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ASCOG: Wayne Nutrition Site at risk

The future of the senior nutrition site at Wayne rests on the appetite of four to five older residents.

The Wayne Nutrition Site will be marked for closure this spring unless at least 25 senior citizens and their spouses take their noon meals there on a daily basis.

The site served an average of 20 to 21 noon meals daily from October 2017 through January 2018.

Department of Human Services Policy requires all Title III nutrition sites to serve at least 25 meals per day.

The Association of South Central Oklahoma Governments Area Agency on Aging encourages all Wayne citizens age 60 and older and their spouses to take their noon meals at the nutrition site.

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

A public hearing on the issue had been scheduled for February 21, but was cancelled due to last week's winter storm.

ASCOG has rescheduled

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Howard

Academic All-State

Ashley becomes Purcell's 4th student named to top 100



Ashley Howard

Purcell High School Senior Ashley Howard has been named to the elite top 100 Academic All-Staters in Oklahoma.

The Academic Awards Banquet will be televised by OETA in May.

The Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence announced the 2018 recipients that hail from 82 schools in 74 Oklahoma school districts.

The 100 top public high school seniors were selected from 536 seniors. Howard, along with the other 99 re-

ipients, will receive a \$1,000 merit-based scholarship and a medallion.

She becomes the fourth Purcell Senior to be so honored.

Megan Moore was one of the top 100 All Staters in 1998 while Rachel Renbarger won the prestigious award and scholarship in 2009. Shianne Andrew won the honor in 2016.

Ashley has a 4.0 GPA and scored a 32 on the ACT.

She is ranked No. 1 in her class and has won the Letter P Award two times.

She is Chapter Secretary of the Purcell FFA and has won the State Greenhand Quizbowl.

She volunteers at the Purcell Public Library and is a volunteer teacher at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church.

She has also run Cross Country for three years.

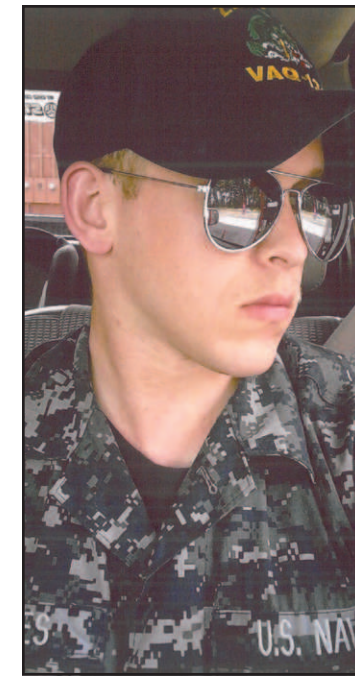
David L. Boren, chairman and founder of the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence, describes the selection of the scholars as "Oklahoma's most rigorous academic competition."

Students must meet one of the criteria that includes an ACT composite of at least 30, an SAT combined critical reading and math score of at least 1340 or be selected as a semifinalist for a National Merit, National Achievement or National Hispanic

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Jones flying high with Navy

Maintenance is the name of the game



Tyler Jones

Tyler Jones of Lexington is aboard electronic attack squadron 130, where he provides for daily maintenance on 5 EA-18G Growlers.

Jones, who is a 2013 graduate of Lexington High School, was previously aboard the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower for a deployment in the Arabian gulf and the Mediterranean Sea.

In that deployment he launched, recovered and main-

tained 5 aircraft in 120 degree heat and they arrived home in December of 2016.

In transit to the 5th Fleet area of responsibility (AOR), the Zappers conducted flight operations off the coast of Spain, France and Italy.

Following, the Zappers, as part of the CVW-3 and CVN-69 team, entered the 5th Fleet AOR through the Suez Canal as CVN-69 and relieved the USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) in support of Operation Inherent Resolve.

The Zappers supported joint and coalition forces on the ground in Iraq and Syria for approximately seven months where they flew 226 combat sorties and executed 1,596 combat flight hours.

During the deployment, VAQ-130 also employed and honed skills to maintain, fly, and operate the Navy's premiere electronic attack platform with Carrier Strike Group (CSG) 10 and their joint partners.

The Zappers, along with CSG-10, then returned to the

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• Photo provided

Air maintenance

Tyler Jones, a 2013 graduate of Lexington High School, provides daily maintenance on 5EA-18G Growlers.

Water recreation

Pool just one possibility for city

Jeanne Grimes The Purcell Register

The City of Purcell won't be stepping off into the deep end any time soon on the issue of how or if to construct a new public swimming pool.

Cost estimates for a new pool ranged from \$2.2 to \$4 million

during a city council work session last week.

A representative from Larkin Aquatics attended the session to answer council members' questions.

Council member Danny Jacobs said much of the discussion centered on finances for the city's

Parks and Recreation Department.

Although there was no vote for or against a new swimming pool, the council did discuss the city's penny sales tax for capital improvements.

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

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John Denny Montgomery
The Purcell Register

Grand Champion Gilt

The bonus for Chase Anderson's Grand Champion Gilt was purchased by Mitchel Realty for \$600. Standing in for the company at the bonus auction last Friday night was Zach Harp.

Bonus Auction raises \$45K

\$45,205 raised for 4-H and FFA students

Last Friday night's Purcell Bonus Auction raised \$45,205 thanks to the generous support by contributors.

The 28th annual auction was moved from Tuesday night to Friday night due to inclement weather. It was at the Purcell Agriculture Education Building.

The sale included animals from Corey McGregor, Chase Anderson, Hailey Carpenter, Sam Gilman, Tucker Bloodworth, Cooper Lynn and Haiven Culp.

Also, Kade Clary, Jasey Baker, Bryant Snow, Cecilya Johnson, Jaxson Staggs, Tanner Bloodworth, Alyssa Bumpass, Hunter Bay, Thad Rogers, Keely Mer-

rell, Kaylee Evans, Brianna Risenhoover, Carson Culp, Emma Lynn, Reagan Snow, Caden Grissom and Tommy Andrews.

Carpenter, Tucker Bloodworth, Clary, Snow, Staggs and Bay all won Showmanship Honors at the Purcell Livestock Show.

7 day forecast from @PurcellRegister @OUNewsCrowd

Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
60°33° Sunny	62°40° Mstly Sunny	64°50° Mstly Sunny	65°44° 20% Rain	55°40° Windy	60°43° Sunny	60°40° Windy

Mid-60s interrupted by cold front

Another warmer week is ahead of us with temperatures mainly in the 60s and sunny skies. On Sunday, a cold front will be moving through our

state. While temperatures will still be warm during the day, as the front move towards central Oklahoma there is a chance for rain Sunday night and early the

next morning. Expect a slight drop in temperatures on Monday but then we will be back in the 60s by Tuesday.

- Leah Hill



Mary Huff and Savannah Ibarra

Purcell High School Students of the Month

Mary Huff and Savannah Ibarra have been named February Students of the Month at Purcell High School.

Mary Huff is the daughter of Lesa and Scott Huff. She is involved in student council, National Honor Society and Art Club. Her honors include 3 year Letter "P" Award, Top 10 Ten Percent and Superintendent's Honor Roll.

Mary's favorite class is art. After graduation she plans to attend the University of Central Oklahoma.

Savannah Ibarra is the daughter of Jaime and Alicia Ibarra. She is involved in cross country, basketball, track, Art Club, National Honor Society, student council and Spanish Club.

