outpatient clinics or friends would be a positive service. To be in the contest, Marilyn Gibson requested clubs turn in their donations of pillows to her by June 1.

The Southeast District Meeting will be March 19 at Rector Johnson Middle School in Broken Bow.

Members were urged to start preparing for the McClain County Fair. Several announced what categories they would enter.

Phyllis Linker gave the treasurer's report.

Deanna Surber gave the lesson on "Feeding the Birds." Facts Deanna presented included Oklahoma with 69,500 square miles of open space and 3 million people has 425 different species of birds (identified). We have diversity of habitat and water from rivers and man made reservoirs.

Benefits of the birds include help in insect control, Purple Martins can eat over 2,000 mosquitoes a day. Natural resource Sociologists think bird watching helps us relax and can have a calming effect.

Deanna suggested how to locate feeders, safety precautions to take to prevent predators from disturbing the birds and the types of seed preferred by birds.

Deanna presented a contest at the end of her lesson and Karen Olson won a nifty bird feeder by naming the most "cartoon birds" of any member there.

Those present were Lois Stephens, Stephanie (guest), Karen Olson, Deanna Surber, Delores Givens, Phyllis Linker, Teresa Roberts and Beulah and Harley Bromley.



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Wayne brush

Wayne firefighters were joined through mutual aid by Purcell, Rosedale and Byars fighting a wind-driven grass fire that started just about 11 a.m. Monday. Wind chills were around 9 degrees while the fire was moving south toward the town of Wayne.

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EXTENSION News

Step by step seed starting

Courtney DeKalb-Myers
Horticulture Educator

The Cleveland County Extension Service will host the class "Step By Step Seed Starting" at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 27, in Classroom "C" at the Cleveland County Fairgrounds.

Garden season is around the corner and it's time to get the transplants started. Not sure how to get started?

Cleveland County Horticulture Educator, Courtney DeKalb-Myers, will take you step by step through growing healthy transplants for your garden. Participants will get

to seed out their own tray and take them home.

This workshop is \$15; pre-registration is required by February 22. To register, contact the extension office at 405-321-4774.

The Cleveland County Extension Center Classroom "C" is located on the northwest corner at the Cleveland County Fairgrounds.

The Cleveland County Extension Center is located at the Cleveland County Fair Grounds, 601 E. Robinson, in Norman.

For more information please call 321-4774.

Wayne Senior Citizens

By John Webb

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

Our attendance is down a bit during this time of year, but we are averaging more folks now than at this time last year. We were in danger of closing our center last year because of low attendance. But your friends and neighbors worked very hard to increase participation, and we have been able to stay open.

So come and check out your Senior Center, and stay for a good meal. If you would like to join us for lunch, please call the

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

We look forward to seeing you at your Wayne Senior Citizens Center.

Election rules and reminders

Voters will go to the polls March 5 for the McClain County election, McClain County Election Board Secretary Karen Haley said today.

Haley offered the following information and tips for those voting:

- Early voting will be available at the County Election Board office from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., February 28 and March 1. On election day, polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

- Lines are possible at peak voting times. Wait times will likely be shortest at mid-morning and mid-afternoon. Anyone in line to vote at 7 p.m. will be allowed to cast a ballot.

- Anyone who needs to look up their polling place, verify their registration information or view a sample ballot can do so online. The Online Voter Tool can be accessed on the Oklahoma State Election Board's website: www.elections.ok.gov. Those who vote by mail can also check the status of their ballot using the Online Voter Tool. Sample ballots are also available at the County Election Board office.

- Oklahoma law requires every voter who votes in person at the precinct polling place or during early voting at the County Election Board to show proof of identity before receiving a ballot. There are three ways for voters to prove their identity under the law (only one proof of identity is required): Show a valid photo ID issued by federal, state or tribal government; show the free voter identification card issued to every voter by the County Election Board; or sign an affidavit and vote a provisional ballot. (If the information on the affidavit matches official voter registration records, the ballot will be counted after Election Day.)

- Physically disabled voters who cannot enter the polling place, need help marking their ballots, blind or visually disabled voters and illiterate voters may be assisted by a person the voter chooses.

In all cases, a person providing such assistance may not be the voter's employer or an agent of the employer or an officer or agent of the voter's union.

A person providing assistance also must swear or affirm that the voter's ballots will be marked in accordance with the voter's wishes.

Alternatively, all blind, visually impaired, and physically disabled voters in McClain County may use the audio-tactile interface (ATI), a feature offered on all Oklahoma voting

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OSU EXTENSION News

Callery pear tree as invasive as eastern redcedar

Trisha Gedon
Extension Educator

Although commonly used in landscapes as an ornamental because of the showy white flowers in early spring and beautiful fall foliage, the callery pear is not a great choice for homeowners. In addition, it is known to be an invasive species.

The Invasive Callery Pear, a new fact sheet available at facts.okstate.edu, gives landowners valuable information about controlling this invasive species and how to protect their productive agricultural land. Search by title or publication number L-469.

Dwayne Elmore, Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension wildlife specialist, said the seeds of callery pear and its various cultivars are easily dispersed by birds, allowing these trees to invade open spaces such as pastures, grassland and open woodlands.

"While they may provide shade around home and commercial property, the rapid growth of these trees quickly fills in open spaces, converting them to woodlands," Elmore said.

"These trees have the ability to form dense thickets that result in the shading out of native species, causing rapid change

in plant and wildlife communities. Callery pear is a significant threat to native grasslands and grassland wildlife, but it also invades forested areas."

Due to its dense structure, callery pear is a very accessible roosting tree for gregarious blackbirds, grackles and starlings, which are problematic in urban areas due to defecation on cars and sidewalks and human health concerns.

In addition, callery pear is weak and easily damaged by ice and wind.

"If you've lived in Oklahoma for any length of time, you've seen first-hand the damage caused by ice storms and high winds," he said. "When this tree is used in urban settings and landscapes, they often cause power outages when the limbs snap in adverse conditions and fall on power lines."

Zero tolerance is the best way to control callery pear. Because it is a vigorous resprouter, it is even more difficult to control than the native eastern redcedar. Unless landowners completely uproot the tree, herbicides will be needed for control.

Elmore said newly established trees can be sprayed with a foliar herbicide such as triclopyr. Trees less than 6 inches in diameter at the base can be eradicated with a basal

bark method with either a spray bottle or backpack sprayers. Spray from the ground level of the stem up to about a foot and fully coat the entire circumference of the stem with a mixture of 25 percent triclopyr ester and 75 percent crop oil.

If you choose to cut down the trees, spray the stump within 15 minutes with a 25/75 percent mixture of herbicide and water to the entire outer portion of the tree stump.

