



EXTRA SECURITY to be around

Threat closes school district on Monday

John D. Montgomery
The Purcell Register

A threat by Purcell students reported to police Sunday evening culminated with the arrest of the pair Monday morning and

the closing of the entire school district Monday. Superintendent Jason Midkiff said he will be bringing in extra security for awhile following the threats.

Midkiff said there were never any weapons at the school and police told him the situation

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Empty lot

Parking lots at all campus sites in Purcell were void of automobiles on Monday due to classes being cancelled because of threats made by students. The school district called off classes so law enforcement could fully investigate the situation.



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Weather delay

Dirt work like this area by Conger Field can turn into a mud pit given enough rain. Still, the Goldsby Construction project is on time and on track.

Four score & 10

Westbrook resident marks 90 years

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Naomi Bennett was a 19-year-old bride when she and David Mitchell Jr., married on Nov. 27, 1948.

They had 67 years together before his death in August 2016.

And not a day goes by that Naomi doesn't miss him still, she told a visitor to her room at Westbrook Gardens.

Proudly, she pointed out his pictures on her walls.

On Friday, Naomi celebrated her 90th birthday surrounded by friends and as many family members as could make it.

She and David had three children – a son, Tedd, and two daughters, Deborah and



Naomi Mitchell

LuAnn.

She worked 25 years for Sears in Oklahoma City. She and David moved to the Eufaula area in 1985 after they retired.

In 1993, they moved back to Lexington.

Naomi moved into Westbrook Gardens about 1-1/2 years ago.

"I love it here," she said. "I'm a very happy lady."

While not all of her 12 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild were able to attend, it was a good birthday, Naomi said.

"The younger generation is not like us older generation," she said. "That's OK. They live their lives."

She was the baby in a family of 12 children.

"The rest have gone up to

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Midkiff resigns

Superintendent's final day June 30

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Purcell Public Schools Superintendent Jason Midkiff will quit that post this summer.

School board members on Monday approved without comment a consent agenda which included a vaguely worded item, "Resignations since last board meeting."

They then voted unanimously to begin the search process for a new superintendent and hire the Oklahoma State School Board Association to conduct the search.

Midkiff's final day will be June 30. He has accepted a position with Oklahoma City Public Schools Resource Center.

"I want to thank the Purcell School board for taking a chance on me and then building a great working relationship," he stated in a press release. "I will forever be grateful for the opportunity they gave me.

"I hope that I have been able to leave the district better than I found it and have made a positive impact on this school district.

"I have been humbled to



Jason Midkiff

work beside such gifted and dedicated educators. The teachers and staff here are second to none. They truly make this an amazing place to work and live."

Midkiff offered in the meeting to continue to serve as a consultant on the new junior high school now under construction.

It is on track to open for classes at the start of the 2020-21 school year.

Board members did not comment on the offer.

"In my time at Purcell I will always treasure the accomplishments that I was allowed to be a part of

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Chocolate festival

Today at Catholic Church Hall

Chocolate lovers are in for a treat today (Thursday) at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church.

The Heart of Oklahoma Kiwanis Club is hosting its annual Chocolate Festival fund-raiser

from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for the event that includes six pieces of chocolate, soup and a drink.

The church hall is located at 307 W. Jefferson.

An Interesting Neighbor

Everyone has a story

Jeanne Grimes
The Purcell Register

Ah, sweet retirement.

That will likely be Susan Tarp's first waking thought on Friday.

Thursday (today) will end a 34-year-career in banking here.

She will be honored at a come-and-go reception from 2 to 4 p.m. in the lobby of First United Bank.

She grew up in Purcell and attended Purcell Schools until her sophomore year.

That's when her father's job "took us away."

She graduated from Morrison High School and didn't go to college.

Well, "just the college of hard knocks," she joked.

She met Richard Tarp when his brother and her sister married.

Susan and Richard tied the knot in 1981.

They have three children

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Susan Tarp

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Preseason

Meet the Lexington Baseball and Softball teams.

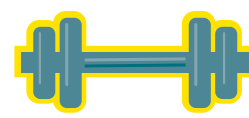


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Rain falls in area

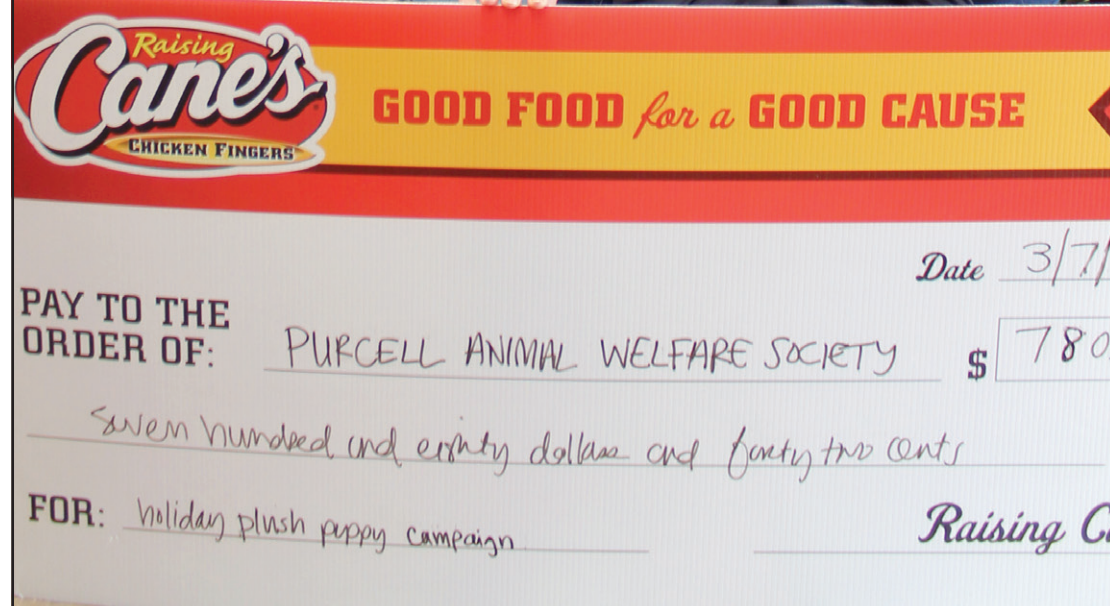
Thunderstorms rumbled through the area between 3 and 4 a.m. Wednesday dumping about an inch of rain on the Heart of Oklahoma.

Last Saturday .30" fell

followed by .75" on Sunday and .25" Monday afternoon.

That brings the total for the year to 4.71".

By comparison, Oklahoma City has recorded 3.38" for the year.



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Giving back

Raising Cane's on the west side of Norman presented the Purcell Animal Welfare Society with \$780.42 – net proceeds from their Plush Puppies sales over the holidays. The restaurant selected PAWS at the urging of frequent customers Sara Kimbrell and her son, Eli, 12, seated. In back from left are Sheila Taggert with PAWS, Louise Zastrow with the Purcell Animal Shelter, Mitchell Taggert and Quin Williams, general manager of the restaurant in west Norman. They are joined by Charlie Brown, PAWS canine ambassador.

7 day forecast from @PurcellRegister @OUNewsCrowd

Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
52°31° Sunny	48°31° Sunny	53°35° Prty Sunny	58°35° Prty Cloudy	62°39° Prty Cloudy	61°41° Prty Cloudy	60°41° Sunny

Spring temps follow the rain

After some showers early this week we will clear up and become sunny. High temperatures will stay in the 50's. Throughout the weekend and early next week will be cloudy, but Spring will start on Wednesday with temperatures nearing 60.

– Connor Bruce

Purcell Junior High Faculty and Students of the Month

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

The March faculty and students include:

Pam Kyzer - Faculty of the Month

Pam Kyzer loves helping students understand and learn. She said, "PJH students and faculty are the best!"

Mrs. Kyzer and her husband, James, will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary this summer. They have one daughter, Katie. She and her husband, Michael, live in Emporia, Kan., and have one child, Audrey.

In her free time she enjoys reading, doing crossword puzzles and playing with her granddaughter, Audrey.

Her role model was her mother. She was a kind, loving, generous, Godly woman who always had a smile and word of encouragement for everyone she met.

Mrs. Kyzer received her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Oklahoma.

Brayden Tharp - Sixth Grade Boy of the Month

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

Brayden's favorite subject in school is basketball. In school it is P.E.

His favorite type of music is rap.

His favorite hobbies are shooting around a lot and practicing basketball and his favorite food is burgers or tacos.

His role model is Russell Westbrook because he is a great basketball player.

His dream job or plan after high school is to play in the NBA.

Brayden's proudest moment was when he got to go on vacation to Broken Bow with his family.

Lily Brown - Sixth Grade Girl of the Month

If Lily could go anywhere it would be to Portland, Ore.

Lily's favorite subjects in school are science and reading.

Her favorite type of music is pop.

Lily's favorite hobby is freestyle dancing and her favorite food is tortellini.

Her role model is Kylie Butts because she is kind and fun.

Her dream job or plan after high school is to become a physical therapist.

Maria's proudest moment was when she won Nationals.

Parker Reed - Seventh Grade Boy of the Month

If Parker could go anywhere it would be to Mount Rushmore.

Parker's favorite subjects in school are science, math and personal development.

His favorite type of music is Goose Bumps rhyme.

His favorite hobbies are watching television and

playing on his X-Box and his favorite foods are pizza, PB&J and turkey sandwiches and spaghetti.

His role model is his sister because she's sweet and kind.

His dream job or plan after high school is to be an inventor.

Parker's proudest moment was being the best kid in the world.

Hannah Shea - Seventh Grade Girl of the Month

If Hannah could go anywhere it would be to Jerusalem.

Hannah's favorite subjects in school are English and math.

Her favorite type of music is gospel.

Her favorite hobby is going to church and her favorite food is french fries.

Her role models are her pastor and her pastor's wife.

Her dream job or plan after high school is to go to college and be a teacher.

Hannah's proudest moment was when she received the holy ghost.

Hayden Harrah - Eighth Grade Boy of the Month

If Hayden could go anywhere it would be to Berlin, Germany.

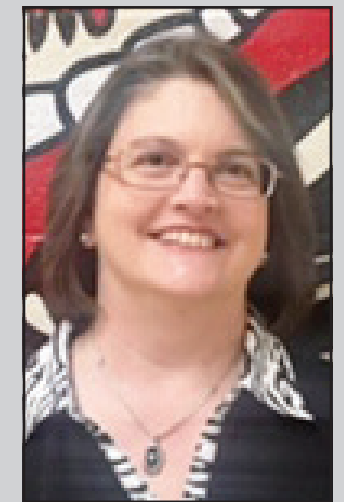
Hayden's favorite subjects in school are science and English.

His favorite type of music is EDM (electronic dance music).

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Lily Brown and Brayden Tharp



Pam Kyzer

Correction:

The Purcell Firefighter in last week's front page photo "Safely pulled from the house" handing the animal crate to Purcell Police was Gage Christian, not Brandon Norman.

The Purcell Register regrets the error.

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Lexington Elementary 2019-2020 Pre-K sign up to begin

Lexington Elementary Pre-K sign up for the 2019-2020 school year will begin Monday, March 25.

Students must be four years old on or before Sept. 1, 2019.

Students eligible for kindergarten who have not attended Pre-K may also sign up for school at this time.

The following documents are required for each child:

- Updated shot record;
- Social Security card;

• State issued birth certificate; and

• Parent photo identification.

Pre-enrollment will hold your child's spot in line but does not automatically enroll your child in Pre-K.

Students will be officially enrolled in August by providing a current proof of residency.

The elementary office will have a Ready for School checklist available for parents at pre-enrollment.

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NEWS In Brief

PTO Food Trucks

The Purcell PTO will be hosting a variety of food trucks at Parent-Teacher Conference Night Thursday, March 14, from 4-7:15 p.m.

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

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

Community Coffee

The Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce Community Coffee will be held at 8 a.m. Thursday, March 14.

The coffee will be held at the chamber of commerce office, 220 W. Main in Purcell.

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

Make sure you bring your business card.

Indian Tacos

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

Delivery orders will include Indian taco and dessert only.

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

Purcell Alumni Scholarship

The Purcell Alumni Association encourage all seniors who have a family member that graduated from Purcell High School to apply for a special scholarship.

The alumni will award a \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating senior that meet

the criteria.

Counselor Amy Tolle can assist the senior with the essay application that is due April 24.

For more information contact Mrs. Tolle at Purcell High School.

Property Tax Deadline

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

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

Veteran's Meeting

Veterans interested in starting an American Legion post in Pauls Valley will meet at 5 p.m. Thursday, March 14, in the Nora Sparks Warren Library, 210 N. Willow St., in Pauls Valley.

All veterans are invited to attend.

Contact American Legion District 5 Commander Dale Haynes at 823-9051 if additional information is desired and you cannot attend the meeting.

Trash Dumping

McClain County District 1 residents can dump trash in the maintenance yard in Wayne at 301 N Shannon starting March 18 and continuing through April 11. The yard is closed on Fridays.

No tires, batteries, wire, oil, paint, pesticides or hazardous materials may be dumped. Also, nothing containing Freon in it.

A grant was given to District 1 with funding from the DEQ to use as way to prevent illegal dumping in our area.

For more information call 449-3355 and check into office before dumping.

Museum News

The McClain County Mu-

seum and Historical Society will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-4 p.m. and by special appointment.

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

Hospice Volunteers

Loving Care Hospice is looking for volunteers.

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

Lex Senior Citizens Lunch

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

The lunch is open to the public and home cooked and served by the Lexington Senior Citizens. Menus are listed each week.

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

Breaking Free

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

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

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

Purcell NA Group

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

The group meets at the First Baptist Church in Purcell.

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



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Routine maintenance

Purcell Electric crews replaced a pole and performed some routine maintenance on lines at Jackson and 7th streets Thursday. A new parking lot at Memorial Assembly of God created a need to move the pole.

Stitt financial disclosure shows wide-ranging investments

Paul Monies Oklahoma Watch

Gov. Kevin Stitt ran for office on his business acumen and background in building a national mortgage company. His recently filed financial disclosure forms provide a glimpse at how Stitt has invested some of his wealth.

The forms, which are required of all state elected officials but are typically little more than box-checking, reveal for the first time Stitt's varied holdings in real estate, energy and banking across multiple states.

Stitt, who has asked Attorney General Mike Hunter to review his plan to separate from his business interests while governor, disclosed 30 different companies or investments in a February filing with the Oklahoma Ethics Commission.

Among the entities were commercial and industrial office buildings in Dallas and Denver, a bank holding company in Pryor and various stock and real estate investment funds. Other companies held planes and vacation rental homes on the Florida coast.

The personal financial disclosure is the most detailed look at the Stitt family's investments since the founder of Gateway Mortgage Group LLC announced his campaign for governor in 2017.

Stitt raised more than \$10.4 million for his gubernatorial campaign, including \$4.9 million in personal loans.



Bank of Cherokee. The new company is called Gateway First Bank.

Because the governor appoints the banking commissioner and state banking board,

annual bank examinations of Gateway First Bank will be led by federal bank regulators. Normally, state and federal regulators switch the lead role each year on bank examinations.

State banking board members serve staggered, four-year terms, and Stitt will have a chance to appoint or reappoint three members in his first term.

"The governor has gone above and beyond current requirements for financial disclosures, and he is committed to continued transparency to ensure there is not a conflict of interest in his role serving the state and its four million citizens," Stitt spokeswoman Donelle Harder said in a statement.

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Driver pinned in accident

Lindsay man suffered leg injury

A Lindsay man was admitted to OU Medical Center after suffering a leg injury in a single vehicle crash Friday night.

Antonio Rivera, 21, was admitted in good condition, according to Oklahoma Highway Patrol Trooper Tim Brinson.

He was pinned in his 2005 Kia Optima for approximately one hour before he was freed by Maysville firefighters using a Hurst tool.

Brinson reported the wreck occurred shortly after 9:30 p.m. at a county road intersection

approximately six miles east of Lindsay.

Rivera was driving northbound on North County Road 3088 and failed to stop at a stop sign at a T-intersection.

Continuing through the intersection, the car ran off the north edge of East County Road 1490, striking a dirt embankment.

Assisting Brinson at the scene were Troopers Mike Shanholtzer and Jason Yingling, the Garvin County Sheriff's Department, Maysville Fire Department and Wadley's EMS.