Her honors include Top Ten Percent in geometry and English, Superintendent's Honor Roll, Principal's Honor Roll, Letter "P" Award, cross country All-Star 2015 and 2016 and 2017 Cross Country State Qualifier.

Savannah's favorite class is art. After graduation she plans to attend vo-tech to study medical billing and coding.

Voter registration deadline approaching

EMS bond issue vote is April 3

March 9 is the last day to apply for voter registration to be eligible to vote in the April 3 special bond election for McClain/Grady County Emergency Medical Services.

The election will decide the fate of a \$900,000 bond issue to build a new EMS facility in Newcastle.

Voting will be in the Dibble, Blanchard and Newcastle school districts.

McClain County Election Board Secretary Karen Haley said the requirements for registering are that the individual is a U.S. citizen, Oklahoma resident and at least 18 years old.

Those who have never been registered to vote, who aren't currently registered in their county of residence or who need to change their registration information may apply.

They need to fill out and mail an Oklahoma Voter Registration Application in time for it to be postmarked no later than midnight March 9.

Applications postmarked after that deadline will still be accepted and processed, but won't be approved until after the April 3 election.

The county election board responds in writing to every person who submits an application, Haley said.

The response is either a voter identification card listing the new voter's precinct number and polling place or a letter explaining why the application wasn't approved.

Anyone who has submitted a voter registration application and who hasn't received a response within 30 days should contact the county election board office in the McClain County Courthouse.

Application forms are available at the county election board, as well as most post offices, tag agencies and public libraries in the county, Haley said.

Applications are also available online at www.elections.ok.gov.

Pair pleads guilty to 18 counts

Jeanne Grimes
The Purcell Register

A couple charged in February 2016 with repeated sexual assaults on a friend's 10-year-old daughter entered blind pleas in McClain County District Court to all 18 felony counts.

Assistant District Attorney Lesley March said Friday that jury selection began February

20 for the trial against Jason C. McSwain, 45, before winter weather intervened and delayed the trial until Friday.

Returning to the courtroom then, the trial was halted when McSwain pled guilty to 11 felony counts, including first-degree rape of a victim under the age of 14, nine counts of lewd acts with a child under


the age of 16 and one count of pattern of criminal offenses.

The blind plea means that McSwain doesn't have a plea agreement with the prosecution.


District Judge Leah Edwards will sentence McSwain at 1:30

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NEWS

from the
City of Purcell

Community Service

City of Purcell, Code Enforcement, has unlimited daytime hours, including weekends, for anyone needing community service hours.

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NEWS In Brief

Girl Scouts

Food Drive

Purcell Girl Scouts will be hosting a Canned Food Drive/Cookie Booth on Friday, March 2, from 4-7 p.m. in front of Savvy Parke on Main Street.

All donated canned goods and non-perishable food items will be donated to the Little Dragon's Food Pantry in Purcell.

Support your local food pantry along with the new troops in Purcell.

For more information contact Shelby Rubio at 795-4268 or Tara Payne at (580) 514-1657.

PHS to Hold

Parent Meetings

Purcell High School will hold a parent meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, March 5, for all upcoming juniors and seniors for the 2018-19 school year in the high school commons.

A parents meeting for all upcoming freshmen and sophomores for the 2018-2019 school year will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 6, in the high school commons.

PHS Carnival

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

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

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

Museum News

The McClain County Museum and Historical Society will be open Friday, March 2, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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

Dance Aerobics and Toning

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

The programs are fun and free.

For more information call Purcell Parks at 527-7227.

Breaking Free

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

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

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

Lex Senior Citizens Lunch

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

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

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

Purcell

NA Group

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

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

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

Anoli Creative Writing Contest

The Chickasaw Nation Anoli Creative Writing Contest is accepting applications until February 27.

The annual writing contest is open to Chickasaw students in grades six through 12, split into two categories of grades six to eight and nine to 12.

In addition to Chickasaw students, the Anoli Creative Writing Contest is open to adult Chickasaw citizens. Adult categories are 18-24 as well as 25 and up.

All submissions must be original and are evaluated by a panel of judges. Winners receive cash prizes and medals.

All entries should reflect the contest topic: "Chickasaws: Moments that shape us."

Contest writing categories include poetry, short story and essay writing. Up to three entries total may be submitted in one or any combination of these categories. Chickasaw citizenship will be verified.

Online submissions are preferred, but email, traditional mail and hand-delivered submissions are possible.

Entries may be mailed or hand delivered to: The Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities Division, 201 North Broadway, Ada, Oklahoma 74820. For email submissions, send to artistinfo@Chickasaw.net.

Winners will be announced in March.

Call (580) 272-5520 to request a physical copy of contest guidelines. For more information, to view guidelines or to make online submissions, visit Chickasaw.net/AnoliContest.



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Grand Champion Ewe

The bonus for Hailey Carpenter's Grand Champion Ewe was purchased by McClain Bank for \$400. Representing McClain Bank was Kerry Wilhoit with assistance from his children Karter and Klaire.

Applications open for Summer Science Adventures at Sam Noble Museum in Norman

On the hunt for adventure this summer? Students can apply now for the ExplorOlogy® program to do research and experience real science.

Students across Oklahoma have the chance to dig for dinosaur fossils, explore Oklahoma streams and ponds, and search for wildlife as part of the 2018 ExplorOlogy® program offered through the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History.

ExplorOlogy® gives students in middle and high school a chance to do real field work with scientists and learn more about biology, paleontology and other natural sciences through two programs: Paleo Expedition and Oklahoma Science Adventure.

There is no cost to students who are accepted. Deadline for applications is March 30.

"So many students grow up thinking science is something far away, that it's only for adults and that they can only experience it through school, books or TV," said Josie Wagoner Garrard, outreach programs coordinator at the Sam Noble Museum. "ExplorOlogy® gives them the chance to not only realize that science is something they can do, but that they already are scientists. It gives them the chance to actually become the field researchers and paleontologists they've always dreamed of being by letting them actually go out and do it."

Paleo Expedition is a unique paleontology field experience for Oklahoma high school students currently enrolled in grades nine, 10 and 11.

Space is limited, and the application process is competitive.

Twelve participants will begin their 15-day residential adventure, scheduled June 10 through June 24, with scientists from the Sam Noble Museum.

The first week of the program will include learning paleontology basics at the museum and travel to Oklahoma geological and paleontological field sites.

The second week will include travel to an amazing excavation site in the Black Mesa region of Oklahoma, where students will implement the skills they learned.

"Our students work alongside scientists excavating and studying fossils, including some from dinosaurs," Wagoner Garrard said. "We'll head back to the same site this year to see what else is waiting for us to be discovered. It's always an adventure, and I can't wait to see what this year holds!"

Students in grades six through eight can apply for

Oklahoma Science Adventure, scheduled July 8 through July 14. Participants have the opportunity to make new friends, explore Oklahoma landscapes and enhance their knowledge of the natural world.

The 14 selected participants begin outdoors, working with scientists on field research projects, such as collecting fossils and investigating aquatic ecosystems. This program enhances students' leadership and teamwork skills.

The program will conclude with an overnight stay at the museum, where students will go behind the scenes to explore the museum's collections and further study the fossils and specimens they encountered in the field.

Applications and information about both programs are available at samnoblemuseum.ou.edu/explorology, by calling (405) 325-8879 or emailing explorology.samnoblemuseum@ou.edu.



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Registration is requested in advance for each of the programs.