Undiluted glyphosate also can be used for cut-stump treatments. Because callery pear are prolific seed producers, follow-up treatments likely will be needed.

"If you like the look of the callery pear, a good alternative is the eastern redbud," Elmore said. "You also may want to consider American plum, Mexican plum and Carolina buckthorn. These are beautiful, noninvasive options that grow well in landscapes."

For more information, watch these segments on the "Oklahoma Gardening" YouTube channel in which Elmore talks more about the callery pear.

One segment found at <https://okla.st/2sYkgqP> addresses problem plants and the other specifically covers specifically callery pear and is located at <https://okla.st/2sY41L>.

State leaders face dilemma in addressing class sizes

Jennifer Palmer
Oklahoma Watch

Teachers, students and supporters march in front of the State Capitol on April 2, 2018, the first day of a teacher walkout aimed at increasing education funding.

A temporary measure allowing schools to exceed class-size limits without financial penalties will automatically end in five months unless the Legislature acts this session.

But none of the solutions are ideal, placing policymakers in a bind.

If they let the nine-year-old moratorium expire, schools could face losing funding as a penalty for exceeding caps on class size. Yet what is needed to reduce class sizes is an influx of teachers, which costs money, and there's an ongoing teacher shortage.

But extending the moratorium, as at least one bill proposes to do, could have its own negative effect: Classrooms would remain packed, which is one of the issues that is driving teachers out of the profession.

It's a chicken-or-egg dilemma with no easy solutions.

Ballooning class sizes were a frequent point of contention during the teacher walkout in April. And it's not just Oklahoma. Smaller classes were also part of the recent Los Angeles teachers strike, and the deal to end the dispute includes a gradual reduction in the maximum class size.

Teachers in Oklahoma are still clamoring for change, which is why the state Department of Education says additional funding is needed to allow schools to start hiring back teachers.

"It's impossible for some districts to meet it (class size limits) right now. They either don't have the space, or they can't find the teachers to get class sizes down, much less the money to do it with," said Matt Holder, deputy superintendent of finance and federal programs at the state Department of

Education.

Elementary classes are, by statute, capped at 20 students, and secondary teachers are limited to 140 students per day. These reforms were part of the landmark Education Reform Act of 1990, also known as House Bill 1017. The statewide moratorium on penalties has been in place since 2010.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Joy Hofmeister is making a push for an additional \$273 million to hire more teachers so schools can provide smaller classes as part of the department's fiscal-year 2020 budget request.



"You have to have new funds to hire new teachers," she told lawmakers in a budget session Tuesday.

She seemed to indicate support for extending the moratorium, which ends on June 30, saying, "Any penalty would be counterproductive" right now.

So how can schools reduce class sizes when there aren't teachers to hire? Hofmeister said the department is prioritizing three avenues: luring back teachers who've left the profession, keeping current teachers in the classroom through delayed retirement and retention, and driving more young people, particularly millennials, into the profession.

Few Numbers Available
It's hard to know just how large classes have gotten. The state hasn't collected data on class sizes in years. Anecdotally, there are reports of classes with 35 to 40 students or more, like those described in a column written by Jon Hazell, Oklahoma's 2017 Teacher of the Year.

Class-size caps were a major tenet of the reforms implemented by HB 1017 in 1990. Initially, many teachers did experience a significant decrease in student load, but the changes didn't last long. Within a few years, many districts were receiving an exemption. In 2010, the Legislature passed

the moratorium, and then in 2016 they passed Senate Bill 933 hoping to implement a long-term exemption.

That legislation waives penalties until the state provides at least \$3,291.60 per student through the funding formula. A statewide teacher pay increase implemented this year helped push funding levels over that amount, which means the moratorium will end after June 30, the end of the fiscal year.

There are signs lawmakers plan to address the moratorium. Senate Bill 193 by Sen. Dewayne Pemberton, R-Muskogee, would essentially extend the moratorium until state per-pupil funding meets or exceeds the regional average.

Another proposal, SB 428 authored by Sen. Adam Pugh, R-Edmond, would reinstate the cap for kindergarten through third-grade classes only.

One of Gov. Kevin Stitt's budget priorities, which he outlined in Monday's State of the State address, is a \$1,200 raise for all Oklahoma teachers. This is in addition to the \$6,100 average pay increase teachers received last year and would bring Oklahoma's pay in line with surrounding states'.

He also called on lawmakers to implement a bonus recruitment program to encourage new teachers to stay in the state as a way to address the teacher shortage.

Not mentioned was any additional formula funding to help schools reduce class sizes, and some education advocates took notice.

Shawn Hime, executive director of the Oklahoma State School Boards Association, said Stitt's proposals were promising signs of a continued investment in education but don't address all of schools' needs.

"We continue to hear from education leaders about the desperate need for a long-term funding education plan to reduce class sizes; restore elective coursework like art, music, honors courses; provide classroom resources; increase training support for teachers, and broaden access to mental health counselors and school-based social workers," he said. "Oklahoma Watch is a non-profit, nonpartisan media organization that produces in-depth and investigative content on a range of public-policy issues facing the state. For more Oklahoma Watch content, go to www.oklahomawatch.org."

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Rules:

devices, to vote privately and independently, either at McClain County Election Board during early voting or at their assigned polling place on election day.

- Voters who have moved since the last election, but who have not transferred their voter registration to their new address, may do so on Election Day by going to vote at the polling place where their registration has been in the past. While voting, they may

fill out a form instructing the County Election Board to transfer their registration to the new address before the next election.

- Those who becomes physically incapacitated after 5 p.m. February 26 still can request an emergency absentee ballot. Those who might qualify for an emergency absentee ballot should contact the County Election Board office at 405-527-3121 as soon as possible for more information.

- Any violation of election law will be reported to the proper law enforcement authorities. Electioneering is not allowed within 300 feet of a ballot box. It is also unlawful to remove a ballot from the polling location, possess intoxicating liquors within half a mile of a polling place or to disclose how you voted while within the election enclosure.

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Hydration is important all year long

Trisha Gedon
Extension Educator

Most people do not think twice about keeping themselves hydrated during the hot summer months. However, keeping your body hydrated is important all year long, even in the winter.

Janice Hermann, Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension nutrition specialist, said staying hydrated is important all year long.

"Hydration is a key factor in overall health," Hermann said. "The body needs water for almost all its functions including digestion, circulation, excretion, absorbing and transporting nutrients, building tissues, maintaining blood volume and maintaining body temperature. The body also loses between one and a half to three quarts of water daily through perspiration, breathing, urination and

bowel movements."

To maintain your body's water balance, you must replace the water lost each day. Dehydration occurs when the amount of water lost from the body is greater than the amount being taken in. A body can become dehydrated even in the winter.