NEWS from the City of Purcell

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Discombobulated

You can't yell FIRE in a crowded theatre.

You can't joke about a bomb while boarding an airplane.

And you can't threaten to shoot people at a school and get away with it.

Investigations by Purcell School Administrators and Purcell Police ended in arrests.

The school district was completely closed on Monday so everyone could sort things out.

Then on Tuesday, Lexington's Junior High was once again locked down due to another threat.

School officials believe the whole incident was a copy-cat ordeal merely to disrupt the teaching environment.

Noble had another copy-cat

Editor's Notebook



John D. Montgomery

incident Monday.

As a journalist I feel like the public is entitled to know the names of the Purcell perpetrators and if they are charged and for what.

It's not now and never has been our intention to sully the

name of little Johnnies but when crimes are committed that can have catastrophic consequences it seems the public has the right to know.

The public should have the right to know if they are locked up and for how long.

In this case, our hands are tied. We cannot report who made the threats and if they are charged with anything.

Like many of you, we know the names but we cannot share due to laws in the state of Oklahoma.

The only people who know the charges are the folks in the district attorney's office and the court clerk's office.

We will continue to monitor the situation and hopefully keep the public informed.

Nature or nurture?

The turkey that was for a summer a bantam chicken

After my folks retired on an acreage, one of Dad's hobbies was raising bantam chickens.

The birds were locked up every night in a chicken house, but on most days were turned out to wander free range on the property.

Hens with young chicks were confined until the chicks fledged. By this age, the family would leave the nest and the chicks were introduced to the outside world.

They dutifully followed the hen that hatched them, learning how to be chickens, I suppose.

Come late afternoon, most returned to the chicken house, settling on the roosts, close enough to mom to be sheltered under her wings.

Stragglers were rounded up and inside they went. So no one would be locked out, there was a head count every evening when the chickens went to the roosts.

One late spring evening, I went to make the head count. All the adult birds were present and tiny heads and beaks poked out from beneath a wing of the newest mom.

Her other wing, well, it was stretched far above her head as she valiantly tried to shelter

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Jeanne Grimes

another chick that had at least 2 inches on her.

Still, maternal instincts were in full force, all chicks welcome.

The interloper was a wild turkey poult and how it hooked up with a bantam brood is anyone's guess.

Wherever it came from, it clearly viewed the chicken house as its home, itself as a chicken and the other bantam chicks as siblings, never straying far from the flock and the hen's comforting chicken clucks and chatter.

Throughout that summer, it grew and was revealed to be a hen turkey on a bizarre mission

NEWS FROM CAPITOL HILL

A rushed and partisan product

Congressman Tom Cole

Last week, House Democrats brought to the floor an enormously misguided piece of legislation that would limit free speech, weaken election security and redirect hard-earned taxpayer dollars to fund political campaigns.

While the Democrats mistakenly called their hallmark H.R. 1 bill the "For the People Act," a closer review and analysis of its content reveals that the legislation would be more aptly named "For the Politicians Act" or the "Welfare for Politicians Act."

When H.R. 1 was first introduced, Speaker Nancy Pelosi claimed it would restore faith in government. Unfortunately, the legislation's agenda is clearly one-sided—seeking to preserve and expand the power of the Democratic party and irresponsibly using taxpayer dollars to achieve that partisan goal.

Filled with mandates that disrupt the constitutional role of states and egregiously provi-

sions that limit free speech, H.R. 1 is a rushed and sloppy attempt to rewrite voting laws, election laws and campaign finance laws to get more Democrats elected.

Despite claims to the contrary, it is not a bill to ensure more American citizens exercise their right to vote or participate in making their views heard.

While some states are clearly more successful in conducting their own elections, it is alarming that Democrats think it's a good idea to force the 50 separate and unique states to operate under the same guidelines.

As a former Secretary of State for Oklahoma, I can't imagine that any Secretary of State or Director of Elections would support such federalization.

In fact, while the legislation was under consideration in the House Rules Committee before floor debate, I received a letter of concern from Paul Ziriach, Secretary of Oklahoma's State Election Board.

In the letter, he described in detail how the mandates proposed in H.R. 1 would negatively impact Oklahoma's highly successful and widely recognized election system.

For Oklahoma, where the system already works well, implementing and complying with the proposed mandates would unnecessarily increase the cost of elections statewide and countywide. Not to mention, adapting to the standards would undoubtedly damage the quality, effectiveness and efficiency of our state's existing system.

Apart from its imposition on the role of states in elections, H.R. 1 represents the largest and most damaging threat to free speech seen in recent years.

First, it calls for a taxpayer-financed piggy bank that would operate like an ATM for campaigns participating in a to-be-created program that would match small-dollar

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Our Views

MOVIES WITH DAVE

By David Stull



Well here we are in March, and we already have a big blockbuster on our hands.

Even though "Captain Marvel" is the Marvel Cinematic Universe's lead-in to "Avengers: Endgame" I still didn't expect it to be quite this popular.

In just one weekend the movie has already grossed \$456 million worldwide, and if the film's popularity holds, it could very well gross over \$1 billion

by the end of its run.

That's pretty wild for a character who wasn't all that well known until recently.

But I digress.

"Captain Marvel" wasn't the only movie to come out this past weekend. Of all things, a western about Billy the Kid directed by Vincent D'Onofrio

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Your Views

Effort more vital than ever

Your city council will vote to rezone your residential area in a way that could affect existing homes and your family. How do you find out what's going on?

Your school board wants to close schools for budget issues. How do you discover what schools and when?

A district court hears a case involving local residents that has attracted public interest. How do you or the news media reveal through court documents what the case is about and why it's important?

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A local business needs access to government actions and records as part of offering goods or services. How and where does the business owner get that information?

The Oklahoma Public Records Act and Open Meeting Act are the keys handed to you and to news media to find these answers and more. When governments spend money, approve construction or allow residential changes, or when courts decide cases of public interest, these two laws shine public light on these actions and those who make these decisions.

Sunshine Week, March 10-16, is a nationwide initiative begun in 2005 and promoted by the American Society of News Editors and the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press. It is meant to recognize that open records are a vital foundation to government.

Public records inform you, directly and through the news media, what government does that affects you in the way you work and live.

FOI Oklahoma is a nonprofit organization committed to promote government openness in our state. We support Sunshine Week every year by telling the public why the Oklahoma Open Records Act and Open Meeting Act are important.

We work with the Oklahoma Press Association and the Oklahoma Pro Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists to hold statewide workshops for public officials about these laws.

The workshops let city councils, school boards, county commissioners and other public officials know that it's important to follow these laws.

We also promote transparency through student essay contests, pledges from public officials and candidates to support transparency and recognition of those who advocate openness.

We work with the Oklahoma Press Association to track legislation from the state Legislature that could limit or prevent your right to know.

Our Black Hole Award puts the spotlight on those who keep you and the news media from seeing what government does and why.

Join us in Sunshine Week to emphasize your right to open government and transparency. We need openness in government now more than ever.

By **William Hickman and Andy Moore**

Hickman is FOI's communications chairman, and Moore is executive director.

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was also released.

So without any further ado, let's get to the reviews.



First up is "Captain Marvel." This latest chapter of the Marvel Cinematic Universe, set in the 1990s, follows Carol Danvers (Brie Larson) as she becomes Captain Marvel.

When Earth is caught in the middle of a galactic war between two alien races, Carol must uncover her past and become the woman she was always meant to be. One of the universe's most powerful heroes.

Congratulations "Captain Marvel!" You're lucky number movie 21 set in the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU)!

21 films and there isn't even the slightest hint that Disney has any plans of slowing down.

And who can blame them? They earned over \$4 billion on movies from 2018 alone, and the studio will likely surpass \$18 billion total by the time this column is published.

Kevin Feige, the President of Marvel Studios, basically has a license to print money.

But Disney didn't just stumble across this proverbial goldmine on accident. There's a good reason people across the world keep coming back to their films, despite two or three theatrical releases a year at this point.

They make good movies. Movies that people enjoy. Movies with likeable characters, larger than life spectacle, and most of all, a sense of humor.

Sure, some of them have been better than others. I can't say I have any desire to rewatch "Thor: The Dark World" at this point. But even Marvel Studio's worse isn't outright terrible.

Over the years, Kevin Feige and Disney have done a remarkable job building the MCU as a brand. One that keeps a reliable level of quality, no matter who or what the subject of the film happens to be.

Before the Marvel Cinematic Universe came along, I didn't even know half of the characters in these movies, as I'm sure is the case for many fans of this mega franchise.

It doesn't matter though. People know when they go to see a Marvel Studios film, they're likely going to walk out of the theater having had a good time.

And their latest film, "Captain Marvel," is no exception to that rule.

This is a really fun movie.

Though the film is essentially yet another superhero origin story, something that's been done to death in comic book movies, this film manages to weave a narrative that feels distinctly different, at least structurally.

In fact, it's almost like we're thrown in the middle of the story with Carol, who also has very little idea of who she is or what she's really capable of.

In that respect, this film feels more like a sci-fi mystery than anything. Granted, compared to other movies in that genre, the film isn't terribly deep and it doesn't require you to think all that much.

Still, I definitely appreciate the effort in making Captain Marvel's origin story seem somewhat unique.

Then of course there's the visual effects, the most impressive of which not being fast paced chase scenes nor the colorful space battles.

No, visually the most impressive thing in this film is the de-aged work done on the face of Samuel L. Jackson as

Nick Fury.

Disney's been in the "making older actors look young again" business for a while now. They've done it on Michael Douglas, Robert Downey Jr., Kurt Russell, Johnny Depp, and more.

It's almost becoming Disney's thing. Who needs to recast young actors for old characters when you can digitally make someone look any age you want I guess.

And nowhere has that effect looked more impressive, more believable, than in this film.

Sam Jackson looks like he's straight out of 1995's "Die Hard: With a Vengeance" in this movie. It really is uncanny.

And Jackson isn't just used for some five minute cameo like it has been with every other de-aged roll. Nick Fury is a main character in this film. Heck, behind Brie Larson herself, Jackson probably gets the most screen time here.

It's insane how far technology has come. Sure, there may have been one or two moments where Jackson's face looked a tiny bit off, but for the most part it was a seamless transformation. Bravo to the visual effects team for that.

Of course Sam Jackson isn't the only thing the filmmakers here drug straight out of 1995. This movie takes every opportunity it has to throw in mid-90s references.

From the music, to the defunct retail locations, and most of all the computers. All of which are played up for jokes which don't amount to much beyond "Remember those things that existed 25 years ago?"

Those moments helped keep the movie lighthearted though, and I'd be lying if I said the 90s references didn't get a few chuckles out of me here and there.

But the best comedy moments by far come from Samuel L. Jackson just being Samuel L. Jackson. He's just so dang fun to watch and steals the scene every time he's on screen. I swear he could make even the most stoic person smile.

Speaking of stoic, I suppose that brings me to my biggest issue with this movie. And it's not exactly a minor nitpick.

Unlike pretty much every other superhero in the Marvel Cinematic Universe, I had a really hard time connecting to the main character here.

Captain Marvel just doesn't feel nearly as charismatic compared to other Marvel heroes, even characters whose entire story arc was learning not to be a jerk to their friends and loved ones like Iron Man or Doctor Strange.

I wouldn't say I hated her, not by any stretch, and towards the end of the film she does become a little more personable, but there still always felt like there was a wall between us and the character, keeping the audience at arm's-length.

I don't necessarily blame Brie Larson.

She's a great performer. I mean they didn't give her an Oscar for Best Leading Actress for her role in "Room" for nothing. Her character just wasn't quite as charming as I'm used to from the MCU.

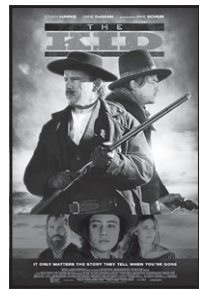
But of course there's still plenty of room for Captain Marvel to grow as a hero. This character is nothing but potential and I can't wait to see how she's used in a sequel, and of course "Avengers: Endgame," which releases at the end of next month.

All in all, even though I didn't absolutely love this movie, nor would I rank it among my top favorites films in the Marvel Cinematic Universe, I still had a lot of fun watching it and it's an easy movie to recommend to comic book fans.

Especially to those excited

to see what Marvel Studios has in store for "Avengers: Endgame."

"Captain Marvel" is rated PG-13.



The other film this week is "The Kid." In this Western, a young boy named Rio (Jake Schur), is forced to go on the run across the American Southwest in a desperate attempt to save his sister (Leila George) from his villainous uncle (Chris Pratt).

Along the way, he encounters Sheriff Pat Garrett (Ethan Hawke), on the hunt for the infamous outlaw Billy the Kid (Dane DeHaan). Rio finds himself increasingly entwined in the lives of these two legendary figures as the cat and mouse game between Billy and the sheriff plays out.

I had no idea whatsoever that this movie even existed until I saw showtimes for it listed early last week.

So in that respect, I suppose I didn't have any expectations going into the film.

Unfortunately though, I didn't end up getting much out of it either.

But on the positive side of things, the performances here were mostly good.

Ethan Hawke was great as usual, no surprise there. Plus I thought Dane DeHaan did pretty well as Billy the Kid, though he did falter a bit during some of the film's more emotional moments.

DeHaan and Hawke ended up making for quite the entertaining pair, and without a doubt the best moments in the movie came whenever the two of them were bouncing dialogue off of each other.

On the other hand, our movie's main character, Jake Schur as Rio, was a little more iffy at times. But considering it was the guy's first role in a feature film, I think he did pretty well overall.

But by far, the role I found strangest in this movie was Chris Pratt playing a villain.

And he isn't just some goofy bad guy not to be taken seriously. His character is a genuinely awful person who not only attempts to murder his nephew, but even facilitates the sexual assault and implied rape of his niece.

To say this role is a little outside of Chris Pratt's usual wheelhouse is a massive understatement. Frankly, I almost didn't recognize him under the giant bushy beard he was sporting.

I appreciate Pratt branching out and portraying a character that isn't the likeable goofball he's been in just about every other movie, but that didn't make the performance any less shocking to watch. However, despite the surprisingly unsavory character, I thought Pratt did fine in the role.

The story itself isn't much to write home about. I'm not sure if I'd call it boring, but there were certainly stretches of the film where I was pretty dang disinterested in what was happening on screen.

Even so, the movie still had a few entertaining moments. Not a ton mind you, and they're scattered among a film with a fairly gritty tone, not to mention a surprising amount of blood.

But there still may be enough western fun to hold over fans of the old west desperate for anything new on the big screen.

As for myself though, besides a few decent performances, and a new perspective on Chris Pratt as an actor, I didn't get much out of this film.

"The Kid" is rated R.



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Oklahoma Opry performers

Entertaining this past Saturday night at the Oklahoma Opry was the Norman band Brother Heywood. Band members include (from left) Frank Lawrence, mandolin and harmonica; Johnny "Skippy" Pomeroy, drums; Chris Boyd, guitar and vocals; and Danny Lawrence, bass guitar. Boyd is a graduate of Washington schools.

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campaign contributions six to one.

Taxpayers would have no say in who gets those dollars, meaning their hard-earned money could go to fund candidates and politicians with whom they disagree.

Also undermining the First Amendment, H.R. 1 would criminalize actions that are currently viewed appropriate as advocacy for candidates. Even the left-leaning American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) voiced concern with the legislation.

In a 13-page letter sent to the House Rules Committee, the ACLU cautioned, "There

are also provisions that unconstitutionally impinge on the free speech rights of American citizens and public interest organizations.

They will have the effect of harming our public discourse by silencing necessary voices that would otherwise speak out about the public issues of the day."

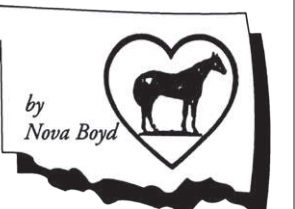
When the massive bill was introduced, it was referred to 10 separate House committees holding jurisdiction. But instead of doing the necessary work in each of those committees to come up with a sound product, only the Committee on House Administration held

a markup on the bill before Democratic leadership scheduled it for floor consideration. It's no wonder the bill is so full of errors and unconstitutional issues.

To be clear, I strongly support encouraging American citizens to exercise their right to vote and ensuring access is not denied to lawful voters. But the Democrats' overhaul would negatively alter the political landscape of the greatest republic and democracy in the history of the world.

