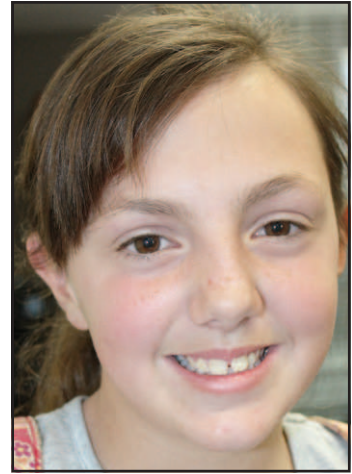


Filling a need

Girl is Bronze Award candidate



Maci Richards

Jeanne Grimes
The Purcell Register

Maci Richards' cousins were born conjoined in July 2016. The twins were separated two days after birth in an 18-hour surgery at OU Children's Hospital in Oklahoma City. And for the next two months or so, then 10-year-old Maci accompanied her mother, Tracy Richards, to visit the infants almost daily to check on the babies' progress. The Lexington girl noticed other things as well. Preemies without blankets or hats, young cancer patients with no books or toys to pass the time. No stuffed animals to provide comfort. She remembers them all. So when she began her last year as a Junior Girl Scout, Maci didn't have to think long before she knew what she wanted to do for her Bronze Award Project. She's busily been soliciting

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Short & sweet

School board hires tennis coach

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The Purcell Public Schools Board of Education on Monday hired Raymond Samford as a high school history teacher and tennis coach for the remainder of the 2016-17 school year. The action came at the end of a meeting which lasted just under 20 minutes. The board watched as an alternative education student, Justin Webster, received his

Please see **School**, back page

Suspect facing charges



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Officer-involved crash

A police chase originating in Wayne ended in a crash on Green Ave. near Purcell First Baptist Church Tuesday afternoon. A wrecker was stolen in Wayne and was later crashed into a unit driven by Purcell Det. Ron Westbrook, sending him to the hospital. Det. Scott Stephens said another officer was assaulted at the scene of the arrest.

Multiple charges filed after officer sent to hospital

Purcell Police Det. Lt. Ron Westbrook underwent tests and treatment Tuesday afternoon at Purcell Municipal Hospital after the police unit he was driving was crashed into by a fleeing stolen vehicle. Purcell Det. Scott Stephens said Westbrook was treated and

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Wildfire worries

Fallin issues burn ban for 53 counties

McClain and Cleveland are among the 53 counties in the state under a 2-week mandatory burn ban. Gov. Mary Fallin issued the ban on Friday, citing extreme weather conditions and extraordinary fire danger. The ban will expire February 24. "Critical fire weather and worsening drought have

Please see **Burn ban**, back page

Fishburn in Light voter turnout

Voters on Tuesday gave Graham Fishburn another term on the Purcell City Council. Fishburn polled 150 votes to 111 for Larry Don Bacon Jr. Other results were:
• Purcell school board – Dru Smith, 166; Natalie Beville, 115.
• Dibble school board – Richard Corley, 79; Clayton Lee, 33.
• Lexington school board – Terri Sample, 155; Travis Peery, 130; Matthew Dierking, 29; Caleb Paul, 24. There will be a runoff between Sample and Peery.

Out of committee

Lawmakers see bills advance

Jeanne Grimes
The Purcell Register

Legislators representing McClain and Cleveland counties saw nine of their collective 61 bills passed out of committee during the opening days

of the current session. Freshman lawmakers Rep. Tim Downing and Sen. Paul Scott accounted for five of that number. Downing's HB 1394 eliminating the sunset

termination date of July 1 for the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board was passed by the Judiciary – Criminal

Please see **Bills**, back page

City offices

Municipal elections April 4 will decide races in several area towns. The 3-day filing period ended February 8. Those filing results are:
• City of Blanchard

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Keeping faith

Church celebrating 125 years

Jeanne Grimes
The Purcell Register

On Feb. 19, 1892, a determined group known simply as "the Baptists" gathered in the school building at Lexington. It was a Friday night and the small gathering

of Missionary Baptists set about the business of organizing a church. Stepping forward to become members were James E. White, T.E. Hendricks, R.V. Long,

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• Photo provided

House prayer

Purcell minister Justin Blankenship, who is Pastor of Landmark Church, was the "Pastor of the Day" at the Oklahoma House of Representatives last Thursday. He was introduced by District 42 Rep. Tim Downing, left.

Nearly 2"

A soaking rain that lasted almost 24 hours dumped 1.95" Monday night and most of the day Tuesday. That brings the year-to-date total in the Heart of Oklahoma to 4.02". The normal year-to-date

total for this time of year is 2.13". Oklahoma City has recorded 3.02". The rain was much needed to thwart the wildfire threat. Warmer temperatures were expected for the remainder of the week.

Inside

Sky high

Brock Hottel and Hanna Brown snared top pole vaulting honors.



Tuesday Night Ticker

High school basketball

Boys	
Wayne 72	Rush Springs 25
Latta 47	Washington 24
Purcell DNP	
Lexington DNP	
Girls	
Rush Springs 65	Wayne 25
Washington 48	Latta 43
Purcell DNP	
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Parting company

Dave Stanton, right, presided over his final meeting of the Purcell Public Schools Board of Education Monday evening. He received a plaque from superintendent Jason Midkiff honoring him for his service. Voters went to the polls Tuesday to select a successor for Stanton's Office 2 seat.

Cypert: "It's Arson!"

14-year-old jailed in connection with grass fire

John D. Montgomery
The Purcell Register

A 14-year-old juvenile was arrested and sent to a juvenile facility after investigators say he intentionally set a grass fire February 10.

Purcell Fire Chief Greg Cypert said the investigation led to the individual and that he was placed in custody.

Because of his age, the name

of the suspect is being withheld.

The huge fire was turned in to the Purcell Fire Department at 4:23 that Monday afternoon.

Due to the proximity to structures in the far south end of Purcell, Wayne and Lexington Firefighters were called in to assist Purcell.

Low humidity, estimated at 32 percent, and winds that were gusting to near 40 m.p.h.

quickly spread the fire through brush, grass and cedar trees in tinder box conditions.

A total of 22 area firefighters battled the fire and were able to contain it before any structures were damaged or destroyed. There were no reported injuries.

Extreme fire danger remained for the area in the days after the blaze.



Lexington stock show this coming weekend

The Lexington Ag Boosters, in conjunction with the Lexington Baxter Masonic Lodge #72, will be sponsoring the spring local livestock show Sunday, February 19.

Lexington 4-H and FFA members will be competing with their livestock projects at the Jim Hunter Agriculture

Complex in Lexington.

The show will start at 1:30 p.m. with meat goats, sheep, cattle and swine all competing for awards.

4-H and FFA members will again be hosting their famous

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7 day forecast from @PurcellRegister @OUNewsCrowd						
Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
63°38° Sunny	67°44° Sunny	68°48° Sunny	67°49° 30%T-Storm	68°51° 30%T-Storms	60°40° Sunny	60°40° Sunny

Warming trend on the way

This week we will see above average temps return. Sunshine will last through Saturday.

This weekend will be nice so get outside and enjoy those temps. Sunday and Monday

we will have a slight chance for some thunderstorms. Sunshine returns early next week.

Patriot Ford Scholarship

Dealership seeking applicants for \$1,000 award

High school seniors in Purcell, Wayne, Washington and Lexington have a chance to have part of their college paid for.

That's the word from Patriot Ford General Manager Kevin Cantrell, who has just announced a \$1,000 scholarship for a deserving student.

"The student must be well rounded, hard working and show a desire to succeed," Cantrell said.

Patriot Ford officials will be searching for students who show attributes of a strong work ethic.

"The scholarship will be cash

meant to help with expenses related to college," Cantrell continued.

"Students can apply by sending us a resume with a cover letter telling us why you are deserving of the Patriot Ford Scholarship."

Applications can be sent via email at kevinc@patriotford.com with Patriot Scholarship in the subject line.

Also, applications may be mailed to P.O. Box 648, Purcell, OK 73080 or brought in person to Patriot Ford.

The application deadline is April 15.

"The transition from high school to college is an exciting time in a young adult's life," Cantrell said. "My wife, Kelli, and I have hosted college students in our home as a part of our ministry for several years."

"We have created so many great relationships through the years with wonderful young people."

"I firmly believe the next great idea will come from this generation of students and I am excited to be able to support students in their pursuit of future successes," Cantrell concluded.

Evening fire doused quickly

Grass blaze between I-35 and SH 74

Midwest City and parts of Cleveland County weren't the only ones with grass fires Sunday.

With winds gusting to 45 m.p.h. Sunday and tinder dry conditions, a grass fire was doused Sunday evening just north of Purcell and west of Interstate 35.

Firemen were called to the scene near state Highway 74 at 5:46 p.m. when a fire of

unknown origin started its movement south toward several homes.

Eight Purcell firefighters answered the call along with assistance from Goldsby's Fire Department.

Assistant Fire Chief Rocky Claunch said the fire was quickly brought under control and no damage was sustained to any buildings or homes.

Purcell Police were going

door-to-door telling residents in the area to prepare to evacuate. The evacuation wasn't needed with the fire swiftly brought under control and put out.

Fire crews were on scene less than two hours.

Claunch said about 6-10 acres of grass were burned with the fire starting from "something on the Interstate" about mile marker 96.



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Quick reaction

Purcell firefighters extinguished a fire between state Highway 74 and I-35 Sunday afternoon before any structures were damaged. High winds and low humidity made for ripe conditions for grass fires over the weekend.

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Setting it Straight

The Purcell Register had an incorrect fact in a recent story about Victor Lohn.

The Register reported Lohn earned his accounting degree from OU in 1968.

He, in fact, earned his degree from the university in 1986.

Lohn is the new city treasurer for the City of Purcell.

PCCC to meet

The Purcell Chickasaw Community Council will meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, February 28, at the new Area Office, 1430 Hardcastle Blvd., just north of the Medical Clinic. Entrance will be through the front (west) door of the building.