Although thirst is frequently the first sign of dehydration, other symptoms can include dry mouth, headache, weakness, dizziness, confusion, sluggishness, fainting and muscle cramps.

The body's water comes from three sources. First, the body generates some water. The rest of a body's water comes from food and beverages. Beverages are a major source of water, as well as nutrients and calories. In fact, beverages account for about 20 percent of a person's total daily caloric intake.

Calories and nutrients are

important to consider when choosing beverages. Calorie-free beverages, particularly water, or beverages that provide important nutrients, such as low-fat milk and 100 percent juice, should be the main beverages consumed.

"Even then, milk and 100 percent juice should be consumed within recommended amounts and calorie limits," she said. "Beverages with added sugars can provide a lot of extra calories without key nutrients."

Even caffeinated drinks such as tea, coffee and hot cocoa provide water; however, caffeine intake should be limited to 300 milligrams or less per day.

"Although you may not feel like you need to consume as much water in the winter as you do during the summer, it's important for your health to stay hydrated all year round," Hermann said.

Auditors to prosecutors: Hire collection agency to recover unpaid fees from offenders

Paul Monies
Oklahoma Watch

Oklahoma district attorneys have more than \$56 million in uncollected fees on their books and are being advised they should hire collection agencies to go after offenders to recover more of the debt.

But district attorneys are balking at the recommendation, made by private auditors, because the prospect of collecting a lot of the money is uncertain — and aggressive collections could conflict with criminal justice reform efforts intended to shift their offices and the courts away from depending on fines and fees.

Reform advocates say heavy fees and fines have trapped offenders in debt loads that are difficult or impossible to erase and can lead former inmates to re-offend and end up back in prison.

A recent performance audit of the District Attorneys Council found more than \$56 million in uncollected fees among just 13 of the 27 DA districts. The total could be much higher because it doesn't include Oklahoma and Tulsa counties, which track fees on different systems, and 14 DA districts that use another financial system.

The performance audit, one of six completed by the Agency Performance and Accountability Commission, highlights one of the challenges lawmakers and other officials face to implement reforms in the justice system. A push by legislative and other leaders to make agencies more financially efficient could hamper their efforts to reduce the state's high incarceration rates.

The uncollected fees, which include bogus check fees, supervision fees and others, have been tracked since at least 2010 for the 13 district attorney districts that use a specific software tool.

The auditors, Alvarez & Marsal, recommended the District Attorneys Council hire an outside collection company to recover the fees. The accountability commission didn't recommend that specific step,

but said uncollected fees should be reviewed.

Agencies audited by the commission are supposed to carry out the recommendations unless the Legislature says otherwise.

"They'll be the first to tell you they don't do a good job of (collecting fees). Those district attorneys are mainly prosecuting

folks and protecting folks and not collecting on fees," James Adcock, a member of the accountability commission, said at its January 30 meeting. "We have recommended just looking at that whole system.

There are other ways of doing it, like outside collection agencies that the OTC (Oklahoma Tax Commission) uses. There are a lot of fees out there, and if you just collect 10 percent of them, it's a lot."

Eight other states, including New Mexico, Oregon, Florida and California, have contracted with collection agencies on unpaid fees. In Oklahoma, auditors found the \$56 million in total unpaid fees would fall to \$32.5 million if the District Attorneys Council focused only on unpaid fees since 2010 and delinquent fees more than 90 days old.

It then estimated only 20 percent of those would be recoverable. Ultimately, auditors said the council could recover at least about \$5 million in uncollected DA fees.

In its response to auditors, the District Attorneys Council expressed doubts about using a collection agency. The group said it worries that "unscrupulous collection vendors and practices would result in ruined credit or additional hardship for offenders." The council also said people would be more likely to pay the fees they owe if contacted directly by a district attorney's office.

"There's a fair amount that may or may not ever be collectible," Trent Baggett, the council's executive coordinator, said in an interview. He cited debtors who are dead, who have been in prison for a long time, who fled the country or who can't be located.

Yet the interconnected pieces

of the criminal justice fee system mean district attorneys can't unilaterally decide to write off the uncollected fees as bad debt, Baggett said.

Other parts of the system, like the courts, would also have to agree to modify the fees on a case-by-case basis. And the Legislature has some policy

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Apply now

Absentee ballots for March 5 sales tax extension election

McClain County voters who want absentee ballots for the March 5 McClain County sales tax election mailed to them should apply now, county election board secretary Karen Haley said.

Although the county election board can accept applications for absentee ballots until 5 p.m. February 27, Haley urged voters who want to vote by absentee ballot to apply early.

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

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

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

Those ballots must be in the

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

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

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

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

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

- Voters who are physically handicapped or care for physi-

cally handicapped persons who cannot be left unattended. These individuals may apply only by mail, fax or email.

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Mr. Eads' Bridge

Written by Duane Porter
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CHAPTER EIGHT

History Lessons

Becky turned slowly to face the time beetle hovering in front of her. "Okay, I'll admit this has been interesting, but I'm ready to go home now. One question: Why did you send me back in time?"

The time beetle flashed green and blue before settling into a wavering violet glow. *We want to teach. We want you to learn. Did you learn?*

"Of course I did. But now I have even more questions than before. What happened with the bridge? How did —"

You have questions, the time beetle hummed. You want to learn more. You are happy. We are happy.

"But where did you come from? Who —"

Becky winced as the time beetle lit up with a bright green flash of light. When the spots cleared, she found herself standing beside the leg of the stainless steel Arch once again.

"I'm back in my jeans and T-shirt. Those time beetles take care of the details, I'll give them that."

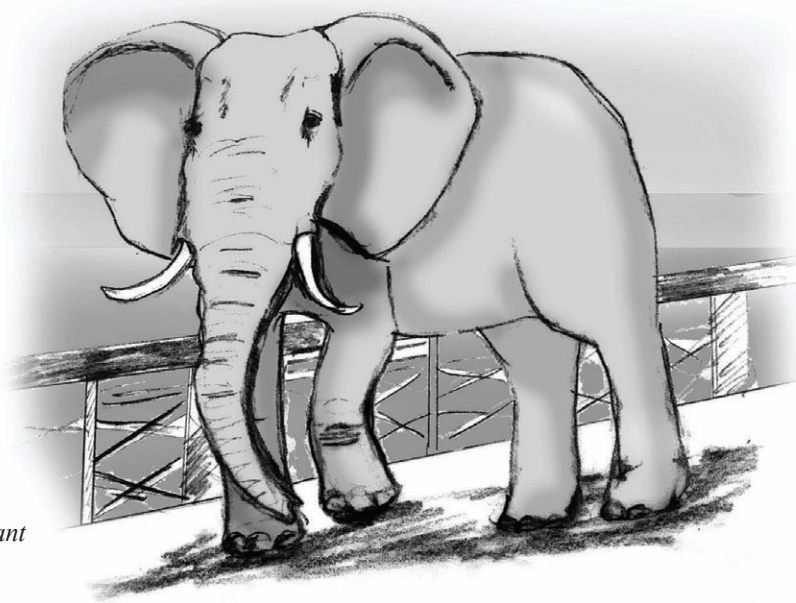
She turned to find her classmates still gathering to go into the museum. "Either they are awfully slow at following Mr. Brown's directions, or I've been returned to the exact time I left." Heaving a sigh of relief, she sprinted across the concrete to rejoin the group.