For more information on any of the programs, visit the library, call 527-5546 or go online to www.pioneerlibrarysystem.org/purcell.

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1 can of corn
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1 can Rotel tomatoes
1 pkg. taco seasoning mix
Garlic salt to taste
2 cups cooked rice
8 oz. of shredded cheese
Spray slow cooker with cooking spray.

Brown ground beef and add in chopped onions, taco seasoning, tomatoes, beans and corn. Stir to combine and set aside.

Spread cooked rice in the bottom of the slow cooker. Sprinkle with garlic salt.

Spoon the meat mixture over the rice and top with cheese.

Place the lid on top and cook on high for 2-3 hours.



• Photo provided

Pauls Valley Opry

Ray Deviney will be back on stage at the Pauls Valley Opry Saturday, March 3. The show begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Pauls Valley High School auditorium.

Join the library for afterschool activities on Tuesdays

The Purcell Public Library invites local elementary school-aged children for Afterschool STEAM activities at 3:15 p.m. on most Tuesday afternoons at the library, 919 N. Ninth St.

In March, the schedule includes the following events:

March 6—Get Your Game On, with video games, board games, card games and more;

March 13—We Do Legos, with Lego project kits and laptops;

March 20—Spring Break Come and Go Crafts, using a variety of materials and media in a special Spring Break week presentation;

March 27—STEAM kits, exploring science and technology in a new way.

Registration is not required to attend any of the programs.

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Okeyha Mothers Club has meeting

The Purcell Okeyha Mother's Club met February 26 in the home of Jenny Hunter.

Seventeen members were in attendance including Sheila Barfield, Kristy Brock, Kristi Edelman, April Gillen, Valerye Haley, Jenny Hunter, Betty Little, Aletha Lydick, Kesha Montgomery, Judy Moring, Sarah Rangel, Morgan Resendiz, Kim Thompson, Echo Tompkins, Deanna Wilder, Sharie Wilhoit and Gisela Wolfenbarger.

It was decided that the group will work the OETA fundraiser on Saturday, March 17, as they have for many years.

There will be a fun night of painting coming up at The

Rusty Knot. More information will soon be sent out on that.

New officers were nominated. Members signed up for the upcoming State Convention in April. They will be staying at The Skirvin.

Bliss Mothers Club has five members attend this meeting including Terri Sample, Julie Garver, Aren Easom, Kim Jones and Krystal Bugher.

Between the two Mothers Clubs the State Convention will be beautifully decorated to celebrate 80 wonderful years! A big thanks to them for coming!

The next meeting will be held in the home of Judy Moring with Betty Little as hostess on March 12.

School Menus Lexington

Week of March 5 MONDAY BREAKFAST

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

LUNCH

Peanut butter and jelly sandwich or tuna salad sandwich, baby carrots, french fries, applesauce, wacky cake, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY BREAKFAST

Yogurt, graham crackers, peaches, fruit juice, milk.

LUNCH

Salisbury steak, hot roll, cheezy potatoes, green beans, orange smiles, milk.

WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST

Pancake on a stick, syrup,

blueberries, fruit juice, milk.

LUNCH

Barbecue pork sandwich, potato salad, baked beans, Jell-O with fruit, milk.

THURSDAY BREAKFAST

Breakfast bosco sticks, fruit juice, mixed fruit, milk.

LUNCH

Spaghetti with meat sauce, cheezy bread, steamed broccoli, steamed carrots, peaches, milk.

FRIDAY BREAKFAST

Peanut butter, graham crackers, strawberries, fruit juice, pears, milk.

LUNCH

Chicken pot pie, biscuit, coleslaw, English peas, lime pears, milk.

Purcell

Week of March 5 MONDAY BREAKFAST

Breakfast bagel with ham, egg and cheese, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Ranch chicken flatbread, baby carrots, Ruffles, salad bar, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY BREAKFAST

Yogurt parfait, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Homemade burrito, Mexican salad, chips and salsa, salad bar, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST

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

LUNCH

Pineapple glazed ham, loaded mashed potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, salad bar, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY BREAKFAST

Toast, scrambled eggs, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Chili, Fritos, chili beans, salad bar, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY BREAKFAST

Doughnut, strawberry/banana yogurt, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Cheeseburger, tater tots, salad bar, fruit, milk.

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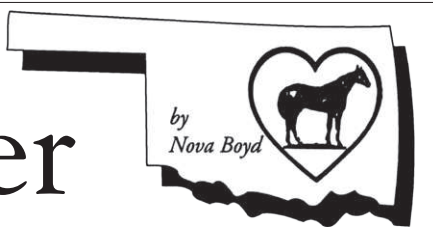
In the attic

Owner Melanie Williams cut the ribbon Tuesday at *Melanie's Attic* in Lexington. Attending the event were representatives of the Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce. Mandy Davis, the chamber's chief executive officer holds a framed dollar bill for the new chamber member. Standing behind Williams are her parents, Geoffrey and Margaret Phillips, who relocated from the United Kingdom to Purcell to be near their daughter. Williams opened the store on November 14. In addition to merchandise on display, she will search for and buy items customers request.

Featured speaker

Dana Murphy, left, and her friend Lisa Billy. Billy introduced Murphy as the chamber of commerce's featured speaker at last Friday's luncheon meeting. Billy and Murphy became friends during Billy's tenure as a State Representative. Murphy is a Corporation Commissioner and is running for Lt. Governor.

The Horseman's Corner



National Look at Equine Health

It is March 1, and horsemen have already been to some shows and races, and are planning on which shows or races to fill their calendars for the year. Its also foaling season, so thoughts go to vaccinations and equine health in order to protect their animals and to being able to cross state lines by having their health papers ready. Following are two articles about equine health that every horseman, whether on the show and race circuits, or those of you who have recreational horses in your pastures will be interested in. The first is an article by Dr. Tom Lenz from the AQHA Journal reprinted here with permission. The other is from the American Horse Council. Many of you have seen these articles in the horse publications that you get, but many more of you have not seen them.

that their horses are at risk for those diseases should visit the Equine Disease Communication Center website (www.equin-disease.org) that tracks equine disease outbreaks and see that serious equine diseases are occurring somewhere in the United States on a daily basis.

The study detailed conditions causing death in horses. For horses less than one year of age, injury, wounds or trauma accounted for 28 percent of deaths, followed by digestive problems (other than colic) such as diarrhea, followed by respiratory problems and failure to get adequate colostrum.

For horses between 1 and 20 years of age, 31 percent of deaths were caused by colic; 16 percent by injury, wound or trauma; and 10 percent by respiratory problems, such as pneumonia.

For horses older than 20, colic accounted for 13 percent

of deaths, followed by cancer (13 percent), neurologic problems (12 percent), and chronic weight loss (12 percent).

In horses older than 20, the most common cause of death (27 percent) was due to complications associated with old age.

Quarter Horses accounted for the highest percentage of horse breeds (42 percent) nationally, Quarter Horses accounted for 55.5 percent of all horses in the western United States and 61.8 percent of all horses in the South Central region of the US.

Pleasure/recreation was the primary use for horses and accounted for 47 percent of all horses, followed by farm/ranch work at 25 percent. That leaves 28 percent in the racing and show industries.

The study showed 93 percent of foal births resulted in a live foal. A higher percentage of foals in the West (96.8 percent) were born

alive, compared with foals in the Northeast (91 percent) and the Southeast (91.5 percent).