Colt Digby, Executive Officer of Youth Services, along with Ashley White and Valarie Johnson, will be present to give out information regarding sum-

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NEWS In Brief

Free Community Dinner

Truth Free Will Baptist Church will host a free community dinner Sunday, February 19, from 6-6:45 p.m. The dinner is held each month.

The church is located at 1125 N. 9th St. in Purcell.

Service times are Sunday at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m. For more information call (417) 616-1606.

Museum News

The McClain County Museum and Historical Society will be open Thursday, February 16, and Friday, February 17, from 1-4 p.m. and on President's Day, Monday, February 20, from 2-4 p.m. Thursday, February 16, Gary Rice with the Purcell Public Library will be available to help individuals with genealogical research and McClain County historical questions at the museum, 203 W. Washington, from 2-4 p.m. No appointment is needed.

The McClain Co. Historical & Genealogical Society will have its monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 21, at 5:30 p.m. at the museum. One of the agenda items will be amending the bylaws regarding the society newsletter and the society's fiscal year.

Historic Purcell posters are still available at the museum.

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

Indian Tacos

Indian tacos will be available Friday, February 17, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Chickasaw Nation Senior Center, 703 Sherri Classic Blvd., in Purcell at a cost of \$7.

Deliveries will be made on orders of five or more.

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

FFA/4-H Show, Auction

The Purcell FFA and 4-H Booster Club is hosting the Annual Local Livestock Show Sunday, February 19, at 2 p.m. at the McClain County Fairgrounds.

The auction and dinner will be held Tuesday, February 21, at 6 p.m. at the Purcell FFA Agriculture Education Building.

Come out and support your local FFA and 4-H!

40th Birthday

The McClain-Garvin County Youth & Family Center is celebrating its 40th birthday with a come-and-go event Tuesday, February 21, from 1-3 p.m. at 118 S. 2nd Ave. in Purcell.

They will also be unveiling their new name, Frontline Family Solutions.

RSVP to 527-2424.

Rotary Chili Lunch

The Purcell Rotary Club will hold its annual Rotary Chili Lunch Wednesday, February 22, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall of Trinity United Methodist Church.

Tickets are \$7 and can be purchased from any Rotary Club member or at the door.

Proceeds help support the Rotary's community projects which include education, literacy and youth leadership.

School Foundation

The Purcell Public School Foundation will hold an open meeting for the public Thursday, February 23, at 12 noon.

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

Wayne Show, Bonus Auction

The Wayne Livestock Show and Bonus Auction will be held Saturday, March 4.

The Livestock Show will be at 10 a.m. in the Ag Education

Building, with the complimentary dinner at 5:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria followed by the Bonus Auction at 7 p.m. in the Ag Education Building.

The public is encouraged to come out and support the Wayne FFA and 4-H livestock exhibitors.

For more information on any of the events, call Jacob Fielder at 449-3317.

Lexington After Prom Dance

Lexington After Prom is sponsoring a Prince and Princess Dance Saturday, March 4, from 6-8 p.m. in the high school commons.

This is an inclusive event for all pre-k through high school students, parents, grandparents and friends. This dance is modeled after a dance in Yukon where no one is left out.

Admission price is \$5 per person and refreshments will be served. Local photographer April Johnson will be taking pictures and a DJ will provide the music.

Ticket information will be sent home with Lexington students next week. If you need tickets call 249-6632 or you may pay at the door.

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 at the Lexington Community Center at 131 S. Main.

Purcell NA Group

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

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

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



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PJH Academic Team headed to State

The Purcell Junior High Seventh/Eighth Academic Team placed third at the Regional Meet February 11 in Bristow. This qualified them for State, which will be held in April. Team members include (back, from left) coach Pam Kyzer, Lizbeth Caralampo, Hailey Carpenter, Alyssa Rogers, Samantha Ardery, (middle) Dalton Holder, Misael Duque, Ryan Maynard, Kyle Ginn, Sam Wofford and (front) Cade Smith.

Healthier Choices, Healthier You

Healthier Choices, Healthier You classes will be held at the Purcell Public Library on Fridays beginning March 3 through April 7 from 1-3:30 p.m. each Friday.

This class is designed to equip participants with the tools to manage the symptoms that stem from any on-going health condition. Learn skills that help manage pain, fatigue, sleeplessness, stress and much more.

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Show:

dessert auction, so come and enjoy a good afternoon of fun and support our kids.

The Old Dog Gun Shop of Lexington is also sponsoring a fundraiser for the local show. A lucky entry will win a \$500 gift certificate to the Old Dog Gun Shop. Tickets are being sold by FFA and 4-H members for \$1 each.

Each session of this six-week series empowers you with tools that can put you back in control of your health.

You are welcome to bring something to take notes with. We will provide the companion book and relaxation cd.

To register, call Maricela at (405) 271-6424, or email centralOHAI@ouhsc.edu. You need to be registered in order to attend.

This class is designed for individuals and caregivers

who are managing an on-going health condition such as but not limited to arthritis, diabetes, anxiety, hypertension, COPD, physical limitations, vision or hearing loss.

Walk away with tools for symptom management, better sleep, appropriate exercise for the individual, dealing with the blues and stress, thriving vs. getting by and much more.

The class is sponsored by the Oklahoma Healthy Aging Initiative.

Multimedia training offered for journalists, students, educators

Journalists, students and educators are invited to attend a training workshop at the University of Oklahoma on March 4.

NewsTrain, sponsored by Associated Press Media Editors, will feature sessions on social media, data, mobile reporting and 360-video.

NewsTrain will be held from 8 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. on Saturday, March 4.

Attendees will learn how to:

- Identify the equipment and best practices to produce 360-video inexpensively.
- Use social media as a reporting tool and verify user-generated content.

- Shoot short, shareable smartphone video using a tripod and external microphone, and sequence the best five shots in sharp focus with high-quality audio.
- Develop a coverage plan for breaking news that works on multiple platforms, starting with mobile.
- Identify a data set from your beat that will likely produce a story and sort and filter in Excel to locate a potential story.
- Apply an open-government state of mind to find useful public records when fleshing out breaking news, covering a beat and developing enterprise stories.

Instructors include Bill Church, senior vice president of news at GateHouse Media

and APME president; Joey Senat, associate professor at Oklahoma State University's School of Media and Strategic Communications, and Daniel Victor, senior staff editor at The New York Times.

Register at bit.ly/Norman-NewsTrain at a cost of \$85.

The workshop is being held in conjunction with the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication at the Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication at the University of Oklahoma in Norman.

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PCCC:

mer camps and other programs on Health and Fitness for the youth.

A potluck supper will consist of sandwiches and chips. All those planning to attend are

asked to bring a salad or dessert. All Native Americans are encouraged to attend.

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

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Our auction and free dinner will be on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 6:00 pm and will take place at the Purcell FFA Agriculture Education Building.

COME OUT AND SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL FFA AND 4-H!

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Robbing Peter to pay Paul

I know it's early in the latest Session of the Oklahoma Legislature but I'm a little fuzzy about this whole deficit thing while cutting taxes here and adding them there.

In her State of the State address Gov. Mary Fallin suggested taking off the 4.5 percent sales tax on groceries.

In the same speech, Fallin proposed hiking the gasoline tax from 17 cents a gallon to 24 cents a gallon.

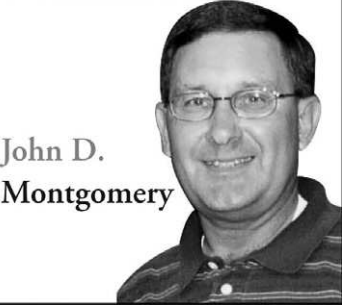
She also proposes increasing the tax on diesel fuel from 14 cents a gallon to 24 cents.

And, she is urging lawmakers to end the exemption of the state's share of sales tax revenues on utility services for residential customers.

According to reports, expanding the state sales taxes to residential utility service would increase monthly bills by 4.5 percent.

There is that 4.5 percent

Editor's Notebook



John D.
Montgomery

figure, again.

Sounds familiar.

Is this smoke and mirrors? If consumers save 4.5 percent on the one hand and lose that same amount on the other hand, where is the gain?

Also, with an estimated revenue shortfall of \$868 million, why in the world would anyone with an ounce of fiscal responsibility seek to cut taxes

anywhere?

I know it's tough for the governor to swallow any type of tax increase.

Same for me.

But at some point you are going to have to take in more money to fund our state government.

You can't keep robbing Peter to pay Paul and you have to have something more substantial than smoke and mirrors.

Things like raising teacher pay comes to mind.

Roads, highways and bridges has also been an issue including right here in the Heart of Oklahoma.

I sympathize with our elected officials trying to make ends meet with less and less funds.

It's a daunting task.

Maybe next time oil and gas are exploding we won't be so quick to give in to smaller taxes on the oil companies and their products.

NEWS FROM CAPITOL HILL

Gorsuch is a bipartisan fit

Congressman Tom Cole

Almost exactly one year ago, our nation lost a true defender of justice and a brilliant legal scholar. Many, including myself, were shocked at the news that Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia had suddenly passed away.

Sadly, his death profoundly shifted the balance of the Supreme Court. He was a stalwart pillar of constitutional principles, and his sound judgement on many critical issues helped shape American law.

Before his untimely passing the court was usually, but not always, a five-four split with four reliably conservative votes, four reliably liberal votes and Justice Kennedy providing the swing vote that decided cases. The Scalia vacancy created a court that occasionally resulted in a four-four vote, effectively rendering the highest court in the land deadlocked.

Shortly after Justice Scalia's death, President Obama nominated Judge Merrick Garland to replace him on the Supreme Court. President Obama cited his constitutional duty when he selected Judge Garland. But with less than a year left in President Obama's term in office, a Supreme Court selection would have deprived the American people the opportunity to weigh in on the matter through the election of a new

president

The Senate delayed any vote on Judge Garland last year in order to allow the voters to make the Supreme Court nomination a consideration in their selection of our next President. Despite the howls of protest from some quarters, the refusal to consider a Supreme Court nomination in the final year of a presidency has precedence.