Instead of fixing actual problems, H.R. 1 reveals a brazen attempt by Democrats to rig the system on the taxpayer dime.

The Horseman's Corner



American Horse Council Announces Horses No Longer Considered Pets, Now Designated Livestock

As the countdown to close the 115th Congress headed to the final stretch, on Wednesday, December 12, Congress passed the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (H.R. 2), sending the legislation to the president, who signed the bill into law on December 20.

Horse industry highlights include a revised statutory definition that excludes equines from a blanket definition of "pets" and funding for key livestock and international market development programs through Fiscal Year (FY) 2023.

In the wake of extensive horse industry outreach, lawmakers struck language in the senate version that defined horses as "pets" within the context of a "Pet and Women Safety" (PAWS) measure. The equine industry requested that lawmakers delete "horses" from the proposed statutory definition of "pets," but retain "horses" as a stand-alone category.

In response to industry messages communicated to congressional leaders during the preceding six months, the final conference report stated that the bill "clarifies the definition of pet to include certain companion animals, while also providing protections for other animals such as horses, service animals, and emotional support animals."

The revised definition helps preserve the long-standing classification of horses as "livestock," while allowing equines to fall within the scope of property damage subject to compensation within the parameters of the PAWS Act.

A preliminary review of the legislation shows that lawmakers are moving in the right direction with respect to funding important animal health programs. Unlike earlier versions of the bill, the legislation mandates rather than authorizes minimum appropriations totaling \$150 million to fund

the National Animal Vaccine Bank (NAVVCB), the National Animal Disaster Preparedness and Response Program (NAD-PRP) and National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN), among other programs, for FY 2019 to 2023.

Of the \$150 million of mandated funding, the bill stipulates that Congress will appropriate \$112 million "to be allocated among the NAHLN, the NADPRP and the NAVVCB." With respect to the NAHLN, a major priority for the horse industry, the legislation further authorizes up to \$30 million per year over the five-year span of the farm bill, matching industry's authorization request. Additionally, the legislation provides "\$255 million in annual mandatory funding" for Foreign Market Development, the Market Access Program, and other programs that support the USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS).

For more information related to legislative activity, contact AHC's Bryan Brendle at 202-296-4031. Or visit www.horsecouncil.org.

As the national association representing all segments of the horse industry in Washington, D.C., the American Horse Council works daily to represent equine interests and opportunities. Organized in 1969, the AHC promotes and protects the industry by communicating with Congress, federal agencies, the media and the industry on behalf of all horse related interests each and every day.

The AHC is member supported by individuals and organizations representing virtually every facet of the horse world from owners, breeders, veterinarians, farriers, breed registries and horsemen's associations to horse shows, race tracks, rodeos, commercial suppliers and state horse councils.

American Horse Council Celebrates 50 Years of Advocating

for Equine Industry

In 1969 when the founders of the American Horse Council (AHC) first gathered to discuss formalizing an organization to advocate for the equine industry, no one had a crystal ball to look into the future to see all possible changes that could take place or how things could evolve so rapidly in 50 years.

Through the years, the one enduring variable has been the necessity for the industry to have a voice and to leverage horse enthusiasts, cultivate their knowledge and skills, to meet the changing needs of the industry. It's these visionaries and extraordinary members whom AHC will honor and celebrate in its 50th year.

To commemorate its golden anniversary, AHC members and stakeholders will join together in a year-long 50th anniversary celebration that will carry through to the AHC Annual Meeting and Conference to be held in Washington, DC on June 9-12 at the Georgetown Marriott. Mark your calendars!

The American Horse Council is the reason that I continue to request yearly in this column that every horse owner in our historic horse capitol area send in their information to the AHC in order to keep our horse numbers correct and current nationally.

It does not matter whether you are a member of an equine registry or not, whether you are part of the horse show or racing industry, whether you rope for fun and relaxation, or run barrels, or trail ride, or belong to the Roundup Club, or whether you have backyard horses for your kids to ride, or if you just have them to look at and love. Your information is important!

For years, the American Horse Council has reported that McClain County, Oklahoma, has more horses than any county in the United States. Let's keep our numbers known on the national stage. From the message in the Farm Bill reported above, you can see that this is important to all of you.

Society



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Math Hall of Fame

The newest Math Hall of Fame recipients are Shayla Traffansted and Isabella Hall. These students mastered addition, subtraction, multiplication and division math facts with 100% accuracy on their timed tests which qualified them for the Wayne Elementary Math Hall of Fame.

Lexington UMC/ Lexington Firefighters fundraiser

By Rev. David D. Cook

The Lexington United Methodist Church will be hosting a bean dinner fundraiser for the Lexington Fire Department and local ministries.

The dinner will be held from 2-5 p.m. Saturday, March 30, at the Lexington United Methodist Church, 631 Ash St., in Lexington.

A free will offering will be received in support of this local event.

"As a member of the Lexington community I want to support these individuals who offer up their time to protect our community," Rev. Cook said.

"It's not just about fighting grass fires which occur often around our community or even

the occasional grease fire when we leave a pan on the stove we have forgotten. It's about training year round for those events as well as those unexpected moments such as major fires or when we are in need at 2 a.m. in the morning when our volunteer fire fighters jump out of warm beds and respond to the community needs.

"Its not just about fires...as they have responded to medical emergencies at my home twice over the years and I am sure they have reached out and touch many of us.

"Please take the time and reach out and express your appreciation by attending this fundraiser," Rev. Cook concluded.



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Back onstage

Larry Darnell will be back as a guest performer at the next Pauls Valley Opry on Saturday, April 13. The show begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Pauls Valley High School auditorium.

Pauls Valley Opry warms spirits with show

On a cold, wintery night the stars of the Pauls Valley Opry warmed our spirits with their passions, performances and talents.

When Dwayne Yoesting is on the show, you know you are in for a few good stories, a few smiles and some quality impersonations. This visit, he thrilled us with classics such as Louie Armstrong's "What a Wonderful World" and Roy Orbison's "Oh, Pretty Woman" doing a great job on all.

Molly Herrod gave a super performance with the Joan Baez version of "Long Black Veil." Then she kicked into the Patsy Cline megahit, "I Fall to Pieces", and we felt that we were back in the golden era of Country Music.

Next up was the young, but legendary Clancy Davis. It is always a treat when we can rope Clancy into being on the show. This "Country Crooner" wooed the crowd with the George Jones classic, "Choices" and he blew us away with the Daryle Singletary's hit, "That's Why I Sing This Way".

It is always a joy to have Pauls Valley Opry Hall of Fame Member, Missy Rude on the program. Missy is known as one of the best versatile vocalists around and whatever Missy sings - you know it's going to be great. She did a superb job on "These Tennessee Nights"

and she put us in overdrive with Jo Dee Messina's hit, "Lesson in Leavin'."

The 2018 Pauls Valley Opry's Male Vocalist of the Year and Entertainer of the Year, Wiley Winters again proved why he is one of our all-time favorites! We refer to Wiley as the "Gentle Giant of the Pauls Valley Opry." He is giant man of faith and he certainly has a huge baritone voice. He did a wonderful job on Blake Shelton's hit of "Home" and he took us to church with "Why Me Lord" (Kris Kristopherson).

One of the many high-lights of the night was when Missy came and joined her brother, Wiley on stage for "Glorious Day." We were all taken into a moment of praise and worship.

John Williams certainly helps keep the show moving in his entertaining way each month as Pauls Valley Opry emcee. Adding to the night's enjoyment, the Memory Makers Band performed selections from various artists such as Linda Ronstadt, Dave Dudley, Shannon McNally, Dawn Sears, Neil McCoy and Martina McBride.

Please join us for the March edition on the second Saturday in April (due to auditorium scheduling conflict) Saturday, April 13, as we welcome Mike Deviney, Bailey Wesberry, John Williams, Lela Dalby, Michael Dalby and Larry Darnell.



It's a Small World

Gracie Montgomery

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

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

Emily celebrates her birthday Monday, March 18.

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

Kristin and Lindsay celebrate their birthdays Thursday, March 21.

Happy birthdays also go out to Carla Ballard, Dave Northcutt, Doug Buterbaugh, Craig Perigo, Fernando Auz, Antonia Ortiz, Barbara Sheehy, Coral Vazquez, Janie Braden, Tammy Rangel, Leon Chausse, Joe Sheehy, Merle Clark, Ernestine Cavnar, Graci Pollard and Nathan Brinker.

The Purcell PTO will be hosting a variety of food trucks at Parent-Teacher Conference Night Thursday, March 14, from 4-7:15 p.m.

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

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

The Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce Community Coffee will be held at 8 a.m. Thursday, March 14.

The coffee will be held at the chamber of commerce office, 220 W Main in Purcell.

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

Make sure you bring your business card.

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

Come enjoy stories and rhymes for preschoolers and toddlers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For more information call the library at 527-5546.

The Purcell Public Library is hosting Tai Chi for Better Balance for adults will be held each Monday from 10-11 a.m.

This program is designed for people at all levels of mobility and can be performed standing or sitting.

There will be 12 sessions building on eight positions.

Registration is required by calling 527-5546.

Another great slow cooker recipe.

Slow Cooker Crack Chicken Pasta

5 cups shredded rotisserie chicken

10.5 oz. can cream of chicken soup

8 oz. Velveeta cubed

2 cups chicken broth

1 cup water

One Packet Hidden Valley Buttermilk Recipe Ranch Dry Seasoning

3 cups Penne/Mostaccioli Pasta, uncooked

1-1/2 cups mild cheddar cheese

1 cup bacon pieces

Cut the meat off the Rotisserie chicken and shred it. You should use about 5 cups of shredded chicken.

In your slow cooker, combine your shredded chicken, ranch packet, cream of chicken soup, chicken broth, water and cubed Velveeta.

Put the lid back on your crock pot and cook on high for three hours.

After three hours on high, add the noodles and give it a good stir. Place the lid back on the crockpot for 20 more minutes on high. Give it another good stir and place the lid back on for 10 minutes.

Give it yet another good stir and top with the cheese, and lastly the bacon pieces.

Replace the lid and let the cheese melt for about 5 minutes.

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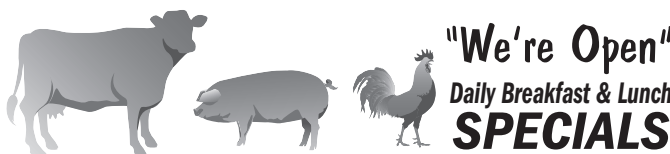


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His favorite hobbies are art, music, video games and gymnastics and his favorite food is pizza.

His role model is his Myster Bad because he is very successful in life.

His dream job or plan after high school is to be a pilot or work in cyber security.

Hayden's proudest moment was when he won his first gymnastics meet and got a trophy.

Allison Schlotthauer - Eighth Grade Girl of the Month

If Allison could go anywhere

it would be to Iceland.

Allison's favorite subjects in school are science and math.

Her favorite type of music is instrumental.

Her favorite hobby is spending time with her animals and her favorite food is ice cream.

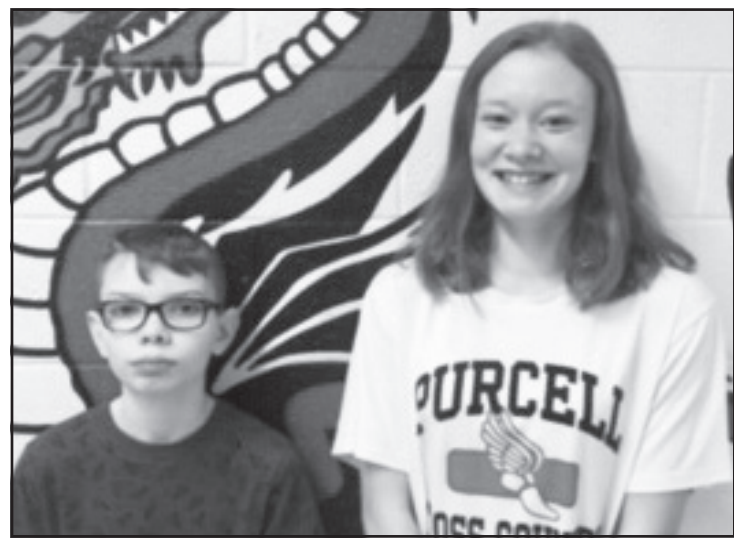
Her role models are her parents because they are giving.

Her dream job or plan after high school is to have a job that she can travel to different places with.

Allison's proudest moment was when she made SWOBDA.



Parker Reed and Hannah Shea



Hayden Harrah and Allison Schlotthauer

Purcell Senior Citizens
By Fredda Perry

Another week of different weather. It looks like maybe later this week we might have some wet weather.

The leprechauns, rainbows and shamrocks are beginning to show up on the tables at the center.

Hope you all remembered to spring forward last Sunday.

Our number remained at a pretty good count during the cold days. We have been averaging serving 60 meals a day.

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.

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. If you do not have a reservation you will have to wait until all the people who have a reservation are fed. Call Evelyn or John at 527-9462 to make a reservation.

The senior garage sale for this week will be Thursday, March 14, and Friday, March 15. It will start at 8 a.m. and last

until 3 p.m. Check it out. We have been having lots of new donations the last two weeks.

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

Menu for the week of March 18-22:

Monday—Grilled cheese sandwich, vegetable beef soup, carrot raisin salad, crackers, banana pudding.

Tuesday—Fri chili pie, corn, tossed salad with dressing, brownie.

Wednesday—Chicken strips, mashed potatoes with gravy, peas and carrots.

Thursday—Ham and white beans, tomato spoon relish, hash browns, cornbread.

Friday—Cook's choice.

Thought for the Week: What happens after always counts more than what happened before.

MATC students District SkillsUSA winners

Mid-America Technology Center students who are enrolled in one of the 19 Trade and Industrial Education programs recently participated in the SkillsUSA District Competitions. These contests are held at area technology centers throughout the state.

This year MATC had 53 students qualify to compete at the SkillsUSA State Conference which will be held April 28-30 in Tulsa.

MATC students placed in each competition with the following results:

Architectural Drafting—*Kellar Eubank, 3rd place secondary, *Josh Lawson, Blanchard, 4th place secondary, Anthony Garza, Pauls Valley, 6th place secondary.

Automotive Service Technology—*Eddie Gish, Bridge Creek, 2nd place secondary, *Alan Rose, Lexington, 3rd place secondary, Cody Beams, Pauls Valley, 6th place secondary, James Dudgeon, Lindsay, High Written Score.

Cabinetmaking—*Joey Rains, Lindsay, 2nd place postsecondary, Justin Tate Covell, Elmore City, 3rd place postsecondary, Quinton Robbins, Lindsay, 4th place postsecondary.

Carpentry—*Samuel Hook, Purcell, 1st place postsecondary, *Mason Hamm, Lexington, 3rd place secondary, Kevin Alejandro, Little Axe, 4th place secondary, Braxton Mestas, Newcastle, 6th place secondary.

Chapter Business Procedure—(team event), *Cayden Evans, Newcastle, 1st place secondary (team event), *Roy Horn, Blanchard, 1st place secondary, *Thomas Lassiter, Newcastle, 1st place secondary, *Francisco Martinez, Purcell, 1st place secondary, *Ragan Stewart, Blanchard, 1st place secondary, *Josh Travis, Elmore City, 1st place secondary.

Cosmetology—*Hannah Ingraham, Lexington, 1st place postsecondary, *Laila Pletcher, Little Axe, 2nd place secondary, *Jordan Bowen, Lindsay, 3rd place secondary.

Customer Service—*Nicole Geiger, Noble, 2nd place secondary, Carley Carter, Lexington, 3rd place secondary.

Esthetics—*Destinee Overlay, Wayne, 1st place secondary, *Kylee Robertson, Pauls Valley, 3rd place secondary, Madison McKesson, Noble, 5th place secondary.

Extemporaneous Speaking—*Josh Higginbottom, Pauls Valley,

1st place secondary, Jayda Ladd, Newcastle, 4th place secondary, Miakoda Underwood, Blanchard, 5th place secondary.

HVAC—*Kadin Pratt, Purcell, 2nd place postsecondary, *Charles Gomez, Pauls Valley, 3rd place postsecondary, *Colton Cosby, Stratford, 4th place secondary, Randall McGill, Little Axe, 6th place secondary.

Job Interview—*Aubrey Conner, Little Axe, 2nd place secondary, Levi Boxley, Homeschooled/Norman, 4th place secondary, Dawson Bell, Norman, 4th place postsecondary.