"Mr. Brown?" Becky said as they walked toward the museum entrance. "Do you know much about Mr. Eads and the Eads bridge?"

"It just so happens I do. Fascinating history. Most people have forgotten how important the Eads Bridge was to St. Louis. They walked an elephant across the bridge as a publicity stunt when it opened."

"Did it ever achieve its goal to win railroad traffic away from Chicago?"

"Sadly, no. The bridge was wonderfully designed and engineered but poorly financed. Its owners went bankrupt a year after it was completed and, within four years, sold it for twenty cents on the dollar. It never attracted the rail travel because most of that business remained under the control of Chicago businessmen."



Becky felt her shoulders sag. "What a shame. It had so much promise."

"It's the only bridge that was eventually named after its builder," said Mr. Brown. "And despite its initial financial failure, it remained an iconic symbol of St. Louis for nearly a century. Today it's the oldest bridge still spanning the Mississippi."

"It's still being used, isn't it?"

"Even though regular trains started being built too large for the lower deck to accommodate, today the St. Louis Metro Link light rail uses the bridge for service to and from Illinois. The upper deck has been updated and refurbished with four lanes for auto traffic. Tests in the 1940s revealed that the bridge could withstand almost twice the weight originally estimated by Mr. Eads."

Becky sighed. "I'm glad they decided not to tear it down after it went bankrupt."

Mr. Brown laughed. "It's built too deep and too strong to make it economical to tear down. Mr. Eads' bridge is here to stay."

Newspaper Connections:

Use the facts in the chapters to write a newspaper-style story. Write an article describing this story with a strong lead sentence and include the 5 Ws and 1 H: who, what, where, when, why and how.

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 21, 27 and 28:
Thursday, February 21—Fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, corn, rolls, salad bar, peach cobbler.

Wednesday, February 27—Meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli cheese casserole, corn, rolls, salad bar, lemon cake.

Thursday, February 28—Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, blackeyed peas, hominy, rolls, salad bar, Oreo dessert.



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Motivating messenger

Nick Moore, a former Harlem Globetrotter, was at Purcell Junior High School last week to encourage students to become leaders, not followers.

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School:

admitting, “I didn’t think we’d get it.”

Ever since, as funds and time permit, Regina and Troy have been transforming the property into the Byars Old School Venue.

It’s a work in progress. Even so, it’s been the site of three weddings and a couple of baby showers.

People in the area are starting to take notice and Regina and Troy are hoping to gain new clients due to their proximity to Ada.

One man who attended the first wedding at the venue as-

sured the couple, “This is going to put Byars back on the map.”

The venue’s existence is spreading on social media.

One of the three Madden daughters has created a Facebook presence for the enterprise at <https://www.facebook.com/Byars-Old-School-Venue-162526184596802/>.

Regina, not a person to waste anything, donated three van loads of books to Roff schools and there are still books awaiting pickup.

She is decorating and repurposing classrooms one at a time. One room is now the bride’s dressing room. The former lunchroom/kitchen is now a small banquet room. A kindergarten classroom is a playroom, a perfect setting for a youngster’s birthday party or a place for children

to play while adults have their own party.

The decor throughout is shabby chic with a country touch.

“I do a lot of Pinterest,” Regina said.

She also is a frequent shopper at Goodwill.

Improvements both inside and out consist of reclaimed wood and used items purchased for a song or given to them.

Upholstered church pews in the school hall came out of the Pentecostal church in Byars. Eighty banquet chairs came from the Chickasaw Nation, as did the rolling bleachers in the gym.

The only construction material purchased new was metal for the roof on the rustic house loosely copied from Troy’s

From page 1A

Moore:

Wichita Falls, Texas, was adopted and was raised by his grandparents.

He was initially a football player and played college ball at Scottsdale Community College and Arizona State where he was coached by the famed Lovie Smith. Moore was a tight end. Basketball came later. He played seven months for the Harlem Globetrotters.

His athletic career may be over, but the drive remains. With the assistance of old classmates, Moore helps students get in college and stay in college.

He’s been instrumental in assisting more than 65 students to obtain scholarships. “I teach them to apply for everything,” he said. “I’m from Wichita Falls. I always dreamed big.”

Setting oneself up to succeed

takes determination, but isn’t difficult, Moore said.

“Be a leader. Don’t be a follower at all,” he tells students.

Moore encourages students to “write me a letter.”

Many do.

Motivation is a two-way street. Those letters, he said, are what “motivate me.”

He responds to every letter personally. That’s anywhere from 60 to 100 letters a month between the assemblies and towns and life on the road.

He’s also written a book, “Never Too Late” and has a website, smalltownathletes.com.

Why does he do what he does? Here’s the thing.

“It’s not about making a whole bunch of money,” he said. “It’s about making a difference.”

One kid at a time.

From page 1A

Tax:

Purcell, Dibble, Wayne and Newcastle.

The Oklahoma Cooperative Extension office in Purcell reports 379 members in organized 4-H clubs in McClain County. That is in addition to 2,372 youth active in 4-H’s school enrichment program across the county.

Sixty-five adults are enrolled in Oklahoma Home and Community Education groups.

The office also handles approximately 40 inquiries daily from people seeking research-based advice on everything from horticulture and home-making to livestock management, crops and wildlife.

From page 1A

PMH:

for a new hospital.

Both motions were subsequently approved by the PPWA.

The first was selection of Miller Architects for site selection and stage one hospital plans that will be submitted to the Oklahoma State Health Department.

The second directed Municipal Financial Services to pursue revenue bonds or notes to fund the project.


The motions are “two more baby steps” on the city’s journey toward a new hospital, Mayor Ted Cox said.

PMH Chief Executive Officer Kem Scully called the action “huge baby steps.”

City manager Dale Bunn said with the city’s good credit rating, it is expected Municipal Financial Services will come back with financing options at “almost half the cost of market financing.”

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Ballot:

by absentee ballot without stating a reason, Haley said.