In fact, in 1992, then-Senator Joe Biden championed this approach to delay the vote on President George H.W. Bush's Supreme Court nominee the year he was leaving office.

Fifteen years later, the stakes are still the same. Constitutionally, it may be the president's prerogative to nominate a judge, but the Senate has no obligation to act upon on it.

President Trump's selection of his first Supreme Court nominee was one of the most transparent in history. Last September, then candidate Trump took the unprecedented step of publicly releasing a list of judges who he would consider for the Supreme Court.

Shortly after being inaugurated, President Trump quickly acted upon his promise to nominate a Justice whose philosophy and commitment to upholding the constitution closely mirrored that of Justice Scalia.

The nomination of Judge Neil Gorsuch is an excellent one. Furthermore, he's a judge that

both Democrats and Republicans can agree on because they already have.

When President Bush nominated him the 10th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals in 2006, he was confirmed by the United States Senate by a voice vote — effectively making his confirmation unanimous. It's interesting to note that the U.S. Senate that confirmed Judge Gorsuch in 2006 included Senators Joe Biden, Hillary Clinton, John Kerry, Harry Reid and Barack Obama.

They clearly found him well within the mainstream of judicial philosophy, so it's baffling that Democrats in the current U.S. Senate would even question his suitability for the Supreme Court.

Judge Gorsuch's credentials are impeccable, and he is more than qualified to sit on the Supreme Court. He is well within the judicial mainstream and like Justice Scalia, is a firm defender of our Constitution and will exercise the literal interpretation of our laws. Democrats that want to fight his nomination would be smart not to die on this particular hill.

Judge Gorsuch is one of the most admired and respected judges on the federal circuit, and our nation and the Supreme Court will be well served by his sound judgement, along with his deep understanding and respect for the Constitution.

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Our Views

The doctor knows best

My friend waved goodbye and said, "See you later. I'm going to work."

I waved and said, "Okay. Don't work too hard."

"All right. I won't," she replied, "and if I get fired, it's all your fault."

John Martin, staff writer for The Choctaw Times had a story in a recent column that was really funny. I'm going to give you a paraphrase.

A doctor opened a medical clinic and put an ad in the local newspaper. It read, "Get your treatment for \$500. If you are not cured, I'll give you \$1,000."

An old guy thought that would be a great opportunity to make some money, so he went to the clinic and said to the doctor, "I've lost all taste in my mouth. Can you help me?"

The doctor told the nurse to bring medicine from box 22 and put three drops in the patient's mouth. She did so, and the patient gasped, "Horrible! That's gasoline!"

Doc said, "Congratulations! You've got your taste back. That will be \$500."

The man was annoyed and went back to the clinic in a few days thinking he could get his money back. He said, "I've lost my memory. I can't remember

Potpourri



Joan
Parker

anything."

Doc said, "Nurse, bring medicine from box 22 and put three drops in this patient's mouth."

The patient said, "Oh, no you don't! That's gasoline!"

The doctor said, "Congratulations! You've got your memory back. That will be \$500."

Now the patient had lost \$1,000. He left angrily. In a few days he came back and said, "Doctor, my eyesight has become weak and I can hardly see anything!"

The doc handed him a \$10 bill and said, "I don't have any medicine for that, so here's your \$1,000 back."

The man protested, "Oh no. This is only \$10."

Doc replied, "Congratulations! You got your eyesight back. That will be \$500."

Your Views

A chance to enhance transparency

State Sen. David Holt is at it again. And thank goodness for that. Holt, R-Oklahoma City, has been a champion of keeping the public's business public. Last year, he filed Senate Bill 1299, a short, simple, bill — just a single page that says, "The Office of the Attorney General shall establish and implement an ombudsman program to assist the citizens of this state in the operation and enforcement of the requirements of the Oklahoma Open

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News from District 42 • Rep. Tim Downing •



Governor's agenda and the will of the people

Lawmakers started the legislative session February 6 listening to the governor's budget plan delivered in her annual State-of-the-State address.

Gov. Fallin detailed what she called a bold plan to modernize the state's tax system. She would eliminate the state tax on groceries as well as corporate income tax, but she would raise taxes on cigarettes, gasoline and diesel fuel, and expand

taxes to include services.

The governor called the state grocery tax "the most regressive tax on the books today." She said removing it would result in a savings of between \$350 and \$676 for a family of four. It would decrease state revenues by \$234 million, leaving intact local taxes by municipalities.

As for the corporate income tax, she called this "one of the

most volatile sources of revenue" for the state. Removing this would reduce paperwork and red tape for small businesses, she said, while boosting economic growth. It would decrease state revenues by \$140 million.

The question posed by some is how eliminating these taxes will help state residents overall during a budget year in which we've been warned we are

already about \$900 million in the hole.

To offset, the governor suggested several tax increases as well. She would increase the tax on a pack of cigarettes by \$1.50, which would increase revenues by \$257 million. The money could be used for health care services including those who have health complications due to the use of tobacco — it would still be a tax increase and

would require a three-fourths majority vote in both the House and the Senate.

Some proponents view this less as a method for raising revenue, but rather as an attempt to improve health and reduce the number of people smoking in the state.

The governor also would

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Schools forego millions to expand meals for kids

Jennifer Palmer
The Purcell Register

At all elementary and middle schools and some high schools in the Houston Independent School District — 220 in all — every student begins the day with a free breakfast right in the classroom.

The result: fewer absences and discipline problems and an increase in math scores, according to the district's former superintendent Terry Grier.

Houston, the nation's seventh largest school district, where three out of four students live in poverty, also offers free lunch to all students at 186 schools, without requiring applications to qualify. The potential stigma of receiving a free meal is eliminated, and so is much of the paperwork burden on school staff, according to advocacy groups fighting poverty-related hunger.

These programs and others are expansions of traditional school breakfast and lunch. And while schools in Texas and other states have been quick to adopt them — at little or no cost to districts — participation in Oklahoma is one of the lowest in the nation.

In 17 states, more than half of eligible school districts provided universal free lunch in the 2015-16 school year, including in major districts like Dallas and New Orleans. In Oklahoma, 15 percent of districts did, ranking the state fifth lowest in the country, according to a report by Food Research & Advocacy Center and another national nonprofit.

The money left on the table is significant. Oklahoma schools forfeited \$17 million in federal funds last year, reports Hunger Free Oklahoma, an advocacy group that formed in December. "If Houston can do it, as big as Houston is and as many schools as Houston has, (any district) can certainly do it," said Bill Ludwig, a regional administrator for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which oversees school meal programs.

The need in Oklahoma is also significant. Nearly one in four Oklahoma children lack consistent access to food, a study by nonprofit Feeding America shows. (Food insecurity is defined by the USDA as lack of access, at times, to enough food for an active and healthy lifestyle and limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally adequate foods.)

Students who are hungry can't focus on learning, educators say. So when schools are held accountable for academic performance, they must first fulfill students' basic needs,

said Randy Harris, superintendent of Wagoner Public Schools.

"If we see that void and we can pick up the slack, and we're not losing any money in doing it, then we're just providing another benefit," Harris said.



Skipping Meals

Traditional breakfast and lunch programs are already in place at nearly all Oklahoma schools, with free or reduced prices for low-income students.

But the USDA found half of eligible kids nationally were skipping breakfast at school, due to late buses or social stigma, especially among middle and high school students. There are barriers to lunch, too, including the cost, especially for students who may not qualify for free or reduced prices but whose families' finances are still tight.

So the agency launched the Community Eligibility Provision as part of the Healthy, Hungry-Free Kids Act of 2010. The program allows high-poverty schools to offer breakfast and lunch to all students at no charge, and it eliminates the meal application process.

Schools, groups of schools or districts qualify if at least 40 percent of students live in households that receive assistance through programs like food stamps and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, or are identified as homeless, migrant or in foster care. Schools are reimbursed for meals based on this percentage of students.

The USDA made the program available nationwide in 2015-16, and more than 18,000 schools participated, according to the Food Research & Action Center.

But that year in Oklahoma, only 15 percent of school districts participated — the fifth lowest rate in the nation. Of the state's highest poverty schools, the percentage improved slightly to 21 percent.

A complement to that program is the USDA's "Breakfast in the Classroom," which takes the morning meal out of the cafeteria and into classrooms. Students grab breakfast off a cart in the hallway and eat at

their desks for the first few minutes of class while the teacher begins the day's lesson.

Schools that have implemented Breakfast in the Classroom say participation goes up, and behavior problems go down, the USDA reports. Attendance, too, improves.

Feeding kids in the summer is where Oklahoma fares the worst. Through another program, the Summer Food Service Program, the state fed 6.4 children in the summer of 2015 for every 100 who received meals during the school year, ranking last among states and the District of Columbia, the Food Research & Action Center reported.

An additional after-school meal program, which pairs a supper meal and snacks with extracurricular activities or tutoring, is also underutilized in Oklahoma schools and is targeted for expansion.

Educating Schools

Schools give many reasons for not adopting these programs, but often the reasons are based on misconceptions or logistical issues that schools in other cities overcome, said Ludwig, of the USDA.

The primary reason for not expanding meal programs is that school officials believe if they don't collect meal applications, their district won't be eligible for Title 1 funds, which are federal funds for low-income schools. But the USDA says that isn't true.

Another concern is that schools don't have enough low-income students to break even on the federal reimbursements. But the programs can be structured in various ways, allowing schools to cover all expenses or even net a gain.

Other reasons include not understanding the programs or not wanting to offer universal free meals in some of their schools but not others, Ludwig said.

For breakfast in the classroom, some district officials said it would be too difficult to collect the trash or distribute the meals, or they were concerned about spills.

For help, schools with start-up costs can apply for grants, such as a \$7.5 million grant the Walmart Foundation made available in October for schools to expand their breakfast programs. No Oklahoma school has applied yet.