Job Readiness/Carpet Maintenance—Peter Warden, Little Axe, 6th place secondary.

Job Readiness/Floral Design—*Hannah Beckham, Noble, 2nd place secondary, Logan Helton, Purcell, 4th place secondary.

Job Readiness/Grounds Equipment Operator—*Gerald Ploch, Pauls Valley, 1st place secondary.

Job Readiness/Hard Surface Maintenance—*Zach Pettijohn, Noble, 1st place secondary, *Joshua Nail, Lindsay, 2nd place secondary.

Job Readiness/Horticulture—*Ryan Fulton, Lexington, 2nd place secondary.

Job Readiness/Job Interview—*Hannah Beckham, Noble, 2nd place secondary, Ryan Fulton, Lexington, 4th place secondary.

Job Readiness/Low-speed Buffing—Chris Admire, Lexington, 6th place secondary.

Job Readiness/Small Engine Parts ID—*Cody Sample, Little Axe, 1st place secondary.

Job Readiness/Standard Riding Mower—*Dalton Harmdierks, Little Axe, 1st place secondary, *Airon Wright, Pauls Valley, 4th place secondary.

Job Readiness/Tool Identification—*Trenton Alberson, Stratford, 2nd place secondary.

Job Readiness/Zero Turn Radius Mower—*Rickeydale Morrison, Pauls Valley, 3rd place secondary, Brandon Carden, Pauls Valley, 4th place secondary, Dylan Austin, Dibble, 6th place secondary, Caleb Clemmer, Pauls Valley, participant secondary.

Job Skills Demonstration A—*Jailene Barragan, Pauls Valley, 1st place postsecondary, *Jestin Wright, Wynnewood, 2nd place postsecondary, Tonya Brookshire, Noble, 3rd place secondary, Rachel Goad, Purcell, 3rd place postsecondary, Joshua Walker, Newcastle, 4th place secondary, Chancellor Marshall, Little Axe, 5th place secondary.

Job Skills Demonstration O—

*Rayden Bewley, Blanchard, 1st place secondary, *Reagan Snow, Purcell, 1st place postsecondary, *Destiny Sandlin, Bridge Creek, 2nd place secondary, Matthew Webster, Homeschooled/Pauls Valley, 3rd place secondary, Nicole Geiger, Noble, 4th place secondary, Makayla Boykin, Wynnewood, 5th place secondary.

Opening & Closing Ceremony—(team event), *Madison Cline, Lexington, 2nd place secondary (team event), *Skylar Gardner, Bridge Creek, 2nd place secondary, *Ashton Glover, Vanoss, 2nd place secondary.

*Jaycee Imel, Wynnewood, 2nd place secondary, *Jaci Phares, Blanchard, 2nd place secondary, *Kanyon Roberts, Lindsay, 2nd place secondary, *Kylee Spencer, Lexington, 2nd place secondary.

Precision Machining Technology—*Wyatt Guttery, Noble, 1st place secondary, *Benjamin Richter, Bridge Creek, 2nd place secondary, Jessy Hines, Newcastle, 4th place secondary, Lucas Dobson, Maysville, 6th place secondary.

Prepared Speech—Kazi Mara, Elmore City, 3rd place secondary, Alissa Morgan, Noble, 5th place secondary, Tali Thompson, Elmore City, 6th place secondary.

Quiz Bowl—(team event) Nicholas Caldwell, Maysville, 3rd place secondary, Nicholas Diguiseppi, Dibble, 3rd place secondary, Adam Hamilton, Lexington, 3rd place secondary, Corbin Hodges, Newcastle, 3rd place secondary, Aaryn Wilcox, Wayne, 3rd place secondary.

Quiz Bowl—(team event), Logan Bennett, Washington, 5th place secondary, Conner Bruce, Washington, 5th place secondary, Caleb Haynes, Washington, 5th place secondary, Caleb McElderry, Washington, 5th place secondary, Andre Pomerantz, Home

Schooled/Blanchard, 5th place secondary.

Quiz Bowl—(team event), Jayden Agee, Bridge Creek, 6th place secondary, Gavin Harp, Dibble, 6th place secondary, Ethan Scott, Noble, 6th place secondary, Zion Stormer, Noble, 6th place secondary, Ozmond Wahpekeche, Little Axe, 6th place secondary.

Technical Drafting—*Julian Rodriguez, Newcastle, 3rd place secondary, Creed Nelson, Newcastle, 6th place secondary.

Welding—*Jeff Gray, Little Axe, 3rd place secondary, Austin Cline, Noble, 7th place secondary.

Welding Fabrication—(team event), *Luke Brundage, Wanette, 1st place secondary, *Matthew Rodman, Wanette, 1st place secondary, *Dalton Wilson, Little Axe, 1st place secondary.

*denotes qualification to compete on the state level

Purcell native retiring from Coast Guard

Senior Chief Gunner's Mate Brian Wallace, a Purcell native, will soon be retiring from the United States Coast Guard.

Coast Guard officials report his Retirement Ceremony will be March 29 at 10 a.m. at the US Coast Guard Training Center in Yorktown, VA.

Wallace will go on terminal leave and officially retire May 31 with over 26 years of honorable service.

Brian, his wife Nell, and their daughters Kenzie, Kara, and Kiley will remain in the Yorktown area upon retirement.

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Pauls Valley Opry

Lela and Michael Dalby will be back on stage at the Pauls Valley Opry. This show will be the second Saturday of the month, April 13. The show begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Pauls Valley High School auditorium.

OSU EXTENSION *News*

We've got your back!

Ruth Allard
4-H Youth Development Educator

One of the most essential things that a child needs to go to school is something to carry their books, homework, notes from teachers, and essential items.

This is also something that some kids don't have or can't get. I am talking about a backpack. Something that people may often take for granted.

Recently a Cleveland County 4-H member named Adie Soell came in contact with a young student that did not have a backpack, and was carrying several heavy

books home. Adie recognized a need and took action.

Her service project is called "Got Your Back!" and she plans on collecting new or gently used backpacks for those in need. School supplies including pencils, paper, erasers, etc. are also welcome.

These supplies and backpacks will be given to kids in need.

Backpacks and supplies can be dropped off at the Cleveland County OSU Extension Office, or the DSACO office.

Call 321-4774 for more information.

Lexington Community News

By Hazel Shockey Daniels

Happy spring 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 March 14, 20 and 21:

Thursday, March 14—Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli with cheese sauce, okra, rolls, salad bar, chocolate cake.

Wednesday, March 20—Pork chops, mashed potatoes and gravy, blackeyed peas, macaroni and tomatoes, coleslaw, chocolate or lemon pie.

Thursday, March 21—Fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, squash, rolls, salad bar, millionaire pie.

VETERINARY *Viewpoints*

Good nutrition vital to maintain rabbit health

Joao Brandao, LVM, MS
Veterinary Clinical Services, OSU

Rabbits are among the most common pets in the United States. Quiet and friendly, they make great companion animals. As herbivores, their gastrointestinal (GI) tract is specifically adapted for a plant-based diet. Although preventable, improper nutrition is one of the most common causes of disease in pet rabbits.

A rabbit's overall digestive health depends on a high-fiber diet, which is critical to stimulate and maintain GI motility. The best source of rabbit fiber is grass hay. Hay and fresh water should be available to your rabbit at all times.

A diet too low in fiber or too high in carbohydrates can lead to gastrointestinal ileus, a potentially deadly condition in which the digestive system slows down or stops completely. An improper diet can also cause microbial overgrowth or enterotoxemia, which can lead to serious health problems for your rabbit.

Poor nutrition can also cause many other diseases. A diet deficient in hay can contribute to dental disease. Rabbit teeth grow continuously. Growth is controlled by chewing, which

helps maintain proper teeth height and shape.

Poor teeth alignment and lack of normal chewing can cause teeth spurs. Sharp spurs inside the mouth can injure the cheeks and/or the tongue, which may lead to discomfort or difficulty eating.

Historically, these animals will exhibit a selective diet, where they start by refusing the hay while still eating softer foods like vegetables and pellets.

Hairballs are another common problem in rabbits whose diets do not contain enough hay. Rabbits are compulsive groomers. While they clean themselves, they ingest relatively large amounts of fur.

Although cleaning themselves is normal behavior and desired, the ingestion of hair can lead to the formation of balls of hair and food inside the stomach, which can lead to an obstruction in the stomach. Hay, in addition to maintaining normal motility of the GI, helps move ingested fur through the GI tract without problems.

Improper diet may also cause issues in other major body systems including the urinary tract. A high calcium diet can cause "sludge" in the urinary bladder, stones anywhere in the urinary tract, and even calcification of

soft tissues (e.g. kidneys).

A rabbit's daily diet should consist of an unlimited supply of water and hay, greens and a small amount of fresh fruit. Commonly, rabbits prefer a water bottle but some rabbits prefer water bowls.

Always make changes to your rabbit's diet slowly. As a rule of thumb, offer only one new item per week. If your rabbit develops a soft stool or diarrhea after eating a new fruit or vegetable, the problem should resolve within a day or two. If it persists, stop feeding that item and seek veterinary care.

Hay: The healthiest choice of hay for your rabbit is timothy, orchard grass, oat hay, or other mixed grass hay. Avoid alfalfa hay for pet rabbits because alfalfa is high in calories and calcium. Exceptions include growing, young rabbits (less than six months of age) and pregnant or lactating females.

Greens: For every two to three pounds your rabbit weighs, offer one cup of greens per day. Use a variety of greens to supply a balance of nutrients.

Some examples include spring mix greens, carrots, carrot tops, cilantro, collard greens, peppers, kale, mint, mustard greens, radish tops, romaine lettuce (no iceberg or

light colored leaf), and spinach. Very dark green vegetables, such as spinach and kale, contain high calcium and should be offered less frequently.

Fresh Fruits and Vegetables: Daily offer a small amount (one tablespoon per every two to three pounds of your rabbit's weight) of fruits and vegetables. These items are a much healthier choice than prepackaged treats and include kiwi, strawberries, blueberries, raspberries, blackberries, apple (no seeds or stems), pear, peach, papaya, pineapple, cactus, melons, bean or alfalfa sprouts, mango and cranberries.

Pellets: While convenient, pellets are not an essential part of a pet rabbit's diet. However, it can provide a good supplement for your rabbit. Avoid using pellets with seeds as it may lead to dental disease.

Many rabbits develop diarrhea or chronic soft stools if fed a diet high in pellets. If you wish to feed pellets, choose a brand with no less than 18 to 20 percent fiber that is low in protein, calories and fat.

In addition to a healthy diet, rabbits need daily exercise in a safe environment. Physical activity stimulates the GI motility and helps prevent boredom and some unwanted behaviors.



Jeanne Grimes • The Purcell Register

Security award

Lt. Pam Brown, right, is Security Employee of the Month at Lexington Assessment & Reception Center. She accepted the award Friday from Col Everett Shea, chief of security at the prison.

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Osteology visitors

Members of Kathleen Loux's anatomy class at Lexington recently visited the osteology museum.

Multiple sexual offense charges filed against father

Jeanne Grimes
The Purcell Register

Multiple sexual offenses have kept a Lindsay man in the McClain County Detention Center since mid-December.

Prosecutors finally charged Jerame D. Bryant on February 22 with first degree rape by in-

strumentation and three counts of lewd act with a child younger than 16 after a judge threatened to lower his bond or release him on his own recognizance.

Following his arrest in December, Bryant's bond was \$50,000. It was raised to \$200,000 after the charges were filed.

According to court records, the incidents occurred over a 2-year period in 2014 and 2015.

The alleged victim, Bryant's daughter, was 4 to 6 years old at the time.

The alleged abuse came to light when Det. David Tompkins was investigating a domestic

violence complaint made by Bryant's wife.

She was accompanied to the sheriff's office by her three children – sons age 10 and 12 and a daughter, 9.

Tompkins referred them to Mary Abbot Children's House in Norman for a forensic in-

terview.

During that interview on January 10, the girl said Bryant allegedly got into the bathtub with her and was washing her body when he fondled her.

She also told the interviewer that Bryant made her fondle him, according to the affidavit.

Father charged

Daughter recounts sexual abuse

Jeanne Grimes
The Purcell Register

An arrest warrant is outstanding for a Purcell man charged in McClain County District Court with rape by instrumentation, two counts of lewd acts with a child younger than 16 and pattern of criminal offenses.

Jeffrey D. McClain, 39, was charged February 26.

The alleged incidents occurred in November.

According to an affidavit, the reported victim, 12, confided in a cousin that her father made her uncomfortable and she didn't want to go to his house.

The cousin encouraged her to talk to her mother, who then notified the McClain County Sheriff's Office on December 7.

Three days later during a forensic interview at Mary Abbott Children's House in Norman, the girl recounted two incidents in which McClain allegedly fondled her.

Both incidents occurred at her paternal grandparents' home on 186th Street.

Det. David Tompkins interviewed McClain who denied the girl's account.

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Midkiff:

by serving this community," Midkiff stated.

"To see the passage of a \$30 million bond by the supportive patrons of Purcell was special. To see the hard work of so many administrators, teachers and the board for our Personalized Learning and Internship program be planted and begin to grow district wide is inspiring.

"To see the devotion to each kid and that they grow to their individual potential is so powerful."

In his report to the board, Midkiff reminded them that spring break is next week.

Goldsby Construction project manager Tyler Graves reported a "really good month" for work on the new junior high school and field house.

A structure completion ceremony for the junior high school is tentatively set for 9 a.m. March 27.

The ceremony will mark the project 50 percent complete. A special painted beam will

be available for the public to sign. The beam will then be installed – the final piece of the structure.

Graves also said the new field house is 80 percent complete.

In other business, the board:

- approved a board policy on Indian Policies and Procedures, and
- authorized Midkiff to submit a bid for property at the southeast corner of North 2nd Avenue and Van Buren Street.

From page 1A

Threat:

was never critical to the school.

"As soon as I heard the news Sunday evening I took immediate action," Midkiff said.

He called high school principal Bret Petty who was traveling by car back from St. Louis, Mo.

"Bret stopped in Tulsa so he could talk to me," Midkiff said. "We talked for about 10 minutes. He called Amy (Tolle) and she met the police at the school until Bret could get back."

Mrs. Tolle is the school's

counselor.

Midkiff said he and other school officials worked with police until about 1 a.m. Monday and then were back at it in meetings later Monday morning.

Purcell Sgt. Det. Scott Stephens said the two juveniles were taken into custody about 9:30-10 a.m. Monday.

"We elected to close the school so the police could have all the time they needed to investigate," Midkiff said.

Midkiff confirmed the students will be disciplined.

"Anyone who makes a threat like that at school is taken to be serious and we will not condone it," the superintendent said.

The Register inquired as to what the charges are against the pair but was told that information is confidential.

Due to the fact the two students are juveniles under state law neither their names nor the charges, if any, can be published.

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90:

meet their Maker," she said. She comes from a line of longevity.

Her father lived to be 94. One sister lived to 97 and another sister was 93 when she was

killed in a car wreck.

Two aunts lived to be over 100.

So Tedd meant it when he told her, "I'll be here for your 100th birthday."

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Neighbor:

– Trey, a risk management officer for Magellan in Tulsa; Trent, a landman with Devon Energy, and Emily Dillard, an accountant with Continental Resources in Oklahoma City.

There are also five grandchildren – Keller Tarp, 9; Kase Tarp, 6; Cameron Tarp, 5; Ellis Tarp, 3, and Beckett Tarp, 1.

Retirement promises more time to spend with all of them.

Susan worked for an oil and gas company in Oklahoma City until the day one of her children was seriously hurt.

"I was an hour away," she recalled.

Telling herself "never again," Susan began applying for jobs in Purcell.

She was hired as a loan assistant by then-First American Bank. It was 1985.

From lending, she moved to compliance and marketing for the bank.

First American merged with First United Bank in February 2015.

It was, Susan recalled, a time of adjustment.

"It was tough," she said. "Everyone here was in a new position with no one to teach it."

"It was tough on everyone – employees, the customers and those who lost their jobs."

Susan survived the merger and in 2016 was named community bank president.

It wasn't a post she aspired

to that day back in 1985.

Neither was a 34-year career in banking.

"When you are 22, you don't think that far ahead," she said. "I never looked for a career. Just do a good job every day and whatever happens, happens."

Of all the hats she's worn at the bank, she enjoyed lending the most.