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Katelyn Crosthwait was honored Friday night for breaking the career 2,000 points mark at Washington. She scored 30 points in Washington's 79-16 District championship win over Harding Fine Arts Academy. Pictured with Crosthwait are Washington Head Coach Rocky Clarke and Assistant Coach Kami Beller.

DISTRICT CHAMPS

Dragons win District title

Third victory over Marlow this season

John D. Montgomery
 The Purcell Register

Purcell continued its dominance over the Marlow Outlaws with a resounding 51-36 victory at the Reimer Center last Friday night.

The victory for Purcell, its third win over Marlow this season, handed the Dragons the District Championship and propelled them to a winner's bracket Regional contest with Beggs at North Rock Creek tonight (Thursday) at 8 p.m.

Coach Roger Raper swept the bench in the blow-out victory. Even with all the substituting, senior Garrett Galyean cut the strings for 15 points that included a trio of three point bombs from downtown in the first quarter alone.

"You never like playing a team three times like we had to with Marlow," Raper said. "We were able to do enough to get the victory and move on to the winner's side of the Regional."

"Beggs is very talented and athletic," Raper continued. "We will need to be at our best. Hopefully the schedule we have played will help and have us prepared," Raper said.

Purcell takes a 16-8 record into the Beggs contest. Beggs is 20-3.

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Bulldogs advance to Regionals

Split games in Districts with Coalgate and AmPo

Emily Montgomery
 The Purcell Register

Hosting Districts last weekend, the Wayne Bulldogs notched a 56-51 victory over the Coalgate Wildcats Friday night but fell to AmPo 48-46 Saturday night for the District Championship.

Wayne jumped out to a 12-9 lead after one quarter of play. But, the game proved to be a back and forth contest when AmPo scored 15 in the second to Wayne's seven.

Down by five at the break, Wayne came

Please see **Wayne**, 4B



On to the next round

Washington boys, girls teams both claim District titles

John Denny Montgomery
 The Purcell Register

Both Warriors teams claimed decisive wins over Harding Fine Arts Academy Friday night in the Warrior Event Center.

Rocky Clarke's girls team won 79-16 and TJ Scholz's boys won 80-25.

"We played pretty well," Scholz said. "We were trying to get out of there with our guys not having letdowns."

The Washington starters only played the first four minutes of the first and second quarters.

"In the meaningful minutes they played, our guys did what they were supposed to do," Scholz said.

Harding found themselves missing a couple starters in the game, which hampered them as a team.

The Washington reserves carried the water for the Warriors when they were given their chance.

Freshman Hector Quinonez was the second leading scorer on the team with 10 points.

He trailed Alex Foster by one point after Foster scored 11.

"We got good contributions from the young guys," Scholz said. "Hector, Kobe Scott and Luke Hendrix all played well."



Scott and Hendrix had six points each.

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Lex girls in winner's bracket

Boys hoping to stay alive during shooting slump

Todd Newville
 The Purcell Register

The Lexington girls' basketball team is now the Class 3A District IV champion for Area III after its 64-28 victory over the Holdenville Wolverines last Friday night at home.

The Lady 'Dawgs are now 13-10 on the season and are looking good. They have won their last three games and five of their last seven contests.

Amanda Graddy led the way against the Wolverines (2-20) with 26 points.

Lauren Beason also was a scoring machine with 22 points against Holdenville.

Lexington head coach Derek Clark was understandably pleased with his team's play.

"We came out and got on them early," Clark said. "We came out in a full-court press and they seemed to not be able to handle it. We shot the ball really well in the first quarter. I think, at one point, we were up on them, 20-2."

"They were able to recover from that and put a little pressure on us. But, this was one of those games where we really put everything together. Offensively, we shot the ball very well. It seemed like all things were clicking. I liked

Please see **Lex**, page 2B



Dragons:

Coach David Sikes' Dragons lost to Marlow, 59-35 despite 23 points from junior Alicia Baker.

Baker was 5-6 at the line, drained a pair of treys and had six two-point baskets.

Purcell played a good first half defensively and trailed only by three at intermission, 21-18.

"We played a great first half of basketball, Sikes said. "I challenged my girls early and they came out ready to play.

"We wanted to make Marlow beat us from outside and in the second half they did just that," the coach said.

"Alicia Baker was great despite being denied the entire game. Chelsea Spain, despite being injured, did a great job defensively on a girl who was 6-7 inches taller than her," he said.

However, Marlow put their foot on the gas and torched the Dragons for 38 second half points while limiting Purcell to

17 points. The girls play at 1:30 p.m. today (Thursday) against No. 13 Kiefer at North Rock Creek.

Dragon notes: North Rock Creek is located at 42400 Garret's Lake in Shawnee.

Fans should take I-35 north to I-240 over to I-40.

Go east on I-40 left to OK18 and go north to until you get to Garrett's Lake Road. Take a right and the school will be on your left.



John Denny Montgomery • The Purcell Register

District champions

The Purcell Dragons defeated the Marlow Outlaws Friday night, 51-36, to claim the District championship. Purcell plays Beggs tonight (Thursday) at North Rock Creek at 8 p.m.

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Warriors:

Sophomore Graham Schovanec scored nine points.

Tough Regional

Washington will play Crossings Christian to open the Regional tournament.

"We have our hands full there," Scholz said.

Crossings has two guards who are excellent shooters, according to Scholz.

"They can shoot from way out," he said. "They can pull up from 25 feet and we'll have to find them - especially in transition."

Scholz said Crossings likes to push the ball and play a quick-tempo game.

"We'll have to try to control the pace," he said.

Aside from the guards, Crossings has a couple players on the front line who are physical.

"They have a couple good post guys. They're both football players," Scholz said. "One comes off the bench and

they use him to set screens. The other kid is very athletic."

In Washington's side of the Regional bracket there are six teams with winning records, including Crossings (17-6) as opposed to only two on the other side.

"It's a tough Regional but it's nice to advance to it. But we have to beat tough teams to get where we want to be anyway," Scholz said.

Also in Washington's (16-7) side of the bracket are Beggs (20-3) and Purcell (16-8).

Scholz said Crossings is a well coached team and play very disciplined.

"Their coach has been at Enid and Santa Fe and he played college ball with Coach (Dustyn) Orr at OBU," Scholz said. "He's been involved in basketball at several different levels."

Washington plays today (Thursday) at 8 p.m. at home.

Girls

The Washington girls had an easy, blowout win Friday night.

"Bless their hearts, Harding only had six players and that's the way those things usually go," said Clarke.

Washington had 10 players score in the game and were led by Katelyn Crosthwait, who scored 30 points.

Freshman Mattie Richardson had a career high with 14 points.