Joy Hofmeister, state superintendent of public instruction, said the department is stepping up its efforts to educate schools about meal expansion opportu-

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Foul Play?

A.J.'s disappearance raises questions in the Valley

The Good Folks of Lennox Valley

A week had gone by since A.J. Fryerson's letter to the editor concerning Buford Levitt's new gas pumps was published in the Lennox Valley Hometown News. Iris Long, editor, thought it peculiar she hadn't received anything from A.J. in the week since.

A.J. could be counted on for at least one, and sometimes two or three, submissions each week. She didn't always include a letter from A.J. on the opinion page, but Iris couldn't remember a week since his memorable letter of August 2, 1991, that she hadn't received at least one dispatch from the town complainer.

In that missive, A.J. was angry with the Valley's sole law enforcer, Chief Dibble. It seems during his first month as chief, Dibble stopped Fryerson for failure to come to a complete stop at Bearden's Corner. This was before the town's only red light was installed, and the four-way stop kept drivers from crashing into each other in front of the Baptist church.

A.J. was full of himself that day, writing, "Perhaps Chief Dibble was so focused on his chocolate donut that he failed to realize I stopped for a full seven seconds before turning right at the corner."

"The law," he continued, "requires just three seconds before making that turn." Fryerson was confident of the timing because he remembered singing the classic line from the 1980's hit, "Come On Eileen," while he waited to make his turn.

No one living in the Valley at the time has forgotten the crescendo of his classic letter: "I have listened to 'Come On Eileen' 23 times this morning, and I can write with

certainly the line lasts a full seven seconds."

He went on to make several additional comments about the chief's eating habits and suggested an appropriate nickname for Dibble might be "Chief Dribble," resulting from "all the chocolate dripping down his chin."

No one is sure what, if anything, Chief Dibble said or did in response to Fryerson's tirade, but it was six weeks before A.J. submitted his next letter, and he hasn't written a negative word about our beloved police chief since.

Iris had lunch at the Hoffbrau that day, taking the opportunity to ask her waitress and friend, Jessie Orr, if she had seen much of Fryerson over the past week. It was common knowledge A.J. was a daily customer at the 'Brau. Long couldn't begin to remember the number of letters he had written complaining about something that "just didn't taste right" during one of his meals.

"I haven't seen A.J. since last Wednesday," Jessie answered. "It was right after I read his letter in the paper. I told him no one was gonna side with him against Buford Levitt."

"And you haven't seen him since?" queried Iris.

"I figured he was sick or something," offered Jessie. "I can't remember the last time he missed two days in a row."

"Maybe he is," Long responded. Iris was a veteran journalist, and she wasn't about to create unnecessary drama. After all, A.J. could be sick. Or maybe he took a trip, as unlikely as that seemed.

As she finished drinking the last sip of her coffee, Iris thought about the many enemies Fryerson had made over the years.

Even so, she could not have realized A.J. had submitted his last letter of 1998 to the Hometown News.

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Downing:

increase the tax on gas and diesel fuel, something that hasn't been done in the state since the 1980s. It would increase revenues by \$247 million. She said the money would go towards roads and bridges. Again, this would require a three-fourths majority vote in both chambers of the Legislature.

The biggest financial impact in the governor's agenda is to expand state tax to include services, which currently are not taxed. She explained that this approach to taxation better reflects a current economy which is increasingly services based. Her proposed expansion to include services would increase revenues by \$839 million.

The governor also challenged lawmakers on other policies areas, one of which is to include the approval of a pay raise for Oklahoma teachers.

This is something the speaker of the House has said will be a priority this year, and several House and Senate bills already have been filed to address this.

She also reiterated that criminal justice reform is needed to reduce the state's prison population. Her plan would include reducing incarceration rates, and building onto state prisons to offer rehabilitation services to drug abuse offenders.

It's interesting to hear the governor's plan. She was elected twice by Oklahomans to lead, and the Legislature always begins session by hearing her vision and proposed agenda for the state. The governor's office also submits request bills each session for members to author to carry forward much of her policy agenda.

Ultimately, it is up to the Legislature to review the governor's agendas, weigh the merits of her proposals, and to pass laws that reflect the will of the body. Like the governor, each representative and senator is also elected by the people and in some instances the concerns in each of those smaller districts may vary. I'll be diving into the details of her agenda in the coming weeks.

Having received many emails already on the governor's tax proposals, I want to reassure you concerning proposed tax increases of any kind, three-fourths of the 149 members of the Legislature would have to be convinced it is the overwhelming demand in each of their districts. Having just seen the voters in Oklahoma, particularly in our own district, just vote against a tax increase even for one of the noblest causes, the message they sent and we continue to receive is for the Legislature to work to find ways to fund core government services without resorting to increased taxes.

Oklahoma is entering economic recovery, and it is important to point out that 33 of 50 states are facing shortfalls just like Oklahoma, including states that have raised income taxes by as much as 40 percent over the last eight years.

If you strongly support or oppose any of the governor's proposals, please email me to share your views and let me know you live in the district. I always want to hear from you and can be contacted at (405) 557-7365 or at tim.downing@okhouse.gov.

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Chance:

Meeting Act ... and the Oklahoma Open Records Act ..."

It never got out of the Senate Judiciary Committee, where Chairman Anthony Sykes, R-Moore, refused to hear it.

That was poorly considered. Attorney General Scott Pruitt said he wasn't opposed to the idea; he went so far as to direct his staff to look into the Texas system that served as the model.

Holt's proposal, back this year as SB 356, would not require the attorney general to establish a new office, hire anyone, or spend any more money. Quite the opposite: Holt's bill would save taxpayers the cost of litigating many of the open government concerns raised by the public. In Texas, the attorney general maintains a hotline for open-records and open-meetings questions. When there's a disagreement about whether a particular document is subject to the act, either party may contact the ombudsman who quickly —

usually within an hour or two — responds with previous AG opinions or applicable statutes that provide guidance. It's non-binding, but it avoids a lot of drawn-out, costly legal battles.

When a member of the public, often a member of the press, asks for a document the record-keeper believes must remain confidential, there's a quick, painless way to settle the dispute that doesn't require a lawsuit or criminal complaint. If the record-keeper disagrees with the guidance, she may still decline to produce the document and let a judge decide. Similar disputes over executive session agendas, or what constitutes a meeting can also be resolved quickly.

In Oklahoma, the attorney general cannot provide legal opinions to the public. But as the general counsel to state agencies, boards and commissions, the AG would be doing his clients a great service by helping resolve questions

quickly and inexpensively and avoiding litigation. Further, he would be providing a great service to Oklahomans.

This is an opportunity to enhance government transparency. Sen. Sykes should welcome it with enthusiasm.

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It's a Small World

Gracie Montgomery

A special happy birthday to my sister-in-law, Missy Clark. Missy celebrates her birthday Thursday, February 16.

Happy birthday to my great-niece, Adelaide Charlotte Budd.

Addie celebrates her first birthday Tuesday, February 21.

Happy birthday to Lloyd Beaudion, Dale Bunn, Victor Lohn, Parker Page, Lavene Jones, Bailey Beller, Margaret Miller, Egan Galvin, Anna Belle Carpenter, Karen Harwick, Jade McCurdy, Suzanne Wells, Randy Rolin, Jett Tyler, Kristin Welch, Tyler Gifford, Mary Lou Millsap, Justin Howell, Marty Adkinson, DeAnna Newman, Dara Evans, Kelsi Jennen, Megan Webb, Colt Farrow, Jeff Eck, Matthew Smith and Jovita Trejo.

The Purcell Public School Foundation will hold an open meeting for the public Thursday, February 23, at 12 noon.

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

Preschool and Toddler Story Time will be held Tuesday, February 21, from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Come enjoy stories, rhymes, and games each week. We will focus on a different pre-reading skill that is introduced in the GLAR (Growing Like a Read) program.

Following the story time there will be a short time for children to explore different art mediums. This program is geared toward toddlers and preschoolers, but any age is welcomed.

WAYNE SCHOOL MENU Week of February 20

MONDAY

No School.

TUESDAY BREAKFAST

Cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Corndog, french fries, steamed baby carrots, strawberry/peach cup, juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST

Pancake on a stick or cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Toasted cheese sandwich, whole grain chips, beef veg-

Registration is not required to attend any of the story times.

Find out more by visiting the library, calling 527-5546 or going online to www.pioneerlibrarysystem.org/purcell.

Tickets are available for the Purcell Public Library's annual Daddy Daughter Dance, set for Saturday, February 18, from 5-7 p.m.

The dance takes place in the cafeteria area of the Purcell Public Administration Building, behind the library on the lower level of the building at 919 N. Ninth St.

Registration is required. space is limited so register as soon as possible. Dress is casual to formal. This event is offered free of charge.

For more information call 527-5546.

Here's another slow cooker recipe.

Crock Pot Chicken Corn Chowder

2 cans cream of celery/mushroom condensed soup
2 cups chicken broth
2-1/2 cup frozen corn, thawed
2 14 oz. cans cream-style corn
1-1/2 lbs. cooked chicken, shredded
1-1/2 cups diced potatoes with skin on
1-1/2 cups carrots, shredded
1/2 cup onion, chopped
3 cloves garlic, minced
13 oz. can evaporated milk
Cheddar cheese

In a 6-quart crock pot, stir together soups and broth until blended. Add in corn, chicken, potatoes, carrots, onion and garlic. Stir until well combined.

Cover and cook on low for 5-6 hours or high for 3-4 hours or until vegetables are tender.

During the last 10 minutes of cooking, stir in evaporated milk.

Served topped with cheese.

etable soup, romaine garden salad, sliced peaches, juice, milk.

THURSDAY BREAKFAST

Cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Frito chili pie, corn, chopped spinach, pineapple tidbits, juice, milk.

FRIDAY BREAKFAST

Cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Bologna or ham sandwich, barbecue beans, whole grain chips, Scooby Snacks, fruit, juice, milk.