"It's the most interaction with customers," she said, "and you need to provide enough information so they can make the right decisions."

She and Richard, a retired Norman firefighter, live in Lexington.

When the Oklahoma De-

partment of Transportation closed the James C. Nance Memorial Bridge between Purcell and Lexington, Susan put 7,000 miles on her car driving the daily detour through Norman.

"It was awful," she said of the commute. "I almost retired then. But things could have been a lot worse."

Susan is a member of the Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce, Purcell Rotary Club, the Lexington School Foundation and First Baptist Church in Lexington.

Even in retirement, she has plans that will keep her busy.

For starters, she's volunteered to cook for the Rotary Club's weekly luncheon meetings every Wednesday.

She also wants to volunteer with some groups from her church, especially the Clothes Closet.

She hopes to help the Lexington School Foundation become more active.

And she looks forward to making some Sweet Investments.

No, not cash. Cookies.

Susan regularly bakes and decorates specialty cookies which she gifts to organizations and individuals.

Sweet Investments she donated to her church brought in \$250 when sold. She gifted cookies to the chamber which netted \$150 from their sale.

"That's my hobby," she said of the baking and decorating, "my rest and relaxation."

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Bulldogs down, but not out

Two losses to start the season, but coach is optimistic

Todd Newville
The Purcell Register

The Lexington baseball team is off to an 0-2 start following losses to Class 4A Bridge Creek, 3-1, and to Class 3A Davis, 5-3, last week on the road.

But, head coach Jarod Ennis is not down on his team. Rather, he sees the potential that his club has and is looking forward to much improvement.

“Bridge Creek is a much-improved team,” said Ennis, who enters his sixth season at the helm of the ‘Dawgs. “We didn’t know anything really about ourselves because we hadn’t gotten much work out on the field. But, we played really well defensively.

“Our bats were a little sluggish, which was to be expected since we haven’t seen any live pitching. We got a good pitching performance from Wyatt Webb. He held them at bay and that was good to see from a young kid. Our defense, again, was good. They just had a couple of balls that fell in. We were slow with the bats but it picked up late in the game.”

The contest against Davis was a little better.

“When we went to Davis, we got a really good pitching performance from Toby Madden,” Ennis said. “Our bats picked up a little better. We scored two in the first inning and we were up 2-1 through the middle innings. We went quiet and then they had some lucky breaks go their way.

“Again, we played well defensively and we saw some good things from our team. When you don’t hit the ball offensively, it’s tough to overcome some errors, which

we also had. However, I think overall, we’re going to be okay.”








Ennis sees much light at the end of the tunnel. Lexington was rained out on Monday at

Purcell. They were scheduled to host Class A Rush Springs on Tuesday afternoon.

“It’s just going to take some time to get the bats going and, weather-wise, that is hamper-

ing us,” Ennis said. “It’s nothing for us to be panicked about right now; we’ll be okay. We just have to keep playing. I’m still optimistic.”

2019 Lexington Baseball

 Toby Prevost 5 Sr.	 Seth Comer 2 Sr.	 Jordan Land 21 Sr.	 Ryan Hailey 20 Sr.	 Andre Ibarra 6 Sr.
 Kolby King 10 Jr.	 Colton Penner 15 Jr.	 Mason Hamm 9 Sr.	 Lane Jeffrey 16 Jr.	 Logan Becker 22 Jr.
 Mayson Dunaway 17 Jr.	 Zachary Johnson 11 Jr.	 Toby Madden 3 Jr.	 Nate Clegg 14 Jr.	 Wyatt Webb 7 So.
 Coby Bear 8 Jr.	 Carter Moore 4 So.	 Drake Wells 24 Sr.	 Jarod Ennis Head coach	 Kyle Wells Asst. coach

Lex hopes to build on past success

Coach Ryan Perry will utilize entire roster

Todd Newville
The Purcell Register

The Lexington girls’ slow-pitch softball team is looking forward to a great season.








After last season’s record of 22-6 and a loss to Heavener in the quarter finals of the Class 5A state tournament in Oklahoma City last spring, interim head coach Ryan Perry is excited for his team’s chances this spring.

“We look like we have improved from last year,” said Perry, who is taking over the head coaching duties at Lexington while Kayla Stewart is on maternity leave.

“We were a team that was in the quarter-finals of the state tournament. We’re looking to build off of that.

“We were young last year

2019 Lexington Slow-pitch

 Kaylee Fink Jr. 11	 Brianna Webster Sr. 6	 Amanda Graddy Jr. 1	 Lauren Beason Jr. 15	 Raegan Adkins Jr. 24
 Emilee Jenks Jr. 2	 Hannah Robbins Jr. 20	 Kenzie Lawson Jr. 9	 Anna Sample Jr. 33	 Jaci Idlett So. 17
 Madeline Pack So. 5	 Ryli Harmon Fr. 14	 Abby Turnpaugh Fr. 4	 Madalyn Dunn Fr. 27	 Tori Faulkenberry Fr. 22
 Isela Ruiz Fr. 18	 Sara Bryant Jr. 8	 Lindsey Barber Jr. 7	 Harley Salisbury So. 12	 Zayla Hyde So. 23
 Kayla Stewart Head Coach	 Ryan Perry Asst. Coach			

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Dragons’ diamond season starts 1-1

Games cancelled left and right

John D. Montgomery
The Purcell Register

Coach Cole Sharp’s Dragons stepped out for the 2019 baseball season in style.

Freshman pitcher Brodrick Smith had all the right stuff on the mound last Thursday in the season opener when the Purcell Dragons shutout Lindsay 10-0 in just four innings of play.

The Dragons sent 12 batters to the plate in the bottom of the fourth when they scored nine runs to post the run-rule victory.

Purcell’s half of the fourth inning started off with back-to-back doubles by Gunner Fink and Cade Smith and the Dragons began to roll.

For the game, Creed Smith had a big day at the plate going 2-4 and knocking in four base runners. Grant Smith was 2-2 with an RBI. Brodrick Smith

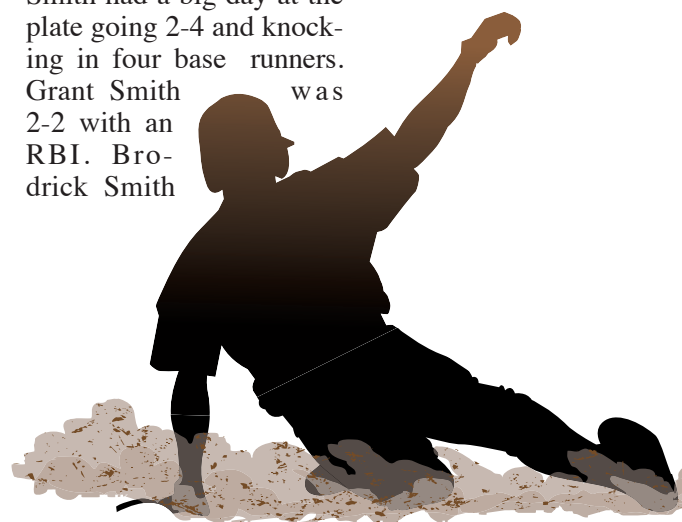
was 1-2 with an RBI while Gavin Constant plated a runner in a 1-3 performance at the plate.

Meanwhile, freshman Brodrick Smith was limiting the Leopards to just two hits. He fanned five in the shutout victory.

Purcell racked up 10 hits and stole eight bases in the contest.

“Overall, I was pleased with our first game,” head coach Cole Sharp said. “The kids came out and competed. They were anxious to get out there and did a good job. They need to continue to feed off each win and

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Warriors’ seasons end at State

Boys, girls exit in first round

John Denny Montgomery
The Purcell Register

The Washington Warriors boys basketball team lost to eventual State runners-up Millwood 61-48 Thursday.

Washington needed a few more shots to fall after Millwood came out unchar-

acteristically red hot from the field.

“We missed some shots that we needed to make in the State tournament,” War-

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Rub

Manuel Trejo (5) runs by a screen set by Alex Foster (24) against Millwood in the State tournament Thursday. The Warriors fell to the Falcons 61-48. Trejo scored 13 points.

Dragons:

get better. "I thought Brodrick did a real good job for his first varsity start," Sharp continued. "He had control of the game. Not walking anybody in your first start is really something for a freshman."

Junior Nick Albright took the loss in a 5-4 decision at Asher last Friday.

Albright scattered five hits and struck out five in five innings of work. Senior Lucas Jones came in to relieve Albright in the sixth.

Albright did all he could on offense as well going 3-4, including a double while Fink was 1-3 with an RBI.

The Indians drew first blood pushing across a pair of base runners in the bottom of the second frame.

Purcell knotted the score with a pair of runs in the top of the fourth but Asher responded with two runs in the bottom of the inning maintaining the two-run advantage.

Asher stretched the lead to 5-1 with a solo run in the bottom of the sixth before the Dragons came back to score twice in their half of the seventh.

"I thought Nick came out and competed on the mound. He gave us a chance to win," Sharp said. "We made a couple of mistakes in the field that gave them some runs that shouldn't have happened."

Sharp said the No. 5 Class B Indians have one of the best pitchers in the state.

"The Martin kid has verbally committed to Oklahoma State," Sharp said. "He throws in the high 80s and low 90s. It was good to see this type

of pitching if you want to get where we need to be."

The Dragons had a chance to tie up the game in the last inning but were tagged out at home plate.

"The kids did a good job but just made a few mistakes. It's a game of inches and teams like Asher make you pay," he concluded.

Monday's game at Lexington was rained out.

Tuesday's game here with Konawa was cancelled due to the tragedy in that school district.

Purcell was scheduled to host Little Axe today (Thursday) and Washington on Friday but weather predictions of rain have those games in jeopardy.



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Beating the throw

Gunner Fink beats the throw to first base during a Purcell win last season.

Bulldogs start 1-3

On the road for Central Marlow tournament this weekend

Emily Montgomery The Purcell Register

Braiden Black and his Wayne Bulldogs have hit the diamond to kick off their baseball season. Last week they fell to Bray Doyle and Walters, but notched a 5-4 win over Central Marlow in the Bray Doyle festival.

Saturday Wayne lost to Ninnekah 12-2 in a run-rule.

According to the coach the Owls jumped out 9-1 through the first two innings and held off the Bulldogs to clinch the win in four innings.

"We just got off to a bad start and couldn't get back into the game," Black said.

Ethan Mullins was on the mound for two innings and Tony Fuentes came in in relief.

Cooper Chick led the team at the plate, going 2-3. Ethan Mullins, Bryer Norman, and Fuentes each added a hit in the loss.

Last Thursday and Friday, Wayne was in Bray Doyle and faced the festival hosts in their first game.

The Donkeys beat Wayne 7-9.

"We had 10 errors and that's what got us. We pitched ok, didn't give up a ton of hits; we just couldn't make the routine plays," Black said.

The Bulldogs jumped out with a 7-4 lead after two innings. The Donkeys tied it up in the bottom of the fourth. Then, they scored on a stolen base to nab the win and end the game.

Senior Rodney Gray was on the mound for the Bulldogs.

Gray also led the team at the plate, going 2-3 with a single, double and three RBIs. Isidro Ibarra, Norman, Mullins, and Chick each had hits in the loss.

In their second game of the festival, Wayne fell to Walters 10-2.

"We hung around with them for awhile but could never string hits together. We had plenty of runners on base, but couldn't drive anyone in," Black said.

Andy Lee started the game for the Bulldogs and Matthew Bless came in in relief to finish the game.

Norman and Gray each had

a hit.

To round out the festival, Wayne faced Central Marlow and came away with a 5-4 victory.

The Bronchos had the 1-0 lead through the first two innings. They scored two more in the top of the third.

Wayne tied it up with three runs in the bottom of the inning.

Marlow notched another run in the fourth, but Wayne scored two to clinch the win.

Ibarra, Mullins, Norman, Gray and Lee each had a hit in the game.

"Since the errors of our first game, we've played well defensively. We have struck out too much and don't give ourselves a chance," Black said.

Wayne's scheduled game with Bray-Doyle on Tuesday was rained out.

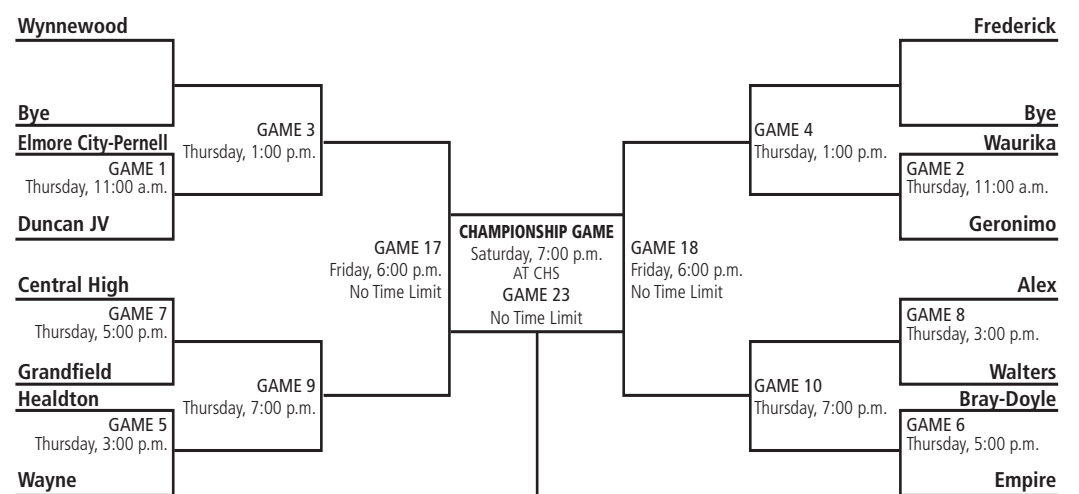
They will be on the road for the Red Dirt Classic tournament today (Thursday) through Saturday.

The Bulldogs face Healdton in their first game of the tournament at 3 p.m.

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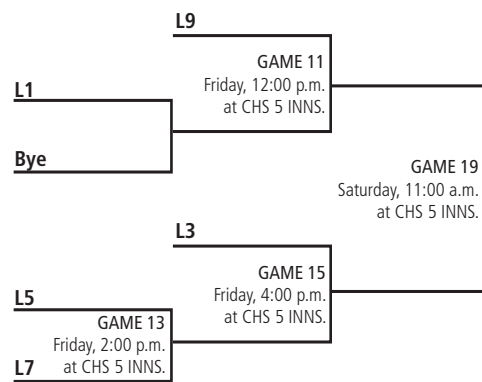
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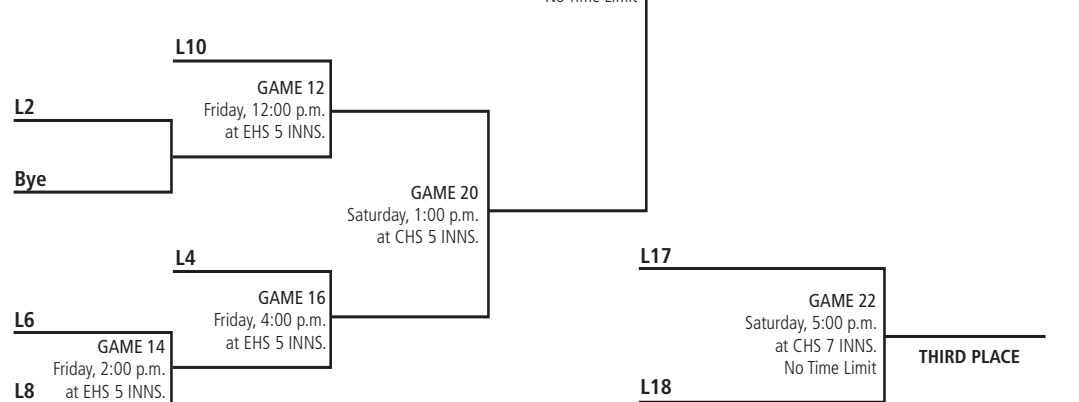


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but hopefully we are more mature this year and a little more battle-tested from a season ago. We're hoping to make a run at it."

A bunch of rain forced the cancellation of several of Lex's games a year ago. However, the Lady 'Dawgs recovered.

Injuries, though, from the fast-pitch season will also play a part in the team's fortunes this spring.

"Injuries hampered us a bit in fast-pitch last fall and we're still dealing with some of those injuries," Perry said.