Senior Gracie Wells scored 12 points.

The District win was the 19th consecutive for Clarke and the Warriors.

Up next for Washington is Riverside.

"They are really good athletes and they will run," Clarke said. "They run a motion offense."

"If we play good in these Playoffs we could go to State."

Washington plays today (Thursday) at 6:30 at the Warrior Event Center.



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District champs

The Washington Warriors defeated Harding Fine Arts Academy 79-16 to claim their District title. They play Riverside in Regionals tonight (Thursday) at 6:30 p.m. at the Warrior Event Center.

Lex wrestlers end season

Lexington's wrestling team finished the season at regionals last weekend at Marlow.

Dalton Matthews placed sixth and will be an alternate at 160 pounds for the State

Tournament this week.

Mathews finished the season with a 22-14 record.

"I am really proud of the way we competed last weekend,"

head coach Jared Garrett said.

"We are young, so there is a lot to build on and to look forward to for next year," the coach concluded.

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Claiming hardware

The Washington Warriors defeated Harding Fine Arts Academy 80-25 Friday night to claim the District title. They play Crossing Christian tonight (Thursday) at 8 p.m. at the Warrior Event Center.

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Lex:

what I saw."

The Lady 'Dawgs are now set for state Regionals. They will play the Comanche Indians (17-7) at 6:30 p.m. tonight (Thursday) at Lindsay High School. Comanche is ranked No. 17 in Class 3A by the OSSAA.

The Indians have won seven of their last nine contests and they are simply a stout club.

"Comanche is really athletic," Clark said. "They play really hard in the full court and they run and jump all over the place. They don't really get out of position defensively. Offensively, they look for the open man and move it around very well. They're just very disciplined and they don't do very many things wrong. They play hard and they get after it, man-to-man."

Clark is obviously pleased during his first year at the helm of Lexington's girls' squad.

He's sees lots of fortitude and he likes that he has found a squad with a good mix of offense, defense, and team camaraderie.

"We'll definitely have to be ready and get after them hard," Clark said of Lex's upcoming opponent in Comanche. "We've got kids that can definitely score and play great defense. Some score more than others while the others play great defense. It's been a true team effort. It's been a good combination and it's been a good year.

"We hope to continue our year in the playoffs. I'm just really pleased with the girls in my first year. It's been great! They work hard and they all get along great. I'm just proud of them. It's the first time that we've been District champions since 2013, so that's great. We have 13 wins and we're just looking to build on that."

Boys

The Lexington boys' basketball team has the talent. But, according to Lexington head coach J.D. Beck, they just have hit a bad time at the wrong time. "We've hit a wall these last few games," Beck said. "There's no doubt that we've struggled. But, we've played a bunch of close games. We haven't been able to turn things the right way in our favor. It happens almost every season. We just were hoping it wouldn't happen right before the Playoffs."

"We still have time, though, to turn things around. We're still in it and I'm still behind our guys. I think we can do it. It'll be a dogfight! I know that!"

The 'Dawgs lost to Holdenville, 43-41, last Friday at home in the Class 3A District IV Area III game.

The Wolverines (1-18) won their first game of the season against Lexington in the process.

"We were up by 12 points with about four-and-a-half

minutes left in the game," Beck said. "I think the pressure just got to us. We were playing not to lose, not playing to win. We hit a dry spell there in those last four minutes. It was tough to get a bucket and Holdenville did a great job denying us."

"They knocked a couple of big shots down. They really continued to put pressure on us. We just didn't do enough of what we needed to do to win the game. We're taking the shots and we get a good look at the bucket. We're simply not making them right now. We have good shots from the outside. We get our feet set and get a good look at the goal. We're just not knocking them down like we were earlier in the season."

Simply, all facets and assets on the team were not at top level, according to Beck.

"Our big guys got lots of good looks down low," Beck said. "They just couldn't get them to go in. The last three games, it seems, we've been on a shooting slump. It's been frustrating for all of us. We've got the next game to try and improve, which is always a good thing."

Lexington (8-14) will play the Lindsay Leopards (10-13) today (Tuesday) at 3 p.m. at Lindsay.

The Leopards are 10-13 under coach Chance Grider. The Leopards lost to Class 3A No. 18 Comanche, 69-58, in

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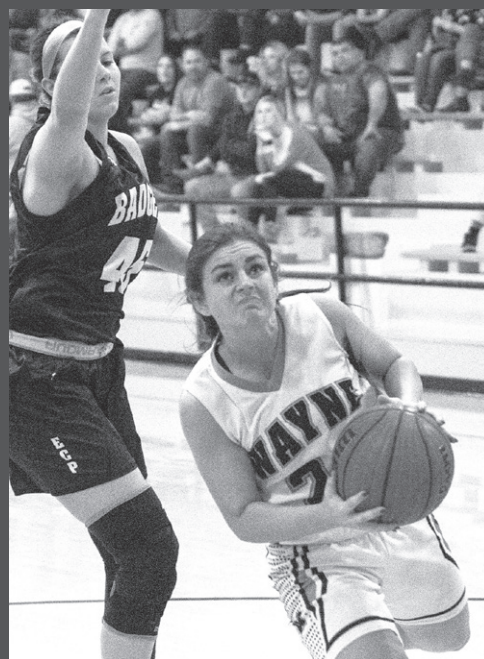


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Washington FFA Show and Bonus Auction scheduled

Angie Steele
Washington Correspondent

Congratulations to Washington Elementary Students of the Week! Levi Zamora, Gavan Hernandez, Brylee Kilmer and Dylan Chaves represent their second-grade classes for the week of February 18-22.

Gavan Hernandez is in Mrs. Bate's class. He likes to play video games, eat olives and his favorite animal is a black panther. His favorite part of school is learning from his teacher. He enjoys listening to music and watching u-tube. When Gavan grows up he would like to be a good dad.

Levi Zamora represents Mrs. Burch's class. He likes playing football, going to the lake and playing his Xbox. His favorite thing about school is playing with his friends. When Levi grows up he plans to be in the Army to fight and protect our country and his family.

Dylan Chaves is in Mrs. Siebert's class. He likes video games, arcades, old movies and creating things. His favorite food is Hawaiian pizza and his favorite movie is Godzilla. When Dylan grows up, he would like to be an artist.

Brylee Kilmer represents Mrs. Talley's class. She enjoys racing (cars) and her favorite food is Mexican. She likes learning math and her favorite thing about school is music. Brylee plans to be a NASCAR driver when she grows up.

Washington FFA Show and Bonus Auction

Washington's FFA and 4-H show is scheduled for Saturday, February 23, at 2 p.m.