McClain County 4-H Impressive Dress Contest



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Impressive Dress contest

Beth Bollinger presented her professional dress attire for the senior division of the 4-H Impressive Dress Contest.

The clothes you wear and the way you wear them forms an impression – good or bad. The purpose of the Impressive Dress competition is to help 4-H'ers learn lifelong skills to select garments for specific occasions and to improve personal appearance.

4-H'ers (Cloverbuds ages five-eight years old and 4-H members nine-19) select an outfit they own and present the outfit to the judging panel. This year 23 McClain County 4-H members participated from across McClain County.

Cloverbuds: AnnaBelle Carr, Abbigale Carr and Brynn Ferguson, all of Newcastle; Sophia Spurlock and Kynslee Spurlock, both of Blanchard; Freddy Calvert of Dibble and Chance Moore and Addison Clagg of Wayne received a medal of participation.

Junior Active Sportswear: Connor Morrison of Newcastle

received a blue ribbon and division champion.

Junior Dress Wear: Emrie Hays of Purcell received a blue ribbon and division grand champion. Cloresa Calvert of Dibble received a blue ribbon and division reserve grand champion. Presley Strickland of Washington received a blue ribbon.

Junior Casual Wear: Theresa Howard of Wayne received a blue ribbon and division grand champion. Cassidy Clagg of Newcastle received a blue ribbon and division reserve grand champion.

Intermediate Snappy Casual: Drew McNeill of Blanchard received a blue ribbon and division grand champion. Emily Griffith of Newcastle received a blue ribbon and division reserve grand champion. Hunter Merryman of Blanchard received a blue ribbon. Shaina Daron of Newcastle received a

blue ribbon.

Senior Snappy Casual: Chardee Carpenter of Blanchard received a blue ribbon and division grand champion. Sierra Merryman of Newcastle received a blue ribbon and division reserve grand champion. Brooke Bollinger of Blanchard received a

blue ribbon.

Senior Professional Dress: Beth Bollinger of Blanchard received a blue ribbon and division grand champion. Taylor Elliott of Newcastle received a blue ribbon and division reserve grand champion. Michael Bird of Washington received a blue ribbon.



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Snappy Casual participants

Intermediate Snappy Casual Category participants (from left) Hunter Merryman, Drew McNeill, Emily Griffith and Shaina Daron look to the judges for their scores.



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4-H Cloverbuds

Cloverbud Division participants in the 4-H Impressive Dress Contest included (back, from left) Addison Clagg, AnnaBelle Carr, Abbigale Carr, Kynslee Spurlock, (front) Brynn Ferguson, Sophia Spurlock, Freddy Calvert and Chance Moore.

Stealey OHCE sews for children cancer patients

The Stealey Oklahoma Home and Community Education Group met February 13 for an all-day sewing event to make pillow cases to donate to "Ryan's Cases for Smiles."

A total of 167 pillow cases were completed, and the cases, made of cheerful and colorful fabrics, will be much loved by the children who receive them. "Ryan's Cases for Smiles"

gives the pillow cases to children cancer patients at Oklahoma Memorial Hospital in Oklahoma City and St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa.

The members of Stealey are also seeking donations of cotton woven fabric which will be used to make pillow cases. This is an ongoing project and there will always be a need for more pillow cases.

Fabric donations can be brought to the McClain County

OSU Extension Office, 1721 Hardcastle Blvd., in Purcell, or call the Extension Office at 527-2174, and someone will pick it up.

Participating in the Sew Day were Stealey members Jan Lenard, Sharon Hardcastle, Ruth Kelly, Peggy Christian, Bonita Brakefield, Phyllis Horn, Norma Howard, Peggy Howard, Charm Kelly, Jeri Segard, Velma Little, Teresa Little and Nancy Richardson.



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Ironing pillowcases

Stealey OHCE member Charm Kelly irons one of the 167 pillow cases made by Stealey members at the Sew Day February 13.



• Photo provided

Busy sewing project

Phyllis Horn and **Velma Little**, Stealey OHCE members, serge the seams on pillow cases at their Sew Day held February 13. The pillow cases are donated to Ryan's Cases for Smiles who gives them to children cancer patients at Oklahoma Memorial Hospital in Oklahoma City and St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa.

Lupe Solis, CMA was elected

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Lupe is an outstanding, hard working, caring person. She goes out of her way, being observant, ready and willing to do anything that our residents need to make their quality of life better. One of our residents stated that she is wonderful and makes our ladies feel so special by painting their nails. She is a wonderful mother and grandmother and is always cooking and caring for her family. She is known for her delicious tamales, enjoys her diet coke and when she is not taking care of

others she can be found relaxing and playing bingo. Lupe has been a very special part of our Sunset Estates team for 25 years. She is loved and appreciated by our residents and her co-workers.

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“You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown” coming to SWOSU

The Department of Art, Communication and Theatre, with the assistance of the Department of Music, is presenting the Clark Gesner musical March 2-5 at the SWOSU Hilltop Theatre.

According to Steve Strickler, the timing is unique in that the musical will be celebrating its 50th anniversary on March 3.

Evening performances are set at 7:30 p.m. March 2-4 and a matinee is planned at 2 p.m. on March 5. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for non-SWOSU students, and free for individuals with a valid SWOSU ID.

The SWOSU Hilltop Theatre Box Office will begin taking reservations on Monday, Feb-

ruary 13. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 4-7 p.m. Because seating is limited, reservations are recommended.

For more information, or to make reservations, call 580-774-6046.

Each scene in the play is derived from different Peanuts comic strips created by Charles M. Schulz. The musical explores the world of Charlie Brown (played by Joaquin Martinez) and his friends. Scenes involving Linus (played by Grant Crews) and Lucy Van Pelt (played by Donna McCuistion) illustrate their relationship as siblings.

Schroeder (played by Tony

Buckley) expresses his love of music – especially that of Beethoven, and Snoopy (played by Carlos Ramirez) expresses his love of supper and his infatuation with the Red Baron. Even Sally Brown (played by Micaelah Thompson) explains her philosophy on life.

The ensemble is completed with William Appel, Amanda Evinger, Alex Hawkins and Kendra Place. The production is under the guidance of faculty members Marti Bessinger, Suré Eloff, Jessica Salmans and Steve Strickler.



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“Charlie Brown” cast

Southwestern Oklahoma State University’s cast and crew of “You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown” are busy preparing for the musical March 2-5 on the Weatherford campus. Cast and crew include (front from left) Amanda Evinger, Marshall III.; Micaelah Thompson, Elk City; Donna McCuistion, Cordell; Nicole Gifford, Anchorage Alaska; Chante Randle, Oklahoma City; Athena Pradier, Lawton; Austin Smith, Altus; Joaquin Martinez, Anadarko; (middle) Suré Eloff, Weatherford; Marti Bessinger, Weatherford; Olivia Brookshire, The Colony, Texas; Carlos Ramirez, Elk City; Lindsee Scott, Guymon; Kattie Snow, Oklahoma City; Jessica Salmans, Weatherford; Katherine Zazueta, Lawton; Devan Bettencourt, Kingfisher; (back) Kendra Place, Washington; Grant Anderson Crews, Okarche; William Appel, Misawa, Japan; Alex Hawkins, Mangum; Tony Buckley, Enid; and Parker Charing, Altus. Not pictured are Kyra Schmidt and Steve Strickler, both of Weatherford.

Stealey HCE

Stealey HCE met Feb. 13, 2017 for its monthly meeting, luncheon and workday.

Members completed 167 pillowcases for cancer patients at Children’s Hospital. This project takes a lot of fabric and if anyone has extra and would like to donate material to Stealey HCE, it would be appreciated. Contact Peggy Christian at 527-6926 or Phyllis Horn at 527-1531.

Phyllis Horn led the group in the reading of the OHCE Collect and Thought for the Day was “Don’t Wait for Extraordinary Opportunities.” Seize common occasions and make them great. Devotion was given by Charm Kelly titled “God’s All Surpassing Power” (2 Chronicles vs. 4-7)

Members present were Bonita Brakefield, Peggy Christian, Sharon Harcastle, Phyllis Horn, Peggy Howard, Norma Howard, Charm Kelley, Ruth Kelley, Jan Lenard, Teressa Little, Velma Little, Nancy Richardson and Jeri Segard.

Norma Howard read the minutes for the January 2017 meeting and Nancy Richardson reported no changes made to the treasurer’s report. Both were approved.

The lesson was given by Peggy Christian titled “Pretty and Practical Seed Sharing.” She shared several ways we could quick start plant growth.

Peggy Christian gave instructions on filling out new forms regarding volunteer hours in 2017 and quarterly report. These are to be turned in each quarter.

Members were reminded to mark the date of March 31 for the Southwest District OHCE Conference Meeting to be held at the First Baptist Church in Lawton. There is a \$20 fee which is to be given to Peggy Howard by February 24.

Recycling forms were turned in for the month to Norma Howard. Stealey HCE is continuing to collect used postage stamps for our wounded veterans.

The McClain County 2017 Fair was discussed and additional exhibits were assigned.

Charm Kelly demonstrated how she had made some candles and Nancy Richardson showed how to make a quilt top with strips of material.

Dates to Remember:

February 16—March Leaders Training.

March 31— Southwest District OHCE Conference Meeting in Lawton.

Anyone interested in attending one of our meetings is invited to join us on the second Monday of each month at the McClain Co. Farm & Home Community Building. For more information contact the McClain County Extension Office at 527-2437.

Washington OHCE

The Washington OHCE meeting called to order by President Deloris Givens. After the flag salute, Lori Burton read the Creed and inspirational words from our handbook.

The new volunteer record sheet was discussed with suggestions on projects we can do this year including cultural enhancement, visit museums like Sam Noble in Norman, Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City, the Washington Senior Center on Fridays when they have music and jam session, Oklahoma City Historical Society and Museum.

Also work projects like caring for the Washington Cemetery, having a bake sale, have a storage building sale aka garage sale. Other places to visit included plays at OU, Rose State, Sooner Theater and quilt shows in Ada, Perry, and Chickasha. The trips will just be just day trips.