"But, we're hoping to have a good year and we hope things

will go right for us. I have a great group of girls and that's why I'm still coaching - because I love these kids. They are a great group."

Perry is not quick to rule out anyone on his team who could provide a boost and a lift to the 'Dawgs. He's just hoping the weather will cooperate with his club this spring.

The 'Dawgs were scheduled to play Class 6A Harrah at home on Tuesday afternoon for their first game.

"I've got 20 girls out and I expect all 20 of them to play their role and do their part to make us successful," Perry

said. "Every part and every position is extremely important. Every role is important because we don't win as an individual; we win as a team. Everybody on this team is extremely important to our fortunes."

"We're talking right now on the nicest day that we have had so far," noted Perry, who was interviewed last Friday.

"I am a geography teacher and it's a 'La Nina' year which means it will be cold and wet - but I hope that's not true. So far, it's looked like it's going to be that way, but we'll keep our fingers crossed."

Lady Bulldogs start slow

Fall to AmPo and Lindsay in first two games

Emily Montgomery
The Purcell Register

First year slow-pitch coach Chance Sharp and his Lady Bulldogs hosted AmPo to kick off their season last Thursday. Wayne fell 15-5 in five innings to the Lady Panthers.

Wayne gave up 14 hits and 12 walks in the loss.

"I don't feel that we played that bad, but we ended up having 12 walks. We have to get better pitching. If we get better on the mound, we'll be ok," Sharp said.

"It's not the girls' fault. We still need practice time and to work on our defense. As the year goes on, we'll be fine."

Despite the slow defensive start, Sharp was pleased with the Lady Bulldogs' appearances at the plate.

"We had 15 hits but just couldn't get runs across when we needed to," Sharp said.

Several girls had multiple hits in the loss. Bailey Kennedy and Morgan Posey were both 3-3 at the plate while Posey added two RBIs.

Raegan Dill, Haiden Parker

and Maddison Hunt were each 2-3 on offense. Kamryn Moss was 1-3 with an RBI.

"Overall, if we can cut down the walks, it'll be a closer game," Sharp said.

Wayne hit the road Friday afternoon to take on the Lady Leopards of Lindsay. The Lady Bulldogs lost 14-12 in a slug fest, according to Coach Sharp.

The coach was pleased with the improvement his pitching made from game one to two. Although the Lady Bulldogs gave up seven walks, they improved through all seven innings of the game. Six of the walks were in the first three innings and just one in the final four.

"Defensively we played well, but walks, our one error and Lindsay's grand slam were hard to overcome," Sharp said.

Junior Abby Lee and sophomore Lillie Singleton are sharing pitching duties and Sharp expects them to continue to improve as the season moves on.

But, the Lindsay game was all about the offense. Both teams had 19 hits, including

a grand slam for the Lady Leopards.

Posey, Kennedy and Allie Walck were each 3-4 at the plate. Kennedy added an RBI and Walck added two.

Three other Lady Bulldogs, Maddison Hunt, Kynzee Johnson and Haiden Parker went 2-4 against Lindsay.

"I'm proud of the way Haiden Parker is playing already. Two games in and she's playing well. She's a freshman, but we expect her to contribute this season," Sharp said.

"Two losses isn't the way we wanted to start our season, but we'll get better."

Wayne was scheduled to be in Chickasha Monday and Tuesday for the Dibble festival. Due to wet field conditions, all of the games were cancelled.

They will play Dibble and Southmoore JV at 1:20 and 2:30 p.m. Tuesday afternoon.

Today (Thursday) and Friday, the Lady Bulldogs will be in Lexington for the Lexington tournament. Wayne plays ECP at 11:15 a.m., then Central at 1:45 today.



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Seeing the floor

Katelyn Crosthwait brings the ball up the floor. Crosthwait and the Warriors were defeated 68-44 by Sequoyah-Tahlequah in the first round of the State tournament.

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Warriors:

rior Head Coach TJ Scholz said. "And they hit some shots."

Millwood made five three point buckets in the first quarter and their early 17-9 lead proved to be insurmountable. The early barrage of three point shots was unexpected based on what Millwood had done the rest of the season.

"We talked to other coaches who had played Millwood and everyone said none of their players were making more than 30 percent of their threes," Scholz said. "Those early threes gave them a cushion for the whole game and them shooting like that was something we didn't expect them to do."

Washington played a sagging man defense because of the Millwood players' ability to drive to the basket. The extra space allowed them to shoot the three ball.

Even with the early surprise, the Warriors were able to weather the storm and give themselves a fighter's chance.

"We kept the crowd in it and kept some momentum," Scholz said. "We had a chance to cut it to six in the fourth quarter but missed a couple free throws."

Kade Hendrix led the Warriors with 15 points. He was followed by Manuel Trejo with 13 and Alex Foster with 10.

"Overall it was a great season. The seniors did a great job leading and they left a lot for the younger guys to take and build on," Scholz said. "The younger guys got a taste of the State tournament; got a taste of the excitement of it with the

student section and the town. It builds on itself and is just a big boost for our program."

The group of seniors were freshman when Scholz took over the program and are a special group to the Warrior head coach.

"They're the first group for me to have all four years. After the game I talked about each individual and what they meant to the team," Scholz said. "They are all 10 really good kids and all will be missed."

Notes

Three Warriors were selected to the Canadian Valley Conference south all conference team.

Manuel Trejo was selected as the most valuable player. **Kade Hendrix** and **Alex Foster** were also named to the team.

Harrison Keeler and **Kaleb Kilcrease** were named honorable mention.

This was **TJ Scholz's** fourth trip to the State tournament, but first trip as a head coach.

He went to the Big Dance as an assistant coach with Pawnee and Deer Creek.

Girls

The Washington girls were defeated in the opening round by Sequoyah-Tahlequah 68-44.

"We couldn't throw it in the ocean," Head Coach Rocky Clarke said. "We didn't win but it was a great season. Anytime you go to the State tournament you have a chance to win a State championship."

Washington found themselves in a deep hole early, trailing the Indians 17-9 after the first quarter and 32-18 by

halftime.

The Warriors were led in scoring by senior Katelyn Crosthwait, who had 14 points.

Laylin Scheffe joined her in double figures with 13.

"I'm really proud of them; I just can't say enough good things about them," Clarke said. "The seniors have been a very special group and easy to work with. There has been no drama ever and they are a phenomenal group. They are a good group of Christian kids and set the example for the younger kids."

Washington finished the season 22-6.

3/7 Boys
Millwood 61
Washington 48

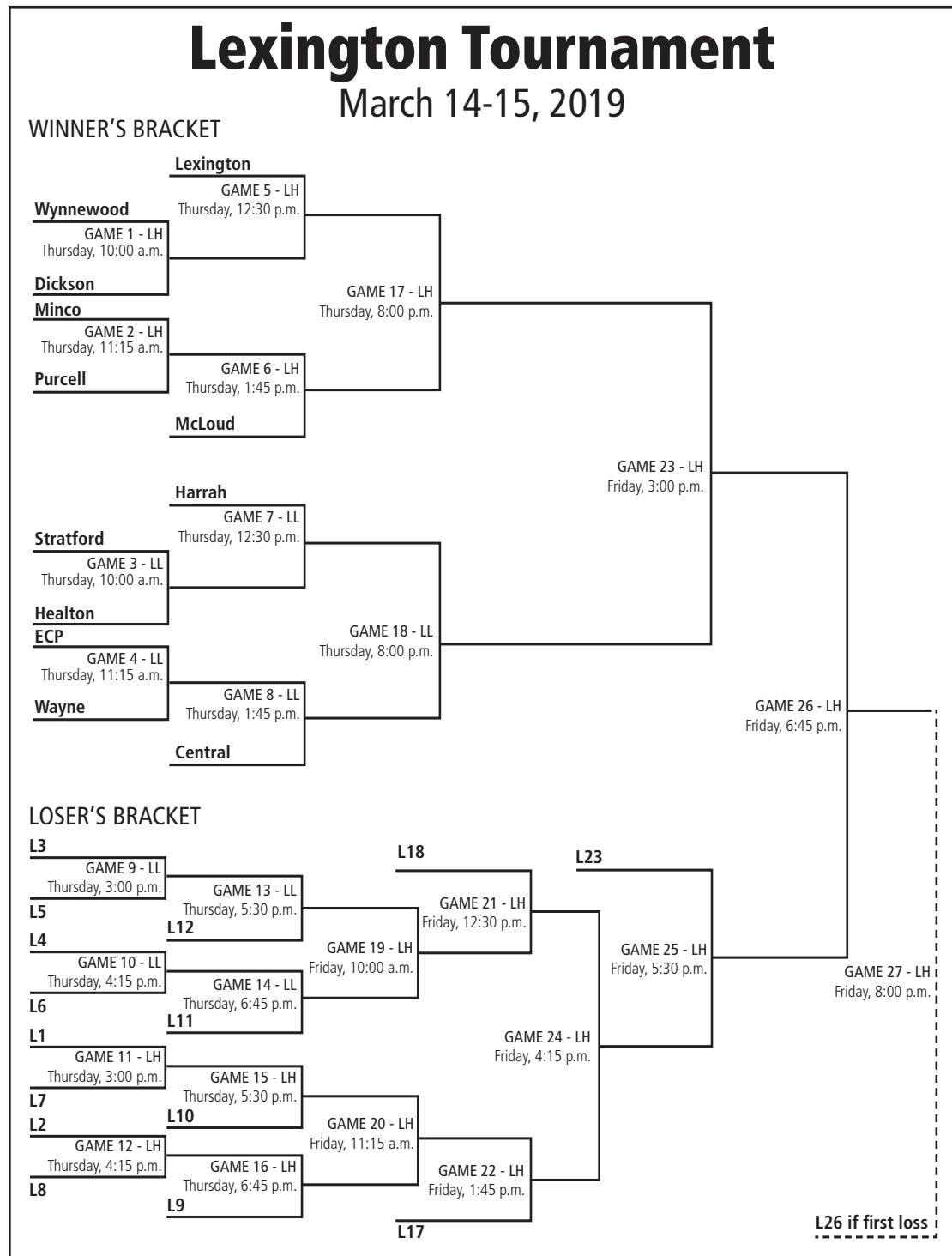
Millwood 17 15 12 17—61
Washington 9 9 16 14—48

Player **Points**
Kade Hendrix 15
Manny Trejo 13
Alex Foster 10
Kaleb Kilcrease 9
Jackson Adams 1

3/7 Girls
Seq. Tahlequah 68
Washington 44

Washington 7 11 12 14—44
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Player **Points**
Katelyn Crosthwait 14
Laylin Scheffe 13
Delaney Beller 5
Gracie Wells 5
Kassi Hyde 5



Shea leads Dragons at Powerlifting Regional

Purcell runners-up in 3A meet

Purcell Powerlifters lifted their way to the 3A Regional Runners-up last weekend at Bridge Creek.

Jalyn Shea led the Dragons being tabbed as the Outstanding Heavy Weight Squatter.

Shea led Purcell at the Oklahoma Football Coaches Association Regional Powerlifting competition.

Tyler Williams finished second in the 123 pound class with a 745 pound total. Rueben Leveridge finished fifth with a total of 865 pounds in the 157 pound class.

Placing second in the 242 pounds class and also being named Outstanding Heavyweight Squat was Jayln Shea. Shea squatted 530 pounds and had a 1,285 pound total.

In the 275 pound class, Jaysen Shea

placed third with a total lift of 1,255 pounds. These lifters qualified for the State Powerlifting Meet Friday at El Reno.

Others who did not place but also qualified for state were Jake Pollard with a 660 pound total in the 132 pound class; Sam Wofford in the 157 pounds class with a total of 850 pounds; Gage Askew in the 168 pound class and a total of 1,045 pounds. Also, Malichi Parrish in the 275 pound class with a total of 1,145 pounds.

Others who lifted were Kyle Hogan with a 735 total, Cale Walker with a 785 total, Victor Trejo with a 940 total, Alexandra Schafer with a 445 total, Sean Behne with a 895 total, Addison Love with a 1,065 total; Seth Madrid with a total of 855 and Elijah Fixaco with a 655 total.



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Blast off

Alex Foster goes up for a layup against Millwood in the first round of the State tournament. Washington fell to the Falcons 61-48. Foster scored 10 points.

Purcell golf underway

Purcell competed Monday in the Purcell Dragons Invitational Golf Tournament at Brent Bruehl Memorial Golf Course.

The team finished in ninth place, shooting a total score of 382.

OCS won the tournament with a team score of 302.

For the Dragons individually, Hunter Askeew played the low round shooting an 83.

Jake Berrey shot 97.

Titus Pruitt and Jayden Payne both shot 101 and Marco Solis shot 122.

Kingston's Matthew Osteen and Turner's Justice Hartman had the low individual rounds, posting 73.



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Stamp of approval

Caleigh Clifton receives congratulations from Oklahoma Head Softball Coach Patty Gasso after getting a hit against Grand Canyon University. Clifton is a 2015 Wayne graduate and OU's softball team captain.

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Junior High powerlifting

Purcell Junior High Powerlifters attended the Oklahoma Football Coaches Association West Junior High State Powerlifting meet at Anadarko last week.

Placing first in the 7th grade division 157 pound class was Isaac Hill with a 710 total. Also, placing first in the 7th grade 168 pound class was Ryker Fink with a total of 730 pounds. Placing first in the 8th grade 168 pound class was Rowan Arderly with a 675 pound total.

In the 114 pound class 7th grade division, Tyler Skinner placed 5th with a total of 430 pounds.

In the 105 pound class 8th grade division, Ottis Donaho places 3rd with a 430 pound total.

Placing 5th in the 8th grade 198 pound class was Jace Clary with a 750 pound total.

Placing 2nd in the 9th grade 181 pound class was Carter Bryant with a total of 925 pounds.

In the 198 pound class 9th grade Mateo Rameriz placed second with a 1,000 pound total and Juan Aguinaga placed third with a 950 pound total.

Other 7th graders who lifted were Kaden Hogan with a 435 total, Jessie Wood with a 575 total, Payton Rivera with a 555 total.

8th graders who lifted were Payson Purcell with a 520 total, Adam Edelman with a 600 total, Luke Edelman with a 510 total, Austin Burton with a 505 total, Brendan Bacon with a 645 total, Jake Scott with a 510 total, Devon Johnson with a 745 total.

9th graders who also lifted were Thomas Edwards with a 790 total and Jerry Rojo with a total of 740.



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Ball distribution

Kassi Hyde looks to pass to a teammate on the perimeter. Hyde and the Warriors were defeated by Sequoyah-Tahlequah 68-44 in the opening round of the State tournament Thursday at Oklahoma City University.

McClain County Democratic Party organizational meetings

The Oklahoma Democratic Party has called upon the McClain County Democratic Party to conduct organizational meetings, for the election of precinct party officers.

Each precinct will elect officers for a term of two years. All interested individuals, currently registered as a Democrat, are encouraged to attend.

The organizational meetings for McClain County Precincts 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 27 will be held at the Blanchard Public Library, 205 N.E. 10th St., and the organi-

zational meetings for all other McClain County Precincts will be held at the Dental Office of Dr. Glenn Mead, 129 N. 3rd Ave., Suite B, in Purcell on Thursday, March 14, at 7 p.m.

The precinct number is listed on the voter identification card. The last two digits of the "precinct" number indicate the precinct in which you are registered.

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Lexington Westside Church of Christ

Good day to all: Welcome to the "front porch."

We need to finish this week with our talk about my grandfather's showing of a rare courage. As far as I know, Preacher Miller only faced death once in his preaching career, and that was during a gospel meeting up in the hills of Kentucky in the 1950s. One night toward the end, he announced that he would preach a controversial sermon the next night. That next day, some of those rough Kentuckian farmers met him at his motel and warned him against preaching that sermon.

One big, strong fella sent him a warning by reaching out and bending his tie tack (Most everyone knew he always wore a tie, regardless of the time of day.) Another bully pushed him down and threw a few snarling insults at him, and the preacher then sat in the dust watching as the men got into their car and sped off.

You couldn't keep Preacher Miller down long. He got up, dusted off his dark suit, then

set himself for what he had to do. That night, the ol' country church was packed. Regular church members were not the only ones there, either. Many of the non-church townspeople were affiliated with the controversial organization the preacher had to speak about, so folks came from all around.