These results indicate that there is room for improvement in mare prenatal health care, including properly timed vaccinations and nutrition.

The entire 160 pages of results

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National Animal Health Monitoring System Report

Dr. Tom Lenz
The Department of Agriculture has released initial results from its third study of the United States Equine industry, the National Animal Health Monitoring System Report.

The current results allow horse, donkey and mule owners, as well as veterinarians to compare the health and management of their animals with national and regional results.

The study in 28 states included horse operations with five or more animals. Results showed that 70.7 percent of operations used a veterinarian as their primary information source on horse health – a higher percent than previous studies. In the past, farriers, feed stores or magazines were listed as primary sources of horse medical care information.

Of those operations using a veterinarian:

- * 46 percent did so for diagnosis, treatment or surgery of individual animals

- * 45 percent did so for vaccination advice

- * 46.5 percent used a veterinarian to administer vaccines

- * 41 percent bought drugs or vaccines from their veterinarian but administered them themselves

- * 47 percent used a veterinarian for dentistry (40 percent of owners did not provide dental care for their animals)

The survey showed that only 66.7 percent of horse operations routinely vaccinate their horse, which was surprising given the often-fatal tetanus, West Nile virus and eastern and western encephalitis that are present in the environment or spread by mosquitoes.

Anyone who doesn't believe

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Obituaries

Vi Coym

Funeral services for Vi Coym, 88, of Lexington will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, March 2, 2018 at the Lexington First Baptist Church. Interment will follow at the Lexington Cemetery under the direction of Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.



Mrs. Coym passed away Monday, February 26, 2018, at the Stevens County Hospital in Hugoton, Kansas.

Susie Viola Brady was born March 23, 1929 in Plato, Missouri, to William C. and Ethel A. (Pierce) Brady. Known to her friends and family as "Vi", she was raised in the Plato Community, graduating from school there in 1947. Vi taught school for a short period of time there, before moving to Lexington.

On October 26, 1949, Vi married Johnnie Coym. They made their home in Lexington, where together they raised three children, son, Mike, and daughters Susie and Patti.

Vi worked for many years at Griffin Memorial Hospital in Norman. She was later employed at the Lexington Heliport at the time of her retirement. Vi cherished her family and loved spending time with her children and grandchildren. She spent many hours on the lake and she never missed an opportunity to go fishing. Vi was a member of the Eastern Star Lodge in Lexington, prior to moving to Cedar Lake near Hinton, Oklahoma. The past 11 years, Vi lived with and was cared for by her daughter, Patti in Liberal, Kan.

She was a woman of great faith and a member of the First Baptist Church in Lexington. Vi will be dearly missed! She was preceded in death by her husband, Johnnie and a daughter, Susie Mae Calvary.

Vi is survived by her daughter, Patti Noland and husband, Steve, of Liberal, Kan.; son, Mike Coym and wife, Pam, of Cleburne, Texas; sister, Jo Lewis and husband, Clifford, of Purcell; six grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren and a host of other family and friends.

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National Equine Health Plan Published

Valuable resource will help curtail risk of disease spread

The American Horse Council (AHC), in conjunction with the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP), the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and state animal health officials, is pleased to announce that the National Equine Health Plan is now available at equinediseasecc.org/national-equine-health-plan.

"The horse industry is unique because horses are transported with more frequency than other livestock. We have seen firsthand how disease outbreaks cost the industry millions of dollars for the care of sick horses, implementation of biosecurity, and lost revenue in the form of cancelled or restricted commercial equine activities such as horse shows," said AHC President Julie Broadway.

"Back in 2013, the industry felt it was time to step up and address the issue of the handling of disease outbreaks and the dissemination of information surrounding the outbreaks. This gave way to the creation of the NEHP that will outline the issues surrounding the prevention, diagnosis and control of diseases and

the responsibilities and roles of the federal and state authorities and the industry."

The goals of the NEHP are to protect the health and welfare of the U.S. equine population, facilitate the continued interstate and international movement of horses and their products, ensure the availability of regulatory services, and protect the economic continuity of business in the equine industry.

The NEHP also functions as a roadmap for coordinating horse owners and industry organizations with veterinarians and state and federal animal health officials to prevent, recognize, control and respond to diseases and environmental disasters. The plan facilitates horse industry preparedness, effective rapid communication, and owner education, which make up the foundation for preventing diseases and disease spread. Links to information and resources are included in the NEHP document, including a list of "Roles and Responsibilities" for all stakeholders in the industry.

"The Equine Disease Communication Center (EDCC) is a key element of the NEHP and provides critical communication of information during disease outbreaks," said EDCC Director Dr. Nat White. "Additionally, equinediseasecc.org provides information about diseases, vaccination, biosecurity, state health

regulations, state animal health official contact information and links to USDA-APHIS veterinary services. By integrating the role of regulatory agencies with industry stakeholders, equine health and welfare are improved."

The NEHP provides immediate access to resources and communications needed to optimize disease mitigation and prevention. It serves as a guide for regulations and responses needed to mitigate and prevent infectious diseases. The AHC and the AAEP encourage sharing this document as it will help educate horse owners about how veterinarians and state and federal officials work together to decrease the risk of disease spread.

If you have any questions about the NEHP or the EDCC, please contact Dr. Nat White at edcc@aaep.org or Cliff Williamson, Director of Health and Regulatory Affairs at the AHC at cwilliamson@horsecouncil.org

The bottom line here is the same as getting humans vaccinated against infectious diseases - if you are not part of the solution, you are part of the problem. Call your vet and get your horses vaccinated, all of your horses, even if they do not leave your property. Mosquitoes that carry West Nile and eastern and western encephalitis and animals that carry rabies and the organism that causes tetanus come to your horses!



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Young ringmasters

Taking in all the sights and sounds of the 2018 Purcell Bonus Auction were, from left, Trigg Anderson, Jack Montgomery and Lane Montgomery.

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Howard:

Scholarship.

This year's All-Staters scored an average of 33.4 on the ACT, with eight recipients scoring a perfect 36. The student's GPA was 4.24.

In addition, 30 of this year's All-Staters are National Merit semifinalists and three are National Hispanic Scholars.

Academic All-Staters are nominated by their principals or superintendents and are selected on the basis of academic achievement, extracurricular activities and community involvement.

They are also required to submit an essay.

The selection committee, which is chaired by retired Tulsa attorney Teresa B. Adwan, works independently of all other foundation activities.

Committee members are a diverse group of business, education and civic leaders as well as past Academic Awards Program honorees.

The awards banquet is open to the public with admission priced at \$50.

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Jones:

Mediterranean and continued to support Operation Inherent Resolve from the 6th Fleet AOR.

The ship and air wing conducted joint flight operations with the French aircraft carrier FS Charles de Gaulle (R91), which demonstrated the continued cooperation between the two countries and their steadfast resolve in the fight against ISIL.

According to the Naval Safety Center, modern naval aircraft

are inherently complex and plane captains often represent the sole source of expertise on daily and turnaround inspections.

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inspections, brown shirts check fluid levels, prepare the cockpit for flight and ensure there is no foreign object debris that could damage the "bird."

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Jones is the son of Nick and Lisa Jones of Lexington.

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ASCOG:

that hearing for 11 a.m. March 20 at 107 N. Shannon in Wayne.

The Wayne Nutrition Site is ADA accessible.