Six members plan to go to District Council in Lawton March 31 and should send their \$20 fee to Peggy Howard, 1613 N. Jee, Purcell 73080 as soon as possible.

The January minutes and treasurer’s reports were read and approved as read with our balance at \$957.40.

It was noted that Karen Olsen’s quilt that was donated to the Washington Girls Basketball Team’s silent auction brought \$425.

Appreciation was expressed

to Harley and Beulah Brumley for all their hard work as secretary for several years promoting OHCE with newspaper articles, pamphlets, etc.

Operation Christmas was discussed concerning the colored pencils Washington OHCE is responsible for this year including where to get the best buy on them, etc. Tammy Jones showed the group three of many prom dresses she plans to donate to that program this spring and asked anyone who has suitable dresses to donate also.

Lori Burton volunteered to teach our group self defense when her shoulder surgery heals. Deanna Carter volunteered to get information on Sam Noble Museum cost, hours, etc. before the next meeting as a possible substitute for our regular meeting on Wednesday, March 8.

One guest was Stephanie Stephens and one phantom guest, an older man who told us a cute joke. Members present were Lori Burton, Deloris Givens, Coralean Higgins, Harley and Beulah Bromley, Judy Stidham, Lois Stephens, Phyllis Linker, Tammy Jones, Karen Olsen and Deanna Carter.

Lori Burton gave a very interesting lesson on making seed tapes and saving seeds. Members made several seed tapes to take home. Judy Stidham provided pink lemonade as a refreshment.

PURCELL SCHOOL MENU

Week of February 20

MONDAY

No School.

TUESDAY BREAKFAST

Hash brown potato patty, toast, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Spaghetti and meat sauce or beef and bean burrito, romaine salad with ranch dressing, broccoli, pineapple chunks, salsa, vanilla pudding, juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST

French toast sticks, syrup, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Taco burger or fish sandwich, lettuce and tomato, corn, ranch style beans, salsa, mixed fruit, ketchup, juice, milk.

THURSDAY BREAKFAST

Sausage and pancake wrap, pancake syrup, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Ham or chicken tenders, brown rice, brown gravy, green beans, peaches, whole wheat rolls, applesauce cake, juice, milk.

FRIDAY BREAKFAST

Breakfast pizza, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Hamburger on a bun or hot-dog in a bun, lettuce, tomato and pickle cup, french fries, pears, mustard, ketchup, rice krispy treats, juice, milk.

Library staff giving genealogy assistance in upcoming session

The Purcell Public Library invites local genealogy researchers to find help in providing information for members of the community tracking down their family history.

Staff will share research knowledge, as well as ideas and how-tos on the many resources available through the library from 1 to 3 p.m. on Monday, February 27, in the Meeting Room of the library, to provide individual genealogy help.

Registration is required in advance to have a time slot to meet.

And a session of genealogy help will go outside the doors of the library to the McClain County Historical Museum from 2 to 4 p.m. Thursday, February 16. The museum is

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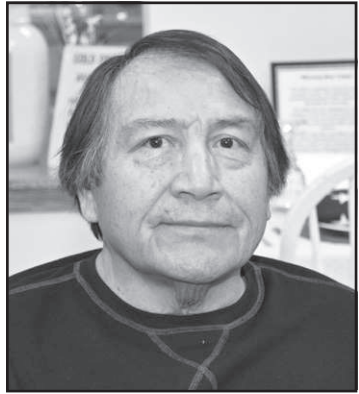
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For The Purcell Register

A Vietnam War Hero

A young Creek warrior joined the U.S. Army in 1967. He was ready to help his country win the war in South Vietnam.

His name was Clarence Johnson. He grew up in Holdenville learning the ancient tribal ways. He was taught the history of his tribe and the many struggles they endured during the time they were forced to march the "Trail of Tears" to Indian Territory (which is now the eastern half



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Clarence Johnson

of the State of Oklahoma).

Even with all the trials his people endured, Johnson still answered his country's call and bravely prepared himself for battle. He volunteered for airborne training and was soon assigned to the 173rd Airborne Brigade in the central highlands of Vietnam.

While on patrol he was wounded in his stomach by a bullet fragment. He didn't want to leave the men in his squad so he never reported the injury.

Unfortunately, the wound became infected and Johnson knew he had to seek immediate treatment. When the medic examined the wound he submitted Johnson's name for a Purple Heart. After having the wound cleaned and treated with antibiotics, Johnson was able to rejoin his squad.

On Nov. 19, 1967 his unit was attacked by two brigades of the North Vietnamese Army (NVA) in the Battle of Hill 875 in Dak To. There was fierce fighting and 115 men were killed, 253 wounded, and seven were missing in action.

In desperation, the Company Commander called for close air support. A Marine pilot was

returning to base with two five hundred pound bombs left from his mission. The pilot dove on their position to release his bombs.

They were too close and landed in the perimeter of the fighting. One bomb didn't explode, but the other bomb severely injured Johnson earning him a second Purple Heart. He was treated by a medic on site, evacuated to Pleiku, then on to Japan, and finally to Okinawa for medical treatment. Three months later, he was finally sent home to Fort Still for final recuperation before he was discharged with 100 percent VA benefits.

We are so glad that soldiers like Clarence risk their lives every day to keep us free and safe. Thank you for your service to our great country!

The Oklahoma City Elks Lodge #417 recently donated the results of their latest food drive to Veterans Corner. Larry Hardin made the delivery. The food will be distributed used to feed local veterans and their families. Many times a food box will free up enough money so a veteran will be able to buy gas to look for a job or make a trip to a doctor's appointment. Thank you Larry Hardin and all of the other generous volunteers who make this work possible.

Veterans Corner was recently invited to speak at an Oklahoma

National Guard Yellow Ribbon Pre-deployment event in Moore. Chairman Alfred Hollis gave a 15 minute presentation about Veterans Corner and the services available to the approximately 100 National Guardsmen present. Veterans Corner will attend several similar events in the coming months to help spread the word about the free services we offer to veterans in Oklahoma. Stay tuned - dates and times will be announced soon.

Veterans Corner is a 501(c)(3) organization and all gifts are tax deductible. If you would like to help Veterans Corner continue to support veterans in our community, please send your donation to: Veterans Corner; P.O. Box 722160; Norman, OK 73070-8635. All proceeds are used to support veterans and their spouses.

Veterans Corner is located just south of Norman, 2 miles west of I-35 Exit 106 on the north side of Highway 9. From the southwest go four miles north of Blanchard on Highway 62 to Highway 9. Travel east 4 miles to Western Avenue and make a U-turn. Veterans Corner is 1/4 mile west on the north side. The facility is open from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and the phone number is (405) 387-5070. They offer extended hours until 1:00 p.m. Thursdays.



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Larry Hardin

Noble Robotics on the rise

Team being coached by Lay Mentors

After not having a Robotics team in 2015-16 Noble High School has rebounded thanks to some volunteer mentors.

The school agreed to allow Cheryl Dirck to be the Lay Coach with assistance from mentors Brian Redwine, John Webb, Charles Lloyd and Dr. Caleb Riemer.

"Ninety-five percent of the students in the middle school were part of the Robotics team and wanted to continue in high school," Dirck said.

"That's why I stepped up and became the Lay Coach," she continued. "We volunteer our free time to hold meetings after school and sometimes on weekends."

All of the volunteers have full time jobs and children of their own so this program is one they are passionate about.

All the hard work and dedication has paid off with a successful team this year.

They have had two qualifiers this year, one at Shawnee in No-

vember and one at Newcastle in January.

At Shawnee they were first in the Connect Award and third in the Inspire Award.

At Newcastle they were first in the Motivation Award and a finalist in the Think Award.

The State Competition is in Weatherford February 17-18.

"I am proud of my students and plan on staying two more years," Dirck said. "We are trying to get high school teachers to get involved."



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Robot competitors

The Noble High School Robotics team.



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Justly crowned

Valentine royalty at the Senior Citizens Center in Purcell received their crowns during a dual coronation ceremony Tuesday. Addie and Jim Yarbrough of Purcell were voted Valentine queen and king by patrons of the center. The Yarbroughs have been married 58 years. Presenting them a royal bouquet and candy was Fredda Perry, senior coordinator.

OSU EXTENSION News

New season of

"Oklahoma Gardening" underway

Trisha Gedon
Extension Educator

With a full season under her belt, Casey Hentges, host of "Oklahoma Gardening," is excited to be underway with her second season on the popular OETA television program.

Hentges said she has gotten a lot of feedback and great ideas over the last year and she is looking forward to another fun and educational season of bringing interesting and relevant information to the Oklahoma gardener.

"While viewers still can expect to see quality, reliable horticulture information, we have more helpful tips and unique projects ready for this new season," Hentges said. "We'll take a look at the importance of pollinators, as well as other animals that we may or may not want in our gardens." Another focus this season will be farmers markets. They are an important part of many towns and cities across the state and add a lot to the community atmosphere. "Oklahoma Gardening" will showcase some of the farmers and their crops, various markets across the state and all the work that goes on behind the scenes of a successful market.

In addition, Hentges will continue working closely with horticultural and other specialists to bring viewers the latest research-based information relevant to gardening.

"One of the things that makes 'Oklahoma Gardening' as popular today as it has ever

been is the fact that gardening is never completed," she said. "There's always something else to do, new plants to learn about, new methods and techniques to explore or just simply getting some new ideas. Gardeners are some of the most optimistic people I know and spring brings a fresh start for all of us."

Hentges encourages viewers to share what they are doing in the garden via Facebook. Gardening enthusiasts also can follow "Oklahoma Gardening" on YouTube, Instagram and

Twitter.

Check out the show's webpage at www.oklahomagardening.okstate.edu for direct links, as well as video clips of the program, links to gardening resources, a link to recipes featured on the show and more.