On the one side of that church that night were folks contrary to Preacher Miller's position. On the other side were those who were in favor. A sword divided. "But both sides had one thing in common," Preacher Miller would later say, "They all were carryin' guns inside their jackets. And I knew they would not be afraid to use them."

Guns or no guns, the preacher had taken his stand, and it was too late to turn back. When the singing was done, Preacher Miller made his way to the pulpit just as he had done all that week - and the way he had done several thousand times in his 50 plus years of preaching.

He got to the pulpit, scanned that ravenous crowd, and bel-

lowed out his sermon topic in that loud, raspy voice just as before, whether in peace or in war.

"Brothers, sisters, and friends," he began in his vintage style, "I may not walk out of this pulpit the same way I walked up here, but tonight, like I announced last evening, I'm goin' to preach on somethin' many of you don't want me to preach."

Then he began the sermon he knew he might never finish. He preached - quoting scriptures as he went - and sweated for the better part of an hour. He always sweated when he preached and kept a white handkerchief handy, but I cannot help but think he sweated a bit more that night than usual.

He was a bit surprised that - through all of that dissertation - both sides of the building sat and listened without disturbance. No one pulled a gun, and the only commotion to speak of in the whole place

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Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

By Fr. Jim Chamberlain

Many years ago there were preachers on television who preached that if you live a good life you would be wealthy. If you were a good Christian, you would be rich. But the season of Lent reminds us that when we embrace the good things in life we are also embracing the difficult things in life. When we embrace Christ we are embracing his resurrection and victory over death, yes. But we are also embracing his cross.

We may be rich, and we may be poor. Whether we are rich or poor is independent of our walk with Christ. These are things that are fleeting. They are temporary and do not last forever. Instead, we are ambassadors for Christ.

When I was a young boy I dreamed of being a U.S. ambassador to a foreign country.

An ambassador is someone who represents all the people of a country. If I were the U.S. ambassador in Colombia, for

example, people who meet me would see all Americans. They would see us as kind, compassionate, intelligent, and respectful of another culture. I wanted to be that person. I would learn how to speak their language. I would have many friends in their country. And I would represent the U.S. well.

God our Father is inviting us to be ambassadors for Christ. (2 Cor. 5:20-6:2) People will see Christ in us. They will see a Christ who is kind and compassionate, someone who makes good choices. They will see in us a person who seeks what is good and true and beautiful. They will see someone who accepts his cross in life - whatever that cross may be.

The ashes of Ash Wednesday are the mark of our ambassadorship. The ashes remind us that we do not live forever. That our bodies will end as dust, but our spirits live on forever.

When Jesus retreated to the

desert for 40 days, he was tempted by the Devil. The three temptations teach us much about how we too are tempted. Jesus said "Man does not live by bread alone." We cannot live our lives without responding to the desires of our heart. We are made for God, and our hearts are restless until they rest in God.

Secondly, Jesus said: "You will love the Lord, your God, and only Him will you serve."

There are many other Masters who desire that we serve them. Satan tries to tempt us to turn towards other Masters. Whenever we find ourselves attracted towards something other than God, then we are in danger of serving a different Master.

Finally, Jesus said "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test." We should not presume that God will save us if we place

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Johnson Road Baptist Church

Congratulations to both the boys and girls basketball teams at Washington High School for making it to the State Basketball playoffs. It speaks well of a school when both the boys and girls are in the state playoffs.

Good to see the steel work of the Purcell Junior High School rising east behind the hill south of the high school.

The bridge traffic over the Canadian is still slow, but by this time next year we should be whizzing to and from Purcell and Lexington. We pray daily

for the safety of the workers as they make our drivers safe and our students well educated.

Sunday services at Johnson Road Baptist Church, Westbrook Gardens Assisted Living Center and Arbor House were back on track last Sunday.

We were certainly blessed to see a group of grandchildren sitting on the pews beside their grandmother and grandfather. It is always a good omen for the future when families worship together at God's House on Sunday.

Gynean Gentry provided the special music for morning worship.

The Scripture text for the morning worship sermon was taken from Acts 4, Acts 9 and Acts 15. The sermon subject was about a Godly man whose nickname was "Son of Encourager."

The man's name was Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus. Those who read the Bible recognize him as the honorable Barnabas. Barnabas was in a minority class of individuals.

There are few individuals without any observable flaws. Barnabas was one of those

individuals that deserve to win the Good Christian Citizenship Award.

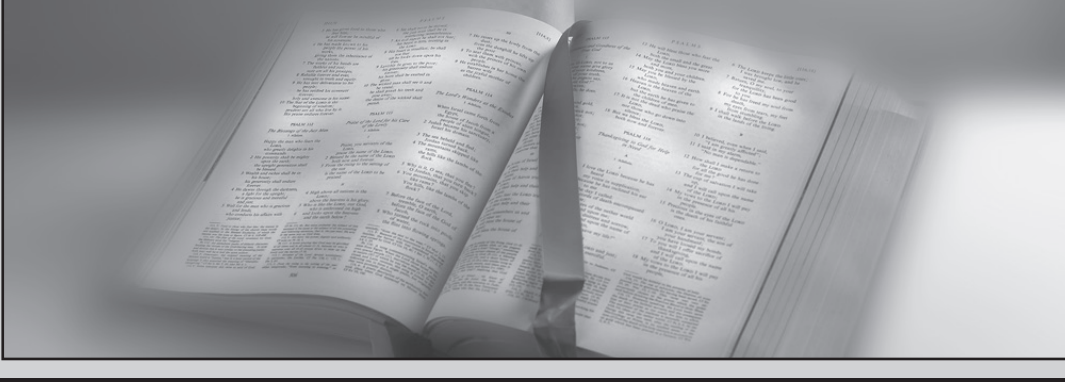
Barnabas was always willing to take the stand in defending and supporting others. Barnabas loved to serve others and was always willing to support the church. Barnabas was a good man and full of the Holy Spirit.

When Saul returned to Jerusalem after meeting Jesus on the Damascus Road, the disciples were afraid to accept him as a follower of Jesus. The disciples knew Saul's past history of hate for the followers of Jesus.

The disciples remembered that Saul held the men's belongings as they stoned Stephen to death. Barnabas came to the rescue and befriended Saul and encouraged the disciples to accept him into the family of believers.

When the believers of Jerusalem were being mistreated and hungry, Barnabas sold his farm on the Island of Cyprus, took the money to Jerusalem and laid it at the apostle's feet

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Lexington United Methodist Church

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

On Saturday, March 30, the Lexington UMC will be sponsoring a beans and cornbread dinner from 2 to 5 p.m. to benefit the Lexington Fire Department and our church's mission projects. There is no set price to eat, but we will have donation jars available at the dinner. The money raised by the "love offering" will be shared equally. We'll be publicizing more details over the next two weeks, but please put the date on your calendar. We hope you'll be there!

Our disciple of study this week is Thomas, also known as "Doubting Thomas." The story is found in John 20:24-29. The Syrians called him "Judas Thomas" or "Judas the Twin" from the Aramaic. Sometimes he is called Didymus, which is Greek for "twin." He must have been a brother, but there are no real details.

St. Thomas was born in Israel during the 1st century AD and grew up around the Sea of Galilee as a commercial fisherman. When Jesus came to Capernaum, he called him as a follower, and Thomas does travel with the band of disciples for the three years of Jesus' ministry.

His label of "doubting" is somewhat misleading. In other passages, we see him display

great courage and loyalty. When the other disciples tried to keep Jesus from going to Bethany to raise Lazarus from the dead (because of the danger from those in the Jerusalem area who had tried to stone him), Thomas supported the trip.

When Jesus first appeared to some of the disciples after his resurrection, Thomas was not with them. His skepticism is reasonable: Thomas did not ask for a special revelation from Jesus. He simply asked for the same proof the other disciples had received.

Eight days later, Jesus appears before the disciples again. This time Thomas was with them, and though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them. Jesus neither rebuked Thomas nor humiliated him in front of the rest of group. He could see that deep down in Thomas's heart, he really wanted to know God.

Thomas spent the years afterward travelling and spreading the gospel. Church tradition tells us that he preached in ancient Babylon, near the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers (where Iraq is today), in Persia, and in present-day Iran. He then sailed south to Malabar on the west coast of India, preaching and establishing churches there.

Around 52 AD, he may have reached Muziris, where he baptized believers and was possibly the first to bring the gospel to the Far East. This might explain why he is considered the Patron Saint of India. His name in the Indian language, "Thoma," remains quite popular to this day in India.

He won many Hindus to Christ. When the Portuguese landed in India in the early 1600s, they found a group of Christians there—the Mar Thoma Church had been established through Thomas' preaching a millennium and a half before.

According to common Christian tradition, 'doubting' Thomas, a practicing Jew, was killed near Mylapore about 72 AD, near present-day Madras. It was said that he was thrown into a pit, then pierced through with a spear thrown by jealous Hindu priests of Kali, who killed him for insulting their deity. Or he may have simply converted too many of their followers. (Marco Polo, in the 13th century, heard that Thomas had died, more than a millennium earlier, when an archer out hunting peacocks had accidentally shot him.)

Today, December 21 is still observed as the Feast Day of St. Thomas in some Protestant churches and among traditionalist Catholics. However, in 1960 the Roman and Syrian Catholic Churches moved the feast day to July 3, so as not to interfere with the days leading up to Christmas on December 25.

We at Lexington UMC invite you to join us in sharing God's love with each other. Worship starts at 9:30 a.m., with Sunday school beginning at 10:45 a.m. Our address is 631 East Ash, near Lexington High School. For more information, please call the church at 527-3506 or contact Pastor David Cook directly at (405) 406-6174.



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REC Scholarship Winners

Scholarship winners include (front) Elijah Salie of Lindsay, Carson Mainka of Alex, Seth McCaa of Elmore City-Pernell, John-Michael Balcerak of Pauls Valley, Briar Conner of Liberty Hill Academy, (back) Brayden Douthit of Rush Springs, Elizabeth Baker of Dibble, Gracie Coates of Pauls Valley and Hunter Askew of Purcell. Not pictured is Blake White of Chickasha.

REC's youth program winners

Rural Electric Cooperative recently awarded and recognized 24 area students with trips and scholarships.

Ten high school seniors shared \$11,000 in scholarships assisting with their college expenses. Six high school juniors received all-expense paid trips this summer—three won trips to Washington D.C. for Youth Tour and three won trips to Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp near Steamboat Springs, Colo.

Eight eighth graders won a trip to Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperative's Youth Power Energy Camp at Canyon Camp near Hinton.

Both the Youth Tour and Energy Camp competitions were open to REC's membership and all students attending a school within REC's service area. Whereas, only high school seniors whose parents or legal guardians are members of REC were eligible to apply for the 10 scholarships available.

To compete in the scholarship contest, students were required to complete an application, and from all applicants, a committee of REC's Board selected 10 finalists to interview. All finalist were selected

as winners.

Two students received \$1,500 scholarships and eight received \$1,000 each.

Winners of the \$1,500 scholarships were Briar Conner of Liberty Hill Academy and John-Michael Balcerak of Pauls Valley. Scholarships of \$1,000 each went to Carson Mainka of Alex, Blake White of Chickasha, Elizabeth Baker of Dibble, Seth McCaa from Elmore City-Pernell, Elijah Salie of Lindsay, Gracie Coates of Pauls Valley, Hunter Askew of Purcell and Brayden Douthit of Rush Springs.

High school juniors competing in the Youth Tour contest wrote an essay as the first step of the competition. Judges selected the top six essays as finalists. The finalists competed in a speech contest to determine the trip winners.

Judges selected Wesley Saltsman of Bray-Doyle, Karsten Hutcheson and Kourtney Smith of Lindsay as winners for Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. These students will travel to Washington, D.C. with approximately 70 other juniors from across Oklahoma to tour our nation's capitol.

The three runners-up won a

trip near Steamboat Springs, Colorado for the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp hosted by the Colorado Electric Cooperatives.

Local winners will join students from Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado and Wyoming for the week-long camp. REC's winners include Destiny Bray, Ray Rowell and Tori Shinton of Lindsay.

REC's winners to Youth-Power Energy Camp were selected from a large group of essays submitted by eighth graders from several area schools. The group will attend the camp with 80 other eighth graders across Oklahoma.

Winners include Gracie Selzer of Alex, Austin Hines, Colton Hines and Emma Smith of Lindsay, Gracie Edwards of Maysville, Ayden Williams of Rush Springs, Jazmin Nunez and Teegan Rodgers of Whitebead.

Student winners, parents, school teachers and administrators were honored at a banquet hosted by REC recently at the Cooperative's Multi Purpose Center in Lindsay.

REC has offered these programs to area students since 1989.

Public open house dates set for Oklahoma City Temple

The First Presidency has announced public open house dates for the newly renovated Oklahoma City Oklahoma Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The public is invited to visit the temple during a free open house from Wednesday, April 24, to Wednesday, May 1. The temple will be closed on Sunday, April 28. Reservations for the open house can be made through the www.templeopenhouse.lds.org in the coming weeks.

At the conclusion of the open house, the temple will be for-

mally rededicated on Sunday, May 19, by President Henry B. Eyring, second counselor in the First Presidency of the Church. Attendance to the session will be by invitation.

The Oklahoma City Oklahoma Temple was originally dedicated July 30, 2000 by President James E. Faust, then second counselor in the First Presidency of the Church. It was closed on Oct. 15, 2017 for an extensive renovation project.

Worldwide there are 201 temples operating, announced or under construction. The

Oklahoma City temple serves Latter-day Saints in Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas and Missouri.

Latter-day Saint temples differ from the meetinghouses or chapels where members meet for Sunday worship services. Temples are considered "houses of the Lord" where Christ's teachings are reaffirmed through marriage, baptism, and other ordinances that unite families for eternity.

Inside, members learn more about the purpose of life and make covenants to serve Jesus Christ and their fellowman.

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Westside:

was the preacher's shaking the rafters with the quoting of scriptures.

Perhaps his adversaries felt that if he had the courage to preach what he believed and if he could back it up with his Bible, they would let this one sermon slide.

When it was all said and done that night, he got in his car and began his drive back home to Grandma in Georgia.

"But that wasn't all there was to it," he would tell me many times through the years, "As

I drove home down that dark Kentucky road, I kept my eye in my rear view mirror on half a dozen set of car lights behind me, making sure I got out of town. When I got to the Tennessee line," he said, with a slight sigh, "they all turned around and went on back home."

I am glad that—after his stand in Kentucky—the Lord saw fit to give that great Georgia preacher another four decades to preach. In the late 1980s he would finally take his last journey up to the pulpit to proclaim

the gospel with that rare vigor, conviction, and courage. He had lived long, he had preached hard; and when he left town in December of 1989, it was one of the great giants of that generation who left us.

In over a hundred years of her existence, LaGrange, Georgia, undoubtedly, has had many great men pass her way, and great preachers. But, I am sure, none other ever preached to a church-house full of guns the way Preacher Miller had to do. frontporchgospel.com

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Johnson Road:

for distribution to the needs of the people.

When young Mark left Paul and Barnabas on the mission field and returned home, Paul was angry with Barnabas and his nephew and refused to take Mark on another mission trip.

Barnabas didn't bow to his friend Paul. Instead Barnabas said, "Paul you find another helper and Mark and I will go to Cyprus and shared the

Gospel Message. On a later occasion, Paul sent word that he wanted Mark to come and strengthen his work.

His spirit of sympathy, forgiveness, sacrifice and love for others earned for Barnabas the nickname, "Son of Encouragement." Barnabas serves as a good teacher for all the followers of Jesus.

The rich and poor are always welcome to attend Sunday morning services at John-

son Road Baptist Church. We need some more families to fill our empty pews.

Sermon title for this Sunday is "The Beautiful Ruth."

The weekly prayer meeting is a one hour session of prayer and Bible study that begins at 6 p.m. Mark Brown is leading the Wednesday evening study of the Book of The Revelation.

Sunday morning worship begins at 11 a.m.



Bill Bruegan • The Purcell Register

Ground under repair

The Memorial Assembly of God Church is undergoing a facelift on the west side of its property as additional parking will be added.



Jeanne Grimes • The Purcell Register

Non-security honoree

Pamela Moore is Non-Security Employee of the Month at Lexington Assessment & Reception Center. Moore is the secretary assigned to Col. Everett Shea, chief of security.

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.