The purpose of the hearing is to inform the people about the risk of closure and to seek community support in increasing the number of senior citizens who utilize the site.

For more information, contact Ken Jones with ASCOG at 580-736-7972 or email him at jone_ke@ascog.org.

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Water:

That tax is scheduled to end in 2025.

The department is to come back to the council with a laundry list of budget items, including the cost of adding another splash pad and constructing outdoor basketball courts, as well as aesthetics for any proposed public pool.

"My perception is we need a place for youngsters to take swimming lessons," Jacobs said.

He suggested one possible solution centered on a partnership with Purcell Public Schools.

That plan would utilize school buses in the summer to transport children and parents to area pools for swimming lessons. The transport could be to Pauls Valley, Norman or Lindsay.

Jacobs said the city could provide or pay for bus drivers, as well as the fuel for the trips.

"It's something to do until we can build a pool," he said.

Another option for water recreation would be to create a swimming beach at Purcell Lake across from the Multi-Purpose Center.

One member of the audience suggested building a second playground near the proposed beach to further enhance recreational opportunities at the lake.

Cherry third at State Wrestling

First State Medalist at Lexington in eight years

Lexington's Elijah Cherry placed third at last weekend's State Tournament in Oklahoma City.

Cherry made it to the state tournament via the new rule that was implemented this year; in the past the top four from the two regions would move on to State.

This year they took the top five to State.

The fifth place wrestler from each region would wrestle the fourth place from the opposite region for their spot in the tournament.

Whoever lost that wrestle in match would be out of the tournament and the winner would move on to wrestle in the tournament.

Cherry placed fifth at Regionals and had to wrestle his way into the State Tournament.

Cherry kicked off the tournament by pinning Peetoom of Blackwell in the third period.

His second match was

against eventual 145 pound State Champion Riley Cinnamon of Perry.

Cherry lost by a Major Decision 14-2. He battled his way back on the consolation side of the bracket, knocking off Gage Edwards of Vinita 11-5 and receiving an injury default in the Consolation Semifinals, to put him in the Consolation Finals match.

Cherry met up with Caleb Buzzard of Jay in the finals. He captured the third place bronze medal with an 8-2 decision over Buzzard.

"I am truly proud of the way he wrestled this weekend. He left everything out on the mat and I couldn't be happier for him," head coach Jared Garrett said.

Cherry is the first state placer in eight years for Lexington. The last was Michael McKay in 2010.

Cherry finished the year with a 38-15 record.



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Third place

Elijah Cherry became the first State placer for Lexington in the last eight years, finishing third at 145 pounds last weekend.



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Regional Consolation

The Washington Warriors secured a trip to the Area tournament after capturing the Regional consolation Monday with a 69-66 win over Valliant.

Warriors advance to Area Tourney

Boys take two overtime wins on way through Regional

John Denny Montgomery
The Purcell Register

The Washington Warriors didn't take the easy route to the Area tournament.

Instead, they battled through the consolation bracket of the Regional tournament and battled teams in a pair of overtime wins to boot.

They dropped the opening game of Regionals to Marlow,

53-47.

"We did everything we wanted to do but win," said head coach TJ Scholz.

"We had a good game plan and executed it. Marlow shot really well."

Marlow shot 56 percent from three point land in the game.

Manny Trejo led the Warriors in scoring with 20 points.

Kade Hendrix had 13 in the

game.

Marietta

Scholz said in his team's meeting with Marietta earlier this season they stopped the Indians from success behind the three point line.

That wasn't the case Saturday but Washington came out on top after a 68-63 overtime victory.

"The first game we stopped them," Scholz said.

Marietta went to a 2-3 zone and forced Washington to shoot from downtown.

The Warriors took 18 three point shots in the game.

"They weren't bad shots they just weren't going in," Scholz said.

Washington was down 14

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Triple threat

Taylor Life pauses before her next move during Regional play. Washington advanced to Area where they play Riversidetoday (Thursday) at 1:30 p.m. in Ada.

Dragons close season

Cagers lose twice at Prague to end 2017-18 year

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Purcell's basketball season came to a close for both the boys and the girls in the Regional Tournament last weekend at Prague.

The girls lost to Prague in the opening round, 48-28 and were nipped by Jones in the second round, 47-43.

Haylee Swayze led the scoring in both games canning a dozen against Prague and 23 in the Jones encounter.

"Prague was ranked No. 3

in the state at the time," coach David Sikes said.

"We started slow and turned the ball over early and never could fully recover."

Sikes said the shooting was ugly on both sides in the first half against Jones.

"The girls went out and fought hard. They played with a sense of urgency from the very beginning," the coach said.

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Comets end Lex hoopsters' seasons



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Todd Neville
The Purcell Register

The basketball season is over for both the girls' and boys' squads at Lexington.

Despite spirited efforts from both teams last Friday at Washington, their seasons have now come to a close.

The girls' team, led by first-year head coach Ryan Perry, dropped a 57-45 decision to the Dickson Lady Comets in Regional action.

The Lady 'Dawgs were led on the floor by stalwart Lauren Beason, who contributed 19 points in her club's final game of the campaign.

Emilee Jenks had 14 points in the season-ending effort while Ciara Winterton chipped in six points for Lexington, which led 20-18 after the first quarter and was tied with Dickson at halftime, 29-29.

The 'Dawgs held the lead, 40-39, after three quarters of



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Dribbling down

Savannah Ibarra brings the ball down the court. Purcell's season ended Saturday after their 47-43 loss against Jones.

Let's talk about it

Lexington head coach J.D. Beck talks with Toby Prevost during the Regional tournament Friday. Lexington was defeated by Dickson 52-35, ending their season.

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Warriors:

points at halftime and 16 points going into the fourth quarter, before busting out with a 30-point score-a-thon.

"They stayed in the zone and we started hitting shots. Then they went to man (defense) and we started getting to the hole," Scholz said.

The defense helped with the offensive output.

The Warrior D forced a bevy of turnovers in the quarter and they were aided by Marietta missing eight free throws in the fourth.

But Washington still trailed late.

Trejo used his last foul with 18 seconds left in the game to foul one of Marietta's worst free throw shooters.

The strategy worked and Washington only trailed by three points with under a minute remaining.

Washington ran an inbound play on their next possession that set up Hendrix and he made a trey with two seconds remaining in regulation.

In Overtime Marietta went back into their zone and the Warriors held the ball for nearly a minute.

The Washington players knew, based on their scouting report, Marietta would try to trap at that point.

When they did Conner Kirtley promptly buried another three point.

"It was a big time shot by the senior," Scholz said.

Washington made free throws down the stretch and pulled out the win.

"In the huddle the kids never panicked and they believed," Scholz said.

"They kept fighting and it was pretty special."

Valliant

In the finals of the Regional tournament the Warriors pulled out another overtime win to defeat Valliant 69-66.

"It was a physical game," Scholz said.

Valliant dominated the offensive glass early in the game and converted a six point play during one stretch.

Washington picked up the pressure in the second half and felt in control of the game in the fourth quarter when Valliant was forced to start fouling and Washington was making free throws.

But the game was still tight and the Bulldogs converted three free throws with about a minute to play and then made two more with four seconds left to take a two point lead.

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Enter Trejo for some last-second clutch free throw shooting when he made both on a one-and-one trip with 0.10 seconds remaining in regulation.

Washington finished the game 20 of 25 from the charity stripe.

In overtime the game remained close, with Valliant missing a three to tie as the buzzer sounded.