"Oklahoma Gardening" airs every Saturday morning at 11 a.m. and Sunday afternoons at 3:30 p.m. on local OETA channels. If viewers are unable to

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Bollinger named top youth volunteer

Marchbanks distinguished finalist

Brooke Bollinger, 17, of Blanchard and Ellie Neidel, 14, of Oklahoma City were named Oklahoma's top two youth volunteers of 2017 by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, a nationwide program honoring young people for outstanding acts of volunteerism.



Bollinger

As State Honorees, Brooke and Ellie each will receive \$1,000, an engraved silver medallion and an all-expense-paid trip in early May to Washington, D.C., where they will join the top two honorees from each of the other states and the District of Columbia for four days of national recognition events.

During the trip, 10 students will be named America's top youth volunteers of 2017.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, now in its 22nd year, is conducted by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP). Brooke Bollinger was nominated by the Oklahoma State University Extension 4-H in Purcell.

Brooke, a senior at Bollinger Academy, organized a sewing day that produced 112 dresses for young girls in Africa and is now challenging 4-H members across Oklahoma to make dresses for African girls and trousers for boys.

Community service has always been an important part of her life, but when she discovered information online about an international organization called "Little Dresses for Africa," her volunteerism really took off.

"The moment I saw it, I knew I wanted to make a difference in these girls' lives," said Brooke. "It touched a soft spot in my heart."

Brooke recruited members of her county Oklahoma Home and Community Education group to help her make the first batch of dresses. After sending them to Africa, Brooke received a touching note of gratitude, which inspired her to do even more.

She brainstormed with her parents and came up with the idea of creating a statewide challenge for all 4-H members in Oklahoma.

With the approval of 4-H officials, Brooke made fliers and an information booth to publicize the challenge, promoted it on Facebook and Ins-

tagram, and offered a prize to the 4-Her who sews the most garments. Brooke's goal is to ultimately send 1,000 articles of clothing to impoverished African children.

Makenna Marchbanks was named an Oklahoma's Distinguished Finalists for 2017. Makenna Marchbanks, 16, of Blanchard, a sophomore at Blanchard High School, founded "Makenna's Sole Purpose," a program that collected nearly 1,000 pairs of shoes during its first collection drive for people in need.

When someone replaced the shoes of a classmate whose only pair had fallen apart, Makenna was inspired to do the same for others; she partnered with the organization Soles4Souls, publicized her drive on Facebook and in the community, and recruited family and friends to help.



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The course is open!

Months of planning and fund raising paid off for students in the leadership class at Lexington Middle School. A ribbon cutting attended by the students and Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce on February 7 officially opened the class' 6-hole disc golf course at the park in Lexington. Among those attending were Jennifer Allen, a pro disc golfer, left, and Jenny Hunter, chamber president, right. Allen holds a world record toss of 568-1/2 feet.

Senate committee approves wire transfer fee for illegal immigrants

Each year, millions in untaxed money is wired out of the United States to other countries including from Oklahoma. The Senate Appropriations Committee approved Senate Bill 547 Wednesday to charge a fee on international wire transactions for individuals who do not present valid personal identification.

Sen. Paul Scott, the principal author, said he filed the legislation to reduce the number of undocumented immigrants sending money out of the state as well as address drug money being funneled to other countries.

"Oklahoma is home to many undocumented immigrants illegally working for cash and many send those untaxed dollars back to their home countries through wire transfers and the state currently makes nothing from those transactions," said Scott, R-Duncan. "Assessing this fee would ensure the state would make something, however small, off those funds since we're missing out on the income and other taxes that legal citizens pay."

SB 547 would authorize money transmission licensees

to collect a \$10 fee for transactions of up to \$500 and a one percent fee for transactions over \$500. The fees would be remitted quarterly to the Oklahoma Tax Commission (OTC) and deposited into the General Revenue Fund.

"This continues the conversation and shines a light on the problem we have in Oklahoma with illegal immigrants," said Scott. "Until the federal government figures out how to curtail illegal immigration, states have very few tools to stop the illegal activities of these individuals including sending untaxed funds out of the country. Hopefully, assessing a fee will encourage these individuals to keep and spend that money in Oklahoma and even seek citizenship."

Under the bill, a valid personal identification is an unexpired state-issued driver license, permit or temporary permit or identification card issued by the Department of Public Safety, or any unexpired federally-issued document from the U.S. Customs and Immigration Service authorizing a lawful presence.

SB 547 now moves to the full Senate.



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Fair Board members

McClain County Fair Board Elections were held Thursday, February 9. Newly elected members being sworn in by County Commissioner Benny McGowen are (from left) District 1, Tracy Barton, Wayne; District 2, Brenda Gladney, Newcastle; and District 3, Scott Carroll, Dibble.

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watch on television, they can subscribe to the "Oklahoma Gardening" YouTube channel and see full shows or search for specific segments at their convenience.

The Botanic Garden at OSU is the home of the Oklahoma Gardening studio garden and

is located west of Stillwater on the north side of Highway 51. The show is produced by Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension, OSU's Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture and Agricultural Communications Services.

Special ed hearing highlights need for more advocates, training

State Rep. Bobby Cleveland held a hearing January 31 on Oklahoma's current special education system.

"With nearly 110,000 Oklahoma students dealing with some kind of learning disability, our state ranks above the national average in students needing special education," said Cleveland, R-Slaughterville. "I'm honored to have been able to host a group of experts dedicated to strengthening Oklahoma's commitment to special education."

Cleveland said he scheduled the hearing to brainstorm solutions to a range of issues facing the state's special education system.

The Oklahoma State Department of Education reports nearly 16 percent of its students have some kind of disability and are on Individualized Education Plans (IEPs).

The most recent numbers from the National Center for

Education Statistics show 13 percent of enrolled public school students were served under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

Speakers at the hearing identified a lack of access to continuing education for teachers, burnout, and the growing class sizes as chronic problems educators regularly face.

"There's a lot of support for teachers coming out of our universities," said Bryan Young, a Norman attorney and former principal at Norman North High School. "What we need is ongoing training throughout their teaching careers."

Erin Taylor from the Oklahoma Developmental Disabilities Council is the mom of a child who has disabilities.

She spoke about her experience advocating for her son Henry.

"Children with disabilities aren't the problem. More special ed teachers aren't the only

solution," Taylor said. "We need innovative mentoring. We need our social workers and nurses returned to our schools. The funding is gone."

"The solution is in the supports we offer, not the setting and not the specialization of teachers. Let's make sure every teacher welcomes kids into their classroom, but that means they are prepared to do

so," Taylor said.

Cleveland said he was energized and ready to be a vocal advocate for families who have children with disabilities.

"The public cannot afford a lobbyist, so I am representing those who cannot represent themselves. Special education in Oklahoma is an issue the Legislature must take seriously," Cleveland concluded.

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Eye level temptation

Going for the chocolate last week at the Purcell Kiwanis Club's annual Chocolate Festival is 2-year-old Klover Arnold. The tot nabbed a treat while her chaparone, Kim Croslin, had her back turned.

Washington Senior Citizens

By Rowena Scott-Johnson

How thankful we all should be today to look out and finally see rain coming down. We have been in need of this for quite a while.

The domino players are busy every morning, except Friday, of course, when we are all enjoying the good music. We had a couple of new people join in last Friday, we enjoyed hearing the harmonica and mandolin. They are a really good group and blend several different instruments and voices to make good music we all enjoy. If you enjoy playing dominos or cards, come on down. New players are always welcome.

We were all so glad to see Paul Ratliff and his helper come through the front door Friday morning. Paul had an injury a few weeks ago and could not get out. He is our oldest member and we all look forward to seeing him. He has quite a history in this part of the country, as well as his record of serving as a Naval pilot during World War II. He was on one of the naval planes that was flying over the ship when the peace treaty was signed that ended the war. It is really an interesting story. There is a lot of very interesting local history around in the folks who have lived in this area or were raised here, moved away for some time, and then came back.

Need a unique gift for someone? Our quilters still have some lap quilts for sale at \$30 each left from their "Sew In." Many colors and patterns. Come and check them out. They are warm and cozy for keeping you warm on these cold February evenings while watching TV.

As a member of the Oklahoma Silver Haired Legislature, an advocacy group of older Oklahomans who meet to learn about legislation that affects all older Oklahomans, and talks with our state legislators regarding those issues, I will be bringing you information on some of these while our State Legislature is in session. The first one this session that could really impact your lives is House Bill 1894 by Rep. Kevin Calvey. It would create a hierarchy for surrogate decision making for your health care, should you become incapacitated. It lists a Guardian first, a Health Care Proxy second and a Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care third, but it then lists in descending order a variety of relatives and friends.

However, the bill also states that, if a health care provider of someone in one of the other classes disagrees with the decisions made by the person making the decisions (and specifically if the person deciding on your care makes a decision that the other person believes will result in or hasten your death), that person can petition the court as a means of overruling the person whom you may have designated to carry out your wishes regarding your end of life care.

This is being brought at the request of Oklahomans for Life, not by any aging advocacy group. It flies in the face of every action the Oklahoma Aging Network, the various senior advocacy organizations, have taken over the years to win this hard earned right to make your own decisions about your end of life care and to designate the one person you want to carry out your wishes.

If this House Bill 1894 passes, someone in your family who doesn't agree with your decisions as written into your Advance Directive, could petition the court to overrule the person you have designated to represent you. Current law provides that, if you have an Advance Directive, you can choose whether or not you want to be resuscitated, hooked up to machines, provided artificial hydration or nutrition. If you don't sign an Advance Directive spelling out what you do or don't want, Oklahoma law currently says you will be resuscitated and receive all the care including artificial hydration and nutrition. This bill upends all the rights that the aging Advocates have worked for since the early 1980s.

Please contact all the committee members listed here as soon as possible. Please ask them to vote no on HB1894. Rep. Calvey, the bill's author, is a member of the committee and is unlikely to vote no. But, you might ask him to pull the bill.