Washington FFA will host their Annual Bonus Auction at the Clyde Ward Agri Plex Tuesday, February 26. Dinner will be served from 5-7 p.m. with the Bonus Auction beginning at 7 p.m.

Annual Masonic BBQ Dinner and Bluegrass Show

April 13 is the Masonic Lodge's Annual BBQ dinner and Blue Grass Show. Tickets are available at the breakfast or at the Washington Feed & Seed Store.

Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. The money raised is going to help with FFA scholarships state wide.

Warrior Way 5k Registration Open

Washington's Annual Warrior Way 5k and Fun Mile is a fun morning for racers, runners and walkers and everyone in between. The event is scheduled for March 30 and registration is open.

The Fun Mile will begin at 9 a.m. and the 5k will start 9:30 a.m. The fun run (mile) and 5k will start in downtown Washington near the Post Office on Main Street & heads north over the Walnut Creek Bridge to the designated turn around. The fun run is a non-timed race but will have a race clock. The 5k is a



• Photo by Suzy Talley

Students of the Week

Levi Zamora, Gavan Hernandez, Brylee Kilmer and Dylan Chaves represent their second grade classes at Washington Elementary School as Students of the Week for February 18-22.

timed super fast flat out and back also over the old bridge. There is only one short hill, near the finish, so save a little something for that.

The race is USATF sanctioned/certified #OK12108DG. Awards: Top 3 Overall Male And Female Finishers and Top 3 Male and Female each age group.

Register now at: www.warriorway5k.com

A "Way" for the community to come together and share our Warrior spirit and support a local family in need of financial help due to an unseen circumstance.

This year's Warrior Way will benefit Goldsby resident Dee Lyles who was diagnosed with multiple myeloma in October 2017.

Washington Warrior Yearbooks

Washington yearbooks continue to be on sale. Pick up an order form in the school offices or you can order online at ybpay.lefttouch.com. Please specify Elementary (pk-5) CODE 13343919 or Middle School and High School (6-12) yearbook CODE 13319819. Order now!

Washington School Calendar

Friday, February 22—Washington 4-H and FFA Show, 2 p.m.

Tuesday, February 26—FFA Dinner and Bonus Auction, 5 p.m.

March 18-22—Spring Break. May 16—Last Day of School.

First Baptist Church of Cole

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

Wednesday evening activities for all ages at 7 p.m. The church website is www.fbcole.com.

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

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

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odist Church

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

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

Union Hill Baptist Church

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

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

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

First Baptist Church Washington

Weekly Worship Service Times:

Sunday—10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Weekly Small Group Opportunities:

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

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

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

Mission Friends (Pre-K and Kindergarten), Sundays, 5 p.m. Ladies' Bible Study, Tuesdays, 9 a.m.

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

Bible Study, Sunday, 5 p.m.

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Dale K. Graham Veteran's Foundation

Today we recognize the men and women of our Oklahoma Vet Centers for the work that they do for our Oklahoma veterans and their families.

For those of you who are not aware of their services, please consider visiting with one of them. Located in Tulsa, Lawton

and Oklahoma City, they provide a variety of services, one of which is counseling. Each Tuesday and Thursday morning we have someone from their office available at our location to work with both veterans and their families

I know that if more veterans were aware of their services that there would be less veteran's suicides. Everyone needs to be mindful of what is available to veterans who are in a crisis.

Our Veteran of the Week, Raymond Starkebaum, served in World War II as a member of the United States Army. Mr. Starkebaum makes his home in Choctaw.

As everyone knows we do not receive any government funding. Everything we receive is from the men and women we help or from grants from local businesses or charities. Currently, the cost is approximately \$30,000 per month to support our mission to improve the lives of veterans and their families. We appreciate those of you who are giving back to your brothers and sisters who have served in this United States Military.

Our automobile donation program has been an easy way for veterans to give back to others. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit your donations of cars, trucks, motorcycles, etc. are a win-win for both the donor and our foundation. Many of those who we help to receive VA benefits will purchase that new car or truck they have wanted for so long. Some of them will then donate their old one to us where we either give it to a needy veteran or sell it to raise funds to support veterans and their families.

We are currently looking at ways to improve your visit to our location in Norman. For those of you who would like to help us with the cost to upgrade our facility, please contact Lora at 405-550-8806. There are several types of improvements we are planning that should make your time with us more enjoyable.

The first thing we want to do is to replace the worn-out chairs we purchased used from the OU Junk store for \$1 each when we first opened. Replacements can be bought for \$25 each at one of our local business or online. The next thing on our replacement list is our carpet. I believe that anyone who has visited us before will agree that our carpet looks like something out of a crime scene with so many stains.

We aren't yet to the halfway mark so if you can help us, there is still time to do so. For both replacement projects, we are looking to raise \$20,000. We would like to purchase 36 chairs. For a donation of \$300 or more, we will buy five. We will attach an inscription plaque on the back of one



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Veteran of the Week

Dale K. Graham Veteran's Foundation Veteran of the Week is Raymond Starkebaum, a World War II Veteran. We appreciate Mr. Starkebaum for his continued service.

chair for those who want to be recognized. For those making a \$500 or more donation toward carpet replacement, you will be recognized on our website and newsletter. As for any contributions, you will receive a very grateful thank you from our Foundation because through your generosity you are helping us to make this world just a little bit better.

We were recently able to replace many of the individual laser printers that our volunteers use to process veterans' applications for benefits. As we continue to grow there will be a need for a larger facility for us to better serve the men and women who have worn the uniform of a member of our military. Until then, our only option is to add more volunteers to our membership that would allow us to add another day to provide services.

Currently, some of our volunteers are available to schedule a visit on Monday mornings. For more information Lora Malone at (405) 550-8806 there will be a limited number of openings.

As an Accredited VA Claims Agent, I receive a copy of all decisions for those veterans that have signed up with me. This status also allows me to view the electronic records of a claimant. Having these essential pieces of information makes it possible to help folks better as we can see what has been filed, a veteran's records relating to appointments with the VA's contract doctors (LHI, QTC, etc.), and notes made by the VA.

The VA decisions received this week included those for the fourteen veterans

awarded benefits at the 100 percent rate. They will receive \$569,495 per year. Thirty-six veterans were awarded benefits at the 10-90 percent rate. Last week there were 23 in that category, so we are excited about this jump. This new group will receive \$543,377 on an annual basis.

We are available every Tuesday and Thursday mornings at the 1268 North Interstate Drive in Norman. We open the doors by 5:30 a.m. and we begin working as soon as volunteers have their computers ready. We stop taking clients at 8 a.m. and urge you to arrive as early as possible.

Counselors from the Vet Centers are here each session, and a Legal Aid representative is on Thursdays. We have food baskets available for those who qualify. We look forward to your visit and thank you for trusting us to help you with your VA matters.