"We didn't let them have a very good look and they missed," Scholz said.

Kaleb Kilcrease scored 13 points in the game but his coach was most happy with his defensive effort, when he held Valliant's best player to nine points. He averages about 25 normally.

"I was very proud of the guys. They showed how much fight they have. That will take them further in life than just basketball," Scholz said.

Area

The Warriors play Riverside in the Area tournament in Ada today (Thursday) at 8 p.m.

The Girls play Riverside in Ada at 1:30 p.m. in the Area tournament.



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Cool under pressure

Harrison Keeler surveys the floor during Washington's game against Marrietta in the Regional basketball tournament. Keeler had 12 points in Washington's 68-63 overtime win.



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Harassing D

Jaylen Cottrell plays defense against Dickson Friday in the Regional tournament. The Bulldogs fell to the Comets 52-35, ending their season.

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Lex:

play and looked poised to pull off the victory.

However, when the Comets outscored Lex, 18-5, in the fourth and final quarter, the 'Dawgs saw their season come to a disappointing close at 10-14. They lost 10 of their last 12 games.

"I was a great season," said Perry, whose club enjoyed an 8-4 start. "I loved coaching these girls. They have great character on and off the court. They are a joy to coach."

Meanwhile, the boys' team (under first-year head coach J.D. Beck) suffered a season-ending 52-35 defeat at the hands of Dickson. Hunter Findley

was the leading scorer for the 'Dawgs with eight points. Jaylen Cottrell and Caden Jones each had six points for Lexington.

Seth Comer and Toby Prevost chipped in five points each for the 'Dawgs, who ended the season with a 4-20 record.

They never could get on track during this season despite their athleticism and potential.

But, Beck was sure pleased with their hustle and effort. "It was a tough loss," Beck said of the season-ending loss to Dickson.

"We believe that we can build on what we learned from this season."

Dragons:

In fact, Purcell out-bounded the Lady Longhorns by 10 in the game.

"We gave up a 7-0 run to start the third quarter and never could recover from that," Sikes said.

"Between the flu and the ice we hadn't practiced for two weeks and we played like a team that hadn't practiced in two weeks," he said.

Sikes praised the leadership and effort of his seniors including Swayze, Cady Wollenberg, Camryn Dickerson, Skyler Love and Savannah Ibarra.

"I've loved coaching this team," Sikes said. They worked hard all year long."

Sikes' Dragons finished the season 11-13.

Coach Roger Raper's Dragons finished the year 14-11 after losing to Vian, 42-33, in the opening game of the tournament and to Jones Saturday, 75-67 in overtime.

The game was knotted at 63-63 at the end of regulation.

Jake Berrey's 23 points led the Dragons in the Jones contest with Garrett Galyean right on his heels with 21.

The Longhorns just went off in the overtime period.

"I was very proud of our team and thought we were playing well going into the playoffs," Raper said.

"Unfortunately the flu/strep bug hit three of our starters last week."

"We battled but just couldn't get it done."

"It's always tough to end the season. Hopefully, we will learn and build on what we have accomplished this season for future success."

The tournament was moved back a day due to the inclement weather with the first round played on Friday instead of Thursday.

The finals were played Monday.

2/23

**Purcell 28
Prague 48**

Purcell 2 8 6 12-28
Prague 18 8 11 11-48

Player	Points
Haylee Swayze	12
Alicia Baker	6
Cady Wollenberg	5
Kora Keith	3
Anoli Billy	2

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**Purcell 43
Jones 47**

Purcell 5 8 14 16-43
Jones 5 10 17 15-47

Player	Points
Haylee Swayze	23
Alicia Baker	8
Kora Keith	5
Camryn Dickerson	3
Cady Wollenberg	2

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**Purcell 33
Vian 42**

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Vian unavailable-42

Player	Points
unavailable	

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**Purcell 67
Jones 75**

Purcell 10 14 17 22 4-67
Jones 18 13 18 14 12-75

Player	Points
Jake Berrey	23
Garrett Galyean	21
Devon Allen	13
Adam Wells	8
Gavin Nation	2

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2/23 Girls
**Dickson 57
Lexington 45**

Lexington 20 9 11 5-45
Dickson 18 11 10 18-57

Player	Points
Lauren Beason	19
Emilee Jenks	14
Ciara Winterton	6
Bri Webster	2
Amanda Graddy	2
Anna Sample	2

2/23 Boys
**Dickson 52
Lexington 35**

Lexington 9 7 7 12-35
Dickson 17 4 17 14-52

Player	Points
Hunter Findley	8
Jaylen Cottrell	6
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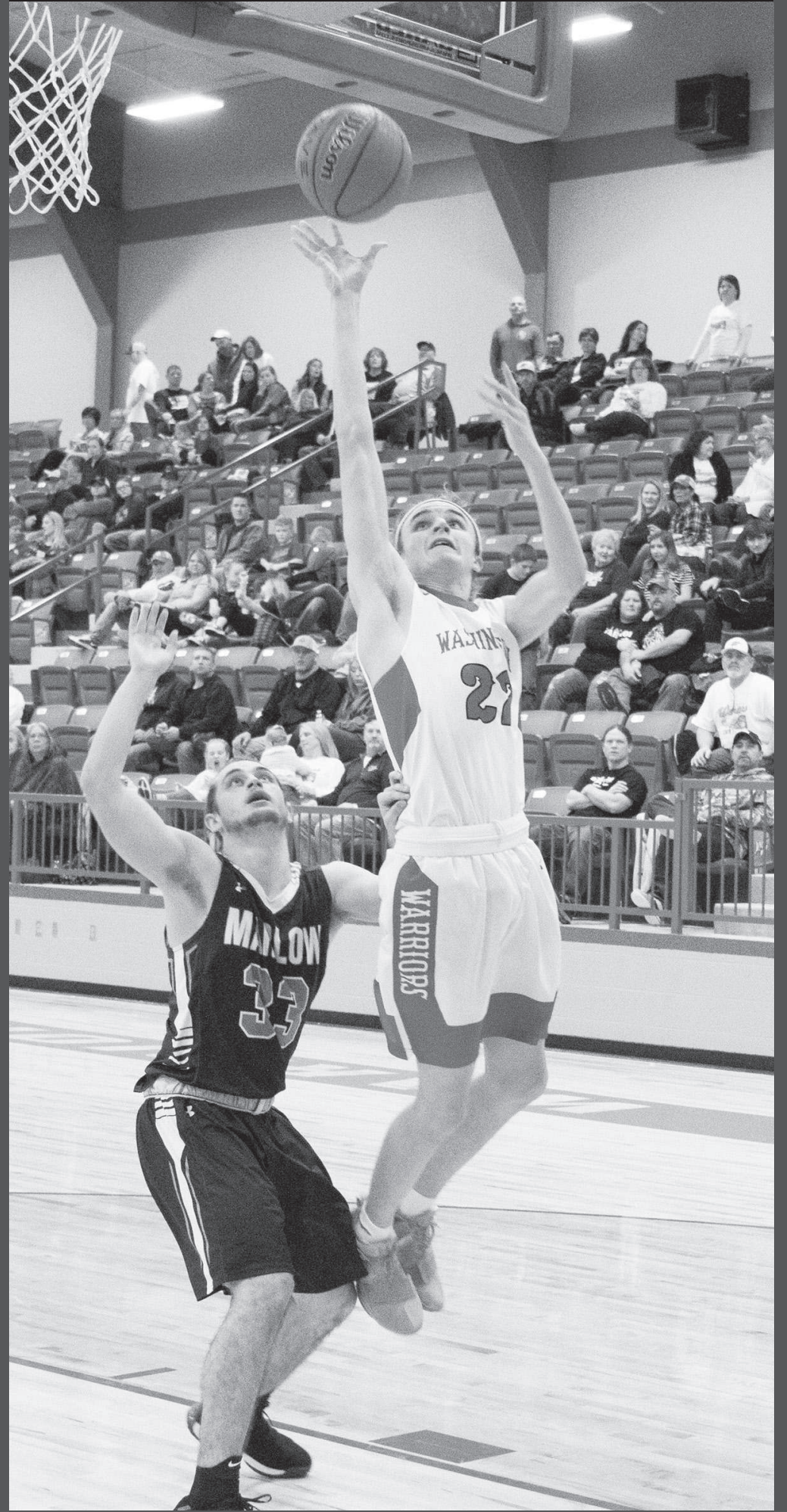
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Friday, March 2—HS BB at Rush Springs, 4:30 p.m.; JH/HS SB vs. Sasakwa, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 3—FFA/4-H Local Show and Bonus Auction.