No. 350-March 14-1 Time BEFORE THE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA APPLICANT: NATIVE EXPLORATION OPERATING, LLC RELIEF SOUGHT: EXCEPTION TO OAC 165:10-3-28 AS TO HORIZONTAL WELL SPACING REQUIREMENTS (PART OF A MULTIUNIT HORIZONTAL WELL) LEGAL DESCRIPTION: SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, MCCLAIN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA CAUSE CD NO. 201901630-T NOTICE OF HEARING TO ALL PERSONS, OWNERS, PRODUCERS, OPERATORS, PURCHASERS AND TAKERS OF GAS and all persons if, living or if deceased, their known and unknown successors, and all corporations, existing and if dissolved, its known and unknown successors and all other persons having an interest in the lands covered hereby, particularly in McClain County, Oklahoma. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Applicant has filed a well loca-

tion exception for the Woodford common source of supply for the Wilma Pearl 11-2-0904 1WXH and Black Fox 11-14-0904 1WXH wells requesting an exception to order to issue in Cause CD No. 201901621-T. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Native Exploration Operating, LLC plans to drill the Wilma Pearl 11-2-0904 1WXH and Black Fox 11-14-0904 1WXH wells back to back and the wells are expected to produce from the Woodford common source of supply which is found at approximately 8,545 feet in depth. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Applicant believes that the proposed Wilma Pearl 11-2-0904 1WXH and Black Fox 11-14-0904 1WXH wells may be closer than 600 feet from one another in the unit. OAC 165:10-3-28(c)(2)(B) requires that a horizontal wellbore from its point of entry and along any part of the lateral shall be located not closer than 600 feet from any other producible or drilling oil or gas well when drilling to the same common source of

No. 330-March 14-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BETTY JAUNICE CLEM, Deceased. Case No. PB-18-146 NOTICE OF HEARING FIRST AND FINAL ACCOUNT, PETITION FOR DECREE OF DISTRIBUTION AND DISCHARGE OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE Notice is hereby given that Nikki Kilhoffer, the duly appointed and qualified Personal Representative of the Estate of Betty Jaunice Clem, Deceased, has filed her Final Account, Petition for Decree of Distribution and Discharge of Personal Representative. A hearing has been fixed by the Judge of the Court for the 4th day of April 2019, at 9:30 a.m., in the District Courtroom of Judge Charles N. Gray, County Courthouse, Purcell, McClain County, Oklahoma, and all persons interested in the Estate are notified to appear and show cause, if any they have, why the Account should not be settled and allowed, the Estate distributed and the Personal Representative discharged. DATED this 7th day of March 2019.

No. 342-March 14-1 Time IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATES OF CLIFFORD A. BATCHELDER, And, LILLIAN M. BATCHELDER, Both Deceased. Case No. PB-2019-47 NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION REGARDING ESTATE OF NONRESIDENT DECEDENT PURSUANT TO 58 O.S. § 677 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons interested in the estates of CLIFFORD A. BATCHELDER and LILLIAN M. BATCHELDER, both Deceased, that on the 11th day of March, 2019, DAVID WAYNE BATCHELDER filed in the District Court of McClain County, Oklahoma, a Petition requesting that the Court, upon hearing, distribute the Oklahoma property of the decedent in accordance with the Last Will and Testaments of both of the decedents, as provided for in 58 O.S. § 677(E).

CHARLES GRAY ASSOCIATE DISTRICT JUDGE JUDGE OF DISTRICT COURT James B. Blevins, Jr., OBA #881 Blevins & Associates Law, PLLC 138 W. Main/P.O. Box 1565 Purcell, OK 73080 Phone: 405-527-7575 Fax 405-527-7574 Attorney for Personal Representative

No. 352-March 14-1 Time NOTICE TO BIDDERS The McClain County Board of Commissioners will be receiving sealed bids until 4:00 p.m., March 29, 2019 and the opening will be April 1, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. for bids for sale of (1) Used Little Giant Crane for District's One and Two. Invitation to Bid forms are on file in the McClain County Clerks Office, McClain County Courthouse, Purcell, Oklahoma or request to be mailed. Submit bids to McClain County Clerk, PO Box 629, Purcell, Oklahoma 73080. The Board has the right to accept or reject any/and/or all bids. SEAL DATE: 3/11/19 /s/ Pam Beller Pam Beller County Clerk

Pursuant to an Order of said Court, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 18th day of April, 2019, at the hour of 9:30 o'clock A.M., before the Honorable Judge Charles Gray has been appointed as the date and time for hearing said petition in the McClain County Courthouse, 2nd and Washington Streets, Purcell, Oklahoma, when and where all persons interested may appear and contest the same. DATED this 11th day of March, 2019. CHARLES GRAY ASSOCIATE DISTRICT JUDGE JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT /s/ Melvin L. McDaniel MELVIN L. MCDANIEL, OBA No. 5951 228 Robert S. Kerr Ave., Suite 970 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102 (405) 235-6450 Attorney for Petitioner

wish to participate by telephone shall contact the Applicant or Applicant's attorney, prior to the hearing date, and provide their name and phone number. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all interested persons may appear and be heard. For information concerning this action, contact Jeff Morris, Rock Creek Land & Energy, 330 NW 10th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73103, 405/358-6090 or Ron M. Barnes or Grayson Barnes, BARNES LAW, PLLC, 1648 S. Boston Avenue, Ste. 100, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74119, 918/382-8686. CORPORATION COMMISSION OF OKLAHOMA DANA L. MURPHY, Chairman J. TODD HIETT, Vice Chairman BOB ANTHONY, Commissioner DONE AND PERFORMED this 11th day of March, 2019. BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION: PEGGY MITCHELL Secretary of the Commission

reporting to the Commission. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this cause will be heard before an Administrative Law Judge on the Initial Hearing Docket at the Corporation Commission, Eastern Regional Office, 440 South Houston, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 74127, Oklahoma, at 8:30 a.m. on the 1st day of April, 2019 and that this notice be published as required by law and the rules of the Commission. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that in the event this cause is uncontested, the Applicant, its representatives, witnesses and other proponents of the Applicant may appear and testify by telephone. The cost of telephonic communication shall be paid by the person or persons requesting its use. Interested parties who wish to participate by telephone shall contact the Applicant or Applicant's attorney, prior to the hearing date, and provide their name and phone number. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all interested persons may appear and be heard. For information concerning this action, contact Ron M. Barnes or Grayson Barnes, BARNES LAW, PLLC, 1648 S. Boston Ave., Ste. 100, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74119, 918/382-8686 or Jeff Morris, Rock Creek Land & Energy, 330 NW 10th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73103, 405/358-6090. CORPORATION COMMISSION OF OKLAHOMA DANA L. MURPHY, Chairman J. TODD HIETT, Vice Chairman BOB ANTHONY, Commissioner DONE AND PERFORMED this 11th day of March, 2019. BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION: PEGGY MITCHELL, Secretary

No. 348-March 14-1 Time BEFORE THE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA APPLICANT: NATIVE EXPLORATION OPERATING, LLC RELIEF SOUGHT: WELL LOCATION EXCEPTION (PART OF A MULTIUNIT HORIZONTAL WELL) LEGAL DESCRIPTION: SECTIONS 11 AND 14, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, MCCLAIN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA CAUSE CD NO. 201901628-T NOTICE OF HEARING TO ALL PERSONS, OWNERS, PRODUCERS, OPERATORS, PURCHASERS AND TAKERS OF OIL AND GAS and all persons if living or if deceased, their known and unknown successors and all corporations existing, and if dissolved, its known and unknown successors and all persons having an interest in the lands covered hereby, particularly in McClain County, Oklahoma. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Applicant, Native Exploration Operating, LLC has filed an application in this cause requesting the Corporation Commission of Oklahoma to enter an order, to be effective as of the date of the execution thereof or as of a date prior thereto, as follows: (i) authorizing and permitting an exception to the permitted well location tolerances in the 640-acre horizontal drilling and spacing units formed in Sections 11 and 14, Township 9 North, Range 4 West, McClain County, Oklahoma for the Mississippi and Woodford separate common sources of supply, so as to allow, in part, a well, being a proposed multiunit horizontal well, to be drilled. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Applicant requests that order to issue in Cause CD Nos. 201809465-T and 201901621-T be amended to permit a well to be drilled and produced at the following location: LOCATION OF WELLBORE (LATERAL) AT SECTION 11 COMPLETION INTERVAL: THE PROPOSED LOCATION OF THE END POINTS OF THE COMPLETION INTERVAL WILL BE NO CLOSER THAN 0 FEET FROM THE SOUTH LINE AND NO CLOSER THAN 2,640 FEET FROM THE NORTH LINE AND NO CLOSER THAN 330 FEET FROM THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, MCCLAIN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA LOCATION OF WELLBORE (LATERAL) AT SECTION 14 COMPLETION INTERVAL: THE PROPOSED LOCATION OF THE END POINTS OF THE COMPLETION INTERVAL WILL BE NO CLOSER THAN 0 FEET FROM THE NORTH LINE AND NO CLOSER THAN 150 FEET FROM THE SOUTH LINE AND NO CLOSER THAN 330 FEET FROM THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, MCCLAIN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA That the entire length of the lateral will be cemented such that the perforations will be isolated from the beginning and end point of the lateral. That order to issue in Cause CD Nos. 201809465-T and 201901621-T will establish 640-acre horizontal drilling and spacing units for the Mississippian and Woodford common sources of supply underlying Sections 11 and 14, Township 9 North, Range 4 West, McClain County, Oklahoma. The Mississippian common source of supply is a conventional reservoir and for a conventional reservoir the completion interval of a horizontal well drilled in a horizontal well unit shall be located not less than 660 feet from any unit boundary. The Woodford common source of supply is an unconventional reservoir and for an unconventional reservoir the completion interval of a horizontal well drilled in a horizontal well unit shall be located not less than 165 feet from any north/south unit boundary and not less than 330 feet from any east/west unit boundary. The Application in this cause states that there is currently pending before the Commission in Cause CD No. 201901627-T an application of Applicant requesting the Commission to approve the multiunit horizontal well involved herein and to establish a proper allocation factor for allocating the cost of and the production and proceeds from such multiunit horizontal well to each of the units affected thereby. The "land sections adjacent to the area within the location exception" requested herein in Sections 11 and 14, Township 9 North, Range 4 West, McClain County, Oklahoma in regard to the subsurface location tolerance areas described above are Sections 10, 15, 22 and 23, Township 9 North, Range 4 West, McClain County, Oklahoma. The other "land sections" surrounding Sections 11 and 14, Township 9 North, Range 4 West, McClain County, Oklahoma are Sections 1, 2, 3, 12, 13 and 24, Township 9 North, Range 4 West, McClain County, Oklahoma. There are no offset wells producing from the Mississippian and/or Woodford common sources of supply or a member thereof towards which this well is moving. That the Applicant be permitted to drill and produce said well at said location for the Mississippian and Woodford separate common sources of supply without any

downward allowable adjustments and designate Applicant or some other party as operator. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this cause will be heard before an Administrative Law Judge on the Initial Hearing Docket at the Corporation Commission, Eastern Regional Office, 440 S. Houston, Suite 114, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74127 at 8:30 a.m. on the 1st day of April, 2019 and that this Notice be published as required by law and the rules of the Commission. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that in the event this cause is uncontested, the Applicant, its representatives, witnesses and other proponents of the Applicant may appear and testify by telephone. The cost of telephonic communication shall be paid by the person or persons requesting its use. Interested parties who wish to participate by telephone shall contact the Applicant or Applicant's attorney, prior to the hearing date, and provide their name and phone number. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all interested persons may appear and be heard. For information concerning this action, contact Jeff Morris, Rock Creek Land & Energy, 330 NW 10th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73103, 405/358-6090 or Ron M. Barnes or Grayson Barnes, BARNES LAW, PLLC, 1648 S. Boston Avenue, Ste. 100, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74119, 918/382-8686. CORPORATION COMMISSION OF OKLAHOMA DANA L. MURPHY, Chairman J. TODD HIETT, Vice Chairman BOB ANTHONY, Commissioner DONE AND PERFORMED this 11th day of March, 2019. BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION: PEGGY MITCHELL, Secretary

No. 288-March 7-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARGARET R. WEEDEN, also known as MARGARET RUTH SMYTH WEEDEN, DECEASED PB-19-19 NOTICE TO CREDITORS All creditors having claims against MARGARET R. WEEDEN, Deceased, are required to present the same, with a description of all security interests and other collateral (if any) held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to DALE WEEDEN, JR., Personal Representative of the estate of MARGARET R. WEEDEN, Deceased, c/o: Kraettli Q. Epperson and Maris A. Skinner of Mee Mee Hoge & Epperson PLLP, 50 Penn Place, 1900 NW Expressway, Suite 1400, Oklahoma City, OK 73118, on or before the following presentation date: April 30, 2019, or the same will be forever barred. /s/ Dale Weedon, Jr. DALE WEEDEN, JR., Personal Representative Approved: /s/ Kraettli Q. Epperson KRAETTLI Q. EPPERSON, OBA #2744 MARIS A. SKINNER, OBA #31709 MEE, MEE, HOGE & EPPERSON, PLLP 50 Penn Place 1900 NW Expressway, Suite 1400 Oklahoma City, OK 73118 Telephone: (405) 848-9100 Facsimile: (405) 848-9101 ATTORNEYS FOR ADMINISTRATOR

No. 341-March 14-3 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA NATIVE EXPLORATION MINERALS, LLC, an Oklahoma Limited Liability Company, Michelle Lee Nichols, Heir at law/seller; Rhonda Kim Lynch; Heir at law/seller; v. The Unknown Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Devises, Trustees, and Assigns of SHARON KAY SMITH NICHOLS, a/k/a SHARON KAY NICHOLS, a/k/a KAY NICHOLS, deceased; and GARY EUGENE NICHOLS, Defendants. CASE NO. CV-2019-15 NOTICE OF HEARING To the above-named Defendants: Take notice that Plaintiffs have filed an Amended Petition to Determine Succession and Heirship regarding oil, gas, and other minerals underlying the **16.37 acres of Lot 4; West 20 acres of Lot 4; NW/4 SE/4; E/2 NE/4 SW/4; E/2 NW/4 NE/4 SW/4; SW/4 NE/4 SW/4; 1 square acre in SE corner of Lot 3 of Section 30-7N-3W**, located in McClain County, Oklahoma, to which they claim an ownership. The matter has been set for hearing at 9:00 a.m. on May 1, 2019, in the McClain County Courthouse in Purcell, OK, before the Hon. Charles Gray. Mark B. Houts Houts Law, PLLC 3847 S. Boulevard, Suite 100 Edmond, OK 73013 (405) 971-4029 mbhouts@gmail.com Counsel for Petitioner

Stopping spam

Oklahoma Attorney General Mike Hunter, along with 53 other attorneys general, have sent a letter to the heads of the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, urging action on federal legislation that would effectively address illegal scam calls.

The bipartisan legislation, titled the Telephone Robocall Abuse Criminal Enforcement and Deterrence (TRACED) Act, would require service providers to adopt technology that verifies that incoming calls are legitimate before they reach consumers' phones and allows the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to fine telemarketers up to \$10,000 per prohibited call.

Hunter said the legislation also directs federal consumer protection and law enforcement agencies to work alongside state attorneys general to find ways to combat the calls and prosecute individuals or groups making them.

"Attorneys general are uniquely positioned and are on the front line in our states in terms of protecting consumers," Hunter said. "This commonsense legislation will allow us to better partner with federal agencies to come up with solutions that work best for each individual state. It will also help reduce the number of scam calls through technology, while imposing greater penalties on those making the calls.

In the letter, attorneys general write the estimated number of illegal robocalls received last year reached nearly 48 billion.

"Since illegal robocalls continue to frustrate and harm consumers every day, we are encouraged that the TRACED Act prioritizes timely, industry-wide implementation of call authentication protocols," the letter reads.

Hunter was joined on the letter by the attorneys general of Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virgin Islands, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

Possession charges filed

Purcell Police have made arrests in two separate drug investigations.

Officer Dakota Norman arrested Joshua Keeler, 18, of Purcell just after 9:45 p.m. in the 500 block of Broadway in Lexington on March 4.

The policeman first noticed an equipment violation in the 100 block of west Washington, according to a police report.

Keeler was charged for possession of marijuana and paraphernalia.

Two days later officer John Albertson issued two citations for marijuana possession to De Vonta Joseph Jackson, 21, and Chealsia Maria Ruffin, 25.

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