Visit our website at dalekgrahamveteransfoundation.org for more information. Semper Fi!

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

Angie Steele



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McClain County Show

Washington FFA and 4-H Cattle Kids at the McClain County show last weekend included Lance Spaulding, Lily Vandivort, Elizabeth Vandivort, Brynn Farmer, Seth Tague, Cole Scott and Kinser Scott.



• Photo Taysha Springer

Future high school players

Fourth grade Washington Barrett versus Washington Gordon was a nail biter all the way through last Saturday. The junior high and high school basketball coaches will have a great team on their hands in few years! Washington Barrett won by a few points in the last minutes of the game.

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Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

By Fr. Jim Chamberlain

It seems to me that there are two ways we can live our lives. We can live in order to get as much pleasure as possible out of this life. This life is all there is, so why not live with much pleasure?

Or we can seek happiness – true happiness – by connecting our lives with the transcendent God, a power that was always, is now, and will be forever. We have one eye on the life here, yes, and also one eye on the life beyond, the life that awaits us. In this case, we seek not pleasure that is temporary, but we seek happiness that lasts forever.

During Advent last year, some of us read a little book entitled “The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity.” First the author talked about lies that are often told about Christianity by people on the outside, people who are not Christian. These are untruths, such as Jesus did not really rise from the dead, Christianity is anti-intellectual and anti-science, and so forth. He debunks these lies, one by one.

But the Biggest Lie is the one that we Christians tell about ourselves! The biggest lie that we tell ourselves is that holi-

ness is not possible. It may be possible for monks or nuns or saints, but it is not possible for you and me. And yet we are called to be holy. In the letter to the Thessalonians, we read: “This is the will of God, that you be holy.” (1 Thes. 4:3).

The truth is that we can be holy. How do we do this? By living holy moments. Even the great saints did not live holy lives completely. They lived many holy moments.

A “holy moment” is a moment when you open yourself to God, when you set aside your self-interests, when you choose to do in that moment what you prayerfully believe is the will of God. It is a moment of surrender not to your project, but to God’s project.

Begin each day with a prayer of gratitude that God has given you this gift of a day. That is a holy moment. Control your temper, and return to peace. That is a holy moment. Encourage someone, or give them a compliment. That is a holy moment. Invite God into a task you are doing at work or at home, especially a task that is unpleasant. That is a holy moment. After a time, a collection

of holy moments can become a holy life.

Jesus was a good observer. When he preached his Sermon on the Plain, he was making observations. He noticed that some people lived shallow lives. They were living to be rich now only. They were living to eat well now without regard to others in need. They were laughing now and living lives of pleasure without consideration of others in need. (Luke 6)

But we are made mellow by the great suffering of our brothers and sisters across the globe. We are aware that happiness is deeper than pleasure. Real happiness is the gift given only to those who attach their lives to the work of God’s Spirit moving on the earth.

Our parish will celebrate Mardi Gras on Saturday, March 2, just a few days before the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday. All are welcome to join in the festivities!

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 Westside Church of Christ

Front-Porch Gospel: The Sun’s Arising on the Jordan Valley

Good day: Welcome to the “front porch.”

For today, let’s go back to our writings in the book of John and pick up where the day two disciples, John and Andrew, meet the Lord, perhaps for the first time. When we meet the Lord, there is but one thing to do: Follow Him. Read on...

The sun arises down in this Jordan valley this day the way it always has. There is not an extra gleam in its shine, and it doesn’t flash brilliant streams of light off of Jordan’s rolling tide to signal that today is a noteworthy day in the lives of two unique Palestinian fishermen.

But for these two young men, still in their early 20s, the sun might as well have put on a fireworks’ display for the whole world to see. Today would be a day like no other, and a light would shine forth in their hearts that the sun itself could not rival.

They could not have imagined when they arise to head toward the Jordan to meet with the new teacher on the scene – John the Baptist – that they would meet the Messiah of the world on this day. They get to John, greet him as they always do, and then spend the better part of the morning and afternoon listening to him teach. Perhaps they stand witness to additional baptisms down in

the waters of the Jordan.

The afternoon has been long, and it is nearing four o’clock when their world changes. A man from Galilee walks by the Baptizer and these two disciples, probably about the time they are winding up their work for the day. The prophet John sees the Galilean carpenter as he walks along, and he points him out to his own two disciples, and says, “Behold the Lamb of God!”

It seems that there is little hesitation between John’s bold declaration and these two disciples’ leaving the prophet to follow this “Lamb of God.” Perhaps the Baptizer motions to them to encourage them to go ahead and follow Him, indicating that it is all right, that this has been the plan all along. They must follow Him, for John is merely the forerunner, the one to prepare the way of the Lord. Whether implicitly or explicitly, John gives his seal of approval.

“He is the One to follow,” he would say, “I am not the One. I am not the Christ. I am not worthy to unloose the strap of this man’s sandals. So, you go on, and you follow Him with

all that you have. You have learned from me, and that was good. It was needed. But now go learn from the Master. Go meet the Lamb of God. Sit at His feet awhile. Sit there for as long as you live. Go to him, and never stray nor falter. Put your absolute faith in Him, and go wherever He goes. If he goes over the cold, dark mountain, you go there, too. If he takes you deep down into life’s darkest valleys – and there you, indeed, will go one day – you go there, too. And, as you go, go in faith. Believe in Him, trust Him, follow Him, and He will lead you to a much better shore than this damp, sandy shore of the Jordan. He will lead you to heaven’s blessed shore, and there you will doubt no more and you will fear no more, not the way you doubt and fear on this Jordan shore. Go, now, don’t fret, and don’t look back.”

And these two eager men do precisely what every one of us need to do -- must do! -- when we meet Jesus. They followed him, and they never looked back!
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Green Avenue Church of Christ

The Wednesday evening auditorium class studied four more songs from the song book used by the congregation comparing the words of the songs with Bible teaching.

The Sunday morning adult Bible class looked at Acts 15 which records the dispute over whether circumcision was necessary for salvation and the conversions of a wealthy Jewish woman and a prison keeper, Acts 16 is where we find a riot in the city of Thessalonica and Paul debating Epicurean and Stoic philosophers and James five where there is a warning to rich people.

During the Sunday morning assembly Keith Shackelford presented a word study of a couple of Greek words that are translated conversation in the 1611 British King James Version of the Bible and terms like conduct, behavior and way of life in contemporary American translations.

The Sunday evening sermon looked at the 15th chapter of Acts and compared the teaching of the doctrine that it was necessary to be circumcised to be saved to modern doctrines requiring the keeping of Old Testament practices like tithing and keeping the Sabbath day holy.

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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