Monday, March 5—JH/HS BB vs. Wanette, 4:30 p.m.; JH/HS SB at Lindsay, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 6—JH/HS BB at Maysville, 4:30 p.m.; JH/HS SB vs. ECP, 4:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Wednesday, March 14—Baseball and Softball Pics.

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

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

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

Monday, March 19—Professional Day.

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

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

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

Tuesday, March 27—HS SB @ Conference Tournament

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

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

Friday, March 30—HS BB @ ECP Tournament; HS SB @ Vanoss Tournament; JH BB @ Pauls Valley Tournament.

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



Parker Woods

Mrs. Moreno's Third Grade Student of the Week

Mrs. Moreno's Third Grade Student of the Week is Parker Woods.

Parker's favorite color is blue, school subject is math, sport is football, book is "Magic Tree House" and food is spaghetti. In Parker's free time he enjoys playing games and playing with his dogs. When Parker grows up he wants to be a cop.

Congratulations Parker Woods!



Logan Simpson

Mrs. Keeler's Fourth Grade Student of the Week

Mrs. Keeler's Fourth Grade Student of the Week is Logan Simpson. Logan's favorite

color is green, school subjects are math and reading, and food is nachos. In Logan's free time he enjoys playing with his friend Jimmy, collecting fidget spinners, and riding his BMX bike off of his ramp and doing tricks. When Logan grows up he wants to be a professional athlete.

Congratulations Logan Simpson!



Karsen Adams

Mrs. Boles Fourth Grade Student of the Week

Mrs. Boles Fourth Grade Student of the Week is Karsen Adams. Karsen's favorite color is red, school subject is math, and food is roast. In Karsen's free time she enjoys riding bikes, playing games, reading, playing softball, and watching movies with her mom and brother. When Karsen grows up she wants to be an Engineer.

Congratulations Karsen Adams!

Mrs. Moreno's Third Grade Presentations

Mrs. Moreno's Third Grade Class has been making biography presentations in which they researched and wrote about a person of interest.

Students chose individuals such as athletes, music artists, and even former presidents. Students dressed up as the person they chose or made a visual for their audience, the class, to look at while the report was given.

The students enjoyed the challenge of putting all of these elements together as well as getting in front of classmates to give a presentation that is interesting and informative. It was a great experience and students had a great time learning new information about many different famous people.



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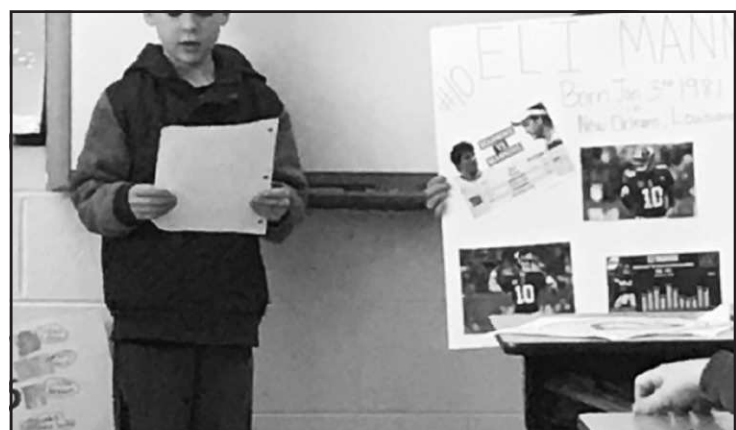
Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce members at the chamber luncheon last Friday were taking it all in from speaker Dana Murphy. The Oklahoma Corporation Commissioner broke her department down for those in attendance at the Purcell Administration building. Murphy is a candidate for Lt. Governor. From left are Jason Bean, Than Maynard, Rebekah Lynam, Tasha Cardona and Debbi Neff.



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Chili fixers

Danny Jacobs, left, Gale Wilson and Cody Barton were the pre-game chili cooks for last week's annual Rotary Chili luncheon at Trinity United Methodist Church. 380 orders of chili were served at the event.



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Third grade presentations

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Washington Elementary Students of the Week

Angie Steele
Washington Correspondent

Congratulations to second graders Gavyn Angle and Charlie Symes who represent their classes as Students of the Week February 26- March 2.

Charlie Symes is in Mrs. Giltner's class. His favorite color is dark purple, and his favorite animal is a shark. He enjoys P.E. class at school and his favorite food is seafood. When Charlie grows up he plans to be a scientist and a youtuber.

Mrs. Siebert's class is represented by Gavyn Angle. He likes to play with his iPad and football. His favorite thing about school is reading and he enjoys playing on the playground. When he grows up he would like to be an NFL player and a dentist.



• Photo by Vonne Giltner

Students of the Week

Gavyn Angle and Charlie Symes were chosen to represent their second grade classes as Students of the Week for February 26-March 2.

Warrior Way 5k

Come out and support the Warrior Way 5k and Fun Run this Saturday, March 3, 2018!

Start times will be 9 a.m. for the Fun Mile and 9:30 a.m. for the 5k.

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

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

Washington School Calendar

March 9—End of 9 Weeks.

March 13—JH Track at Velma, 7th/JH.

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

March 19-23—Spring Break.

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

March 30—High School Track at Pauls Valley.

April 3—High School Track at Purcell.

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

April 12—High School Track at Wynnewood.

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

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

April 24—High School Track at Velma Alma.

First Baptist Church of Cole

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

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Wednesdays—Evening meal, 5:30 p.m.;

Age Group Bible Studies, 6:30 p.m.

Monthly Schedule—Retired/Senior Lunch, 4th Tuesday at Noon;

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First Baptist Church Washington

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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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dale K. Graham Veteran's Foundation

Last Friday morning during the rain storm four veterans who are members of the Elks Lodge in Edmond delivered a pickup load of food items for our pantry. We will use these items to fill the food sacks we give to veterans and their families. When you see any of the following members, John Carr, Jr., Les Cummings and Edmund, please show them your appreciation.

Our Veteran of the Week is Robert Vogelgesang who served in the United States Army during the Korean War. We recognized him with a

new hat while introducing to the other veterans, surviving spouses, and volunteers.