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Mesonet first hollow stem advisor

Wes Lee
Extension Ag Educator

Each winter producers interested in grain production are faced with decisions on when to remove cattle from wheat pasture. The longer cattle are left on pasture the more gain they will obtain; however, continuing to graze wheat past a certain point can be disastrous to wheat grain yield.

In Oklahoma, the best time to remove cattle in a grazing/grain operation is at the occurrence of the first hollow stem (FHS). Grazing past FHS can reduce wheat grain yield by as much as five percent per day. In most years the added cattle gains are usually not enough to offset the value of the reduced wheat yield. That may or may not be the case this year.

You will want to estimate the value of the grain with the value

of the added weight gain and see what makes the most financial sense. FHS is defined as the growth stage when hollow stem can first be identified above the root system and below the developing head.

To check for hollow stem, dig up a few un-grazed wheat plants. Cut them off just above the root system then split the stem as close to the center of the stem as possible. They need to be split up to where the youngest leaves are attacked. Look for the developing head or growing point.

If the developing head is starting to move up the stem there will be a hollow stem area below it. If 1/2 inch or more of hollow stem is found, it is time to remove cattle. It is important to check for FHS in an area of the field that is un-grazed, such as outside an

electric fence, because grazing delays on onset of FHS.

In a grazed area, grain losses could occur before hollow stem is found. Due to the warmer than usual winter, FHS may be slightly ahead of normal. If you haven't already removed cattle, start checking every few days in the next week or so.

Scouting is the best tool to determine when FHS occurs but it would also be nice to have a weather-based system to know when FHS is expected to occur, to give guidance to when scouting should begin.

The Oklahoma Mesonet system has a new value added component that will do just that. Using 17 years of FHS observations from Stillwater and Marshall, they developed mathematical models to estimate when FHS would occur. They are based on four inches

soil temperature under sod cover, a variable measured by every Mesonet tower.

To allow a predictive component, they utilize 14-year daily average Mesonet soil temperatures to project conditions two weeks into the future. The Mesonet team has put together a useful and user-friendly product based on these models. The product is called the First Hollow Stem Advisor and is available in the Agriculture/Crop/Wheat section of the Mesonet web site. A direct link to the applications is available at www.mesonet.org/index.php/agriculture/category/crop/wheat/hollow_stem_advisor.

If you have any questions about FHS or the predictor model don't hesitate to give me a call at the McClain County OSU Extension Office at 527-2174.

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Obituaries

Lillian June Dunford

Graveside services for Lillian June Dunford, 73, were held Feb. 11, 2017 at Washington Cemetery. Services were entrusted to the care of Wadley's Funeral Service. Online condolences may be made at www.wadleysfuneralservice.com.

Mrs. Dunford died Feb. 7, 2017 in Sherman, Texas. She was born Feb. 28, 1943 in Lexington, the daughter of Everett H. and Mary Lou (Walker) Bennett.

Survivors include her son, Winston Dumas and wife, Kim, of Velma; daughter, Sue Clagg and husband, Barry, of Lindsay; daughter-in-law, Denise Dumas of Noble; siblings, Ramona Farley and husband, Jerry, of Kingston, Glenna Broussard and husband, Howard of Lexington, Everett Bennett Jr. and wife, Donna of Purcell and James Bennett and wife, Janet of Dibble; seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.



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Loretta Evans

Graveside services for Loretta Evans, 85, were held Feb. 10, 2017 at Hillside Cemetery. Services were entrusted to the care of Wadley's Funeral Service. Online condolences may be made at www.wadleysfuneralservice.com.

Mrs. Evans died Feb. 6, 2017 in Norman. She was born Dec. 22, 1931 in Maysville, the daughter of Edward and Nova Hays.

Survivors include her daughters, Karen Mauldin and husband, Randy, Denise Glanzman and significant other, Tom Frank, and Misty Hodge; son, Phil Carrasco; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



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Philip Marler

Graveside services for Philip Lee Marler, 65, of Purcell, formerly of Allen, were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, February 14, at Oakwood Cemetery near Wewoka. Services were under the direction of Criswell Funeral Home in Ada.

Mr. Marler passed away Friday, February 10, 2017 at the Purcell Municipal Hospital. He was born November 13, 1951 in Ada to Harold L. and Alfreda Stout Marler. He grew up in Allen and graduated from Allen High School. He received an Associate of Arts degree from Kilgore, Texas.

Philip married Leura Chesser June 1, 1974.

Mr. Marler was a self-employed oil and gas producer. He and his family have lived in Purcell for 26 years.

Survivors include his wife, Leura, of the home; two sons, David Bret Marler and wife, Michelle, of Ardmore and Kirk Marler and wife, Heather, of Norman; an aunt, Louise Pogue of Ada; cousin, Marcus Pogue and his wife, Debbie, of Ada, and their son, Tyler James Pogue and his family of Frogville; his mother-in-law, Bobbydine Chesser of Wewoka; brother-in-law, Robin Chesser and his wife, Diane, of Wewoka; sister-in-law, Merry White and husband Simy of Wewoka; and two nephews and three nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents.



John Andrew Lamb

On January 1, 2017, John Andrew Lamb formally changed his address to heaven in order to spend eternity with Jesus Christ, his Lord, savior, provider, protector, deliverer and friend.

During his 99 years, Mr. Lamb had many vocations including beloved husband and father, as well as wise, loving and generous grandfather/great grandfather. During his first 50 years, he worked in the auto industry as a Chevy parts man and sometimes Parts Manager in Oklahoma, Arizona and California.

Shortly before WWII, Mr. Lamb spent a stint in the Army and enlisted in the Coast Guard for the duration of the war guarding the Northern California coast. Though he started his college education at OU after graduating from Purcell High School, his plans to be an attorney were interrupted by WWII...and a family. During the 1960s, he switched gears and completed his teaching credential in 1969. His entire 14 year teaching career was spent teaching eighth grade and coaching at Kit Carson Elementary School in the Central Valley of California. He truly enjoyed his career there!

Chevy parts and teaching were how Mr. Lamb earned his living, but he was bi-vocational. In 1952 John Andrew Lamb became an ordained Southern Baptist minister and took over Snow Hill Mission in NW Oklahoma City. It still thrives. From the point of his conversion, John Lamb was an evangelist. His heartbeat was Jesus, and him crucified.

Missions he started in Arizona and California, sharing the gospel in the afternoons at Nursing Homes, and 'supply' preaching most anywhere needed, occupied his Sundays - though he thoroughly enjoyed working in the nursery, cleaning the interiors or grounds of churches he attended, counseling those in need and lending a hand wherever he saw opportunity...all the while, sharing the love of God and the plan of salvation through Jesus Christ.

John Lamb was also a man of prayer. His petitions to our Heavenly Father surrounded his family, neighbors, community, country and the world. Always the quintessential gentleman, John Lamb was an inspiration and example to his family and those who knew him as one of the 'good guys,' a man who actually 'walked the walk.'

As Paul penned so many centuries ago in II Timothy 4:7, John Andrew Lamb would say: I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. And also as Paul wrote in I Corinthians 9:24, John Lamb ran in such a way as to get the prize - that journey is described in Hebrews 12:1-2 "Lay aside every weight and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith."

Mr. Lamb would want each one reading this thumbnail sketch memorial to know that Jesus loves them and that who-soever believes in Christ shall not perish but have everlasting life-such as he is enjoying right now.

John Andrew Lamb is survived by family in California, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas. Though he loved Oklahoma, Mr. Lamb lived his last years on this earth in California and chose to be cremated and scattered under the Golden Gate Bridge.

Pete Lewis Lindsey

Graveside services for Pete Lewis Lindsey, 92, were held Feb. 10, 2017 at Fairview Cemetery in Shawnee. Services were entrusted to the care of Wadley's Funeral Service. Online condolences may be made at www.wadleysfuneralservice.com.

Mr. Lindsey died Feb. 6, 2017 in Ardmore. He was born Sept. 15, 1924 in Paris, Texas, the son of Pete and Flossie (Strickland) Lindsey.

Survivors include his daughter, Cathy Lindsey; son, Pete Lindsey; three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.



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Quilting program

The Purcell Public Library hosted a quilt display along with programs highlighting quilts at the library. Quilts were on display from Washington OHCE group and Jaynie Dowdle of Farm Fresh Quilting Designs. Lois Stephens, along with Jaynie Dowdle and Sue McAlister, helped participants quilt a string block pattern and create quilts of various sizes then discuss various ways for binding the quilt. The angel quilt displayed was made by the late Loretta Dodson and hung in the entrance of the library. Programs were presented to preschool through adults on quilting.

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Faith:

James L. Long, Martha Ann Long and Sarah Cowan.

Elder J.B. Nealey preached a sermon and was duly appointed moderator over the meeting. The group selected J.A. Hughes as the council secretary.

After adopting the church covenant and articles of faith from Pendleton's Manual, the Baptists elected the Rev. J.J.C. Harris as their first pastor and James Long church clerk.

The church was originally named Bethel Baptist and later became Baptist Church of Lexington, Oklahoma Territory, Missionary Baptist Church of Lexington, Cleveland County, Oklahoma Territory, Missionary Baptist Church of Christ and, finally, First Baptist Church of Lexington.

By 1894 or thereabouts, the church was active in the Southern Baptist denominational life.

Also that was the year lots were purchased in hopes of constructing a permanent home for the fledgling flock.

This Sunday will mark 125 years to the day since that first

meeting and founding.

And the anniversary at First Baptist Church in Lexington will be recognized with a service celebrating faithfulness.

The 10 a.m. worship will be followed by a Baptist staple—a communal fried chicken feast with all the fixings, added the Rev. Rusty Canoy, pastor.

Canoy said church records are a bit of hit and miss, so it isn't known how many places the church called home before moving to its present location.

He said the church is reaching out to former members to share the momentous occasion.

The service will include special music and testimony.

"We will reflect on the fact the Lord has been faithful to us for 125 years," Canoy said. "As much as anything, it will focus on the Lord's faithfulness."