Last Thursday the ice and rain kept many veterans and surviving spouses at home with only 16 on Thursday making it to our Veterans Foundation. On Tuesday we were able to assist 120 of them who needed help with their VA claims and questions. The bad weather affected our drivers' ability to navigate the roads safely. However, they were still able to spend 57 hours transporting 14 veterans 973 miles.

I appreciate the veterans who have donated their cars, trucks and motorcycles to give to veterans or to be sold to raise funds to pay for our programs that support the

needs of veterans and their families. These donations are helping us to put more dollars into our programs.

Our biggest expense is the cost of medical diagnosis for veterans to obtain the supporting evidence to send in with their application for benefits. Each month we spend between \$20,000-30,000 to support the men and women who have served or continue to serve in our military. That money comes from the men and women we have helped to receive VA benefits.

Of the vehicles that were donated in the last two weeks we will give one of them to a veteran who was part of the recovery team at the Oklahoma City Bombing. He has been recently diagnosed with PTSD from the traumatic events that occurred during the recovery. He was a member of the US Air Force assigned to Tinker as a heavy equipment operator when the call was made to report to the bombing site. We are very proud of all of the men and women who are serving or have served in our country's military.

Many of them will never be the same after serving in combat or in operations that exposed them to the death and injuries of others. A traumatic event might be something that occurred in an accident or the recovery of people that were injured in a tornado or other type of disaster.

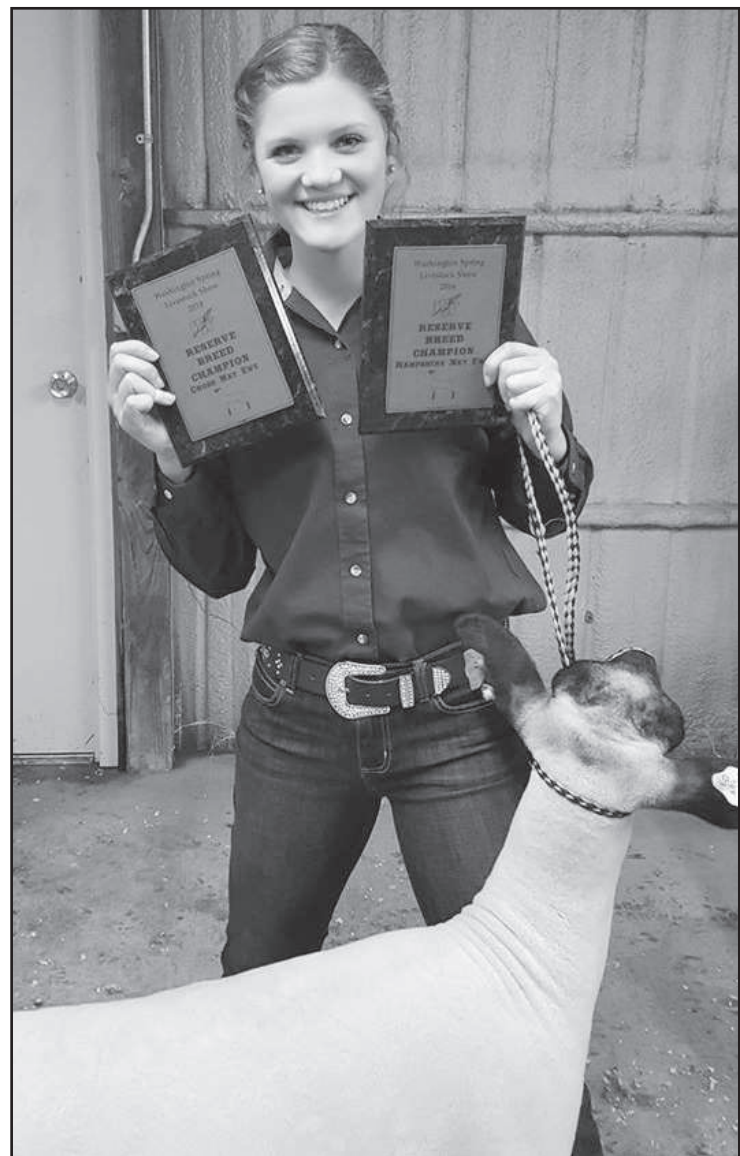
One of the things we do every Tuesday and Thursday is to encourage veterans to seek out mental health counseling from either the VA, Vet Center or through private counselors.

During the last 20 plus years that I have been helping veterans and their families, we have encouraged thousands of veterans to take the time to talk to mental health professionals.

In 1990 I joined a group of Veterans for a program at the OK City Veterans Center

called a Walk Though Vietnam. Many of us were suffering from the effects of that war and we did not know how to deal with it. Two weeks after starting the program with 15

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• Photo by Toni Gay

Show lamb

Washington High School sophomore Ashleigh Gay showed her lamb at the Washington Livestock Show last Saturday.

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Show competitor

Eighth grader Connor Hamilton won at the Washington Livestock Show last Saturday. His wins included Breed Champion Duroc Gilt, Breed Champion Cross Gilt, Reserve Breed Champion Spot Gilt and Grand Champion Gilt (Cross).

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Veteran of the Week

Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation Veteran of the Week is Robert Vogelgesang, who served in the United States Army during the Korean War. We appreciate Mr. Vogelgesang for his service to our country.

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Washington:

other veterans, I found out that I was not alone and that we all had the same PTSD symptoms. I believe that all of the men and women who have served in our military should be required to go through both physical and mental health screenings before being discharged. This could help veterans receive VA benefits for those conditions that occurred while in the military.

I have been receiving many questions from veterans about what VA benefits might be available to those who are nearing the age when it becomes clear they need assistance from others. There are several benefits available to a veteran rated at 70 percent or higher for their service-connected disabilities. If a veteran has that rating, they can reside in one of our Oklahoma State Veterans Centers at no cost.

Aid and Attendance is another benefit that may be available to veterans or their spouses who need the help of others during their daily living. There are also pension benefits to which a veteran or surviving spouses may be eligible. These benefits are based

on when the veteran served in the military, income, as well as their assets not counting their home or automobile. There may be some nursing homes in the Oklahoma City area that are approved by VA where a veteran who is service connected at 70 percent or higher can stay at no cost.

As the Accredited Claims Agent, I receive the award letters for the folks we help. Last week we received notification that 13 veterans received a rating of 100 percent. These folks, both men, and women will receive \$512,532 on an annualized basis. We also received notice of 22 veterans who received a rating of 10-90 percent. These folks will receive \$312,670 on an annual basis. Three surviving spouses were notified they will receive VA benefits.

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

If you need a ride to and

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

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

**Dale K. Graham
Veteran's Corner,
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Washington Correspondent Contact Information

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

My contact information is angi Steele73@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

Patton joins Oklahoma Farm Bureau as field rep

Oklahoma Farm Bureau recently named Caylie Patton as its south central field representative.



Patton

In her new role, Patton will serve as a liaison between county Farm Bureaus and the state Farm Bureau.

She will assist Farm Bureau members in Carter, Garvin, Grady, Johnston, Love, Marshall, McClain, Murray, Okfuskee, Pontotoc, Pottawatomie and Seminole counties.

"Oklahoma farmers and ranchers give so much to Oklahoma," Patton said. "I'm excited to be a part of an organization that goes to work every day to protect agriculture and ensure farmers and ranchers continue to help Oklahoma thrive."

Patton previously served as a legislative correspondent for Sen. James Lankford in Washington, D.C.

The Tecumseh native earned a degree in communications from Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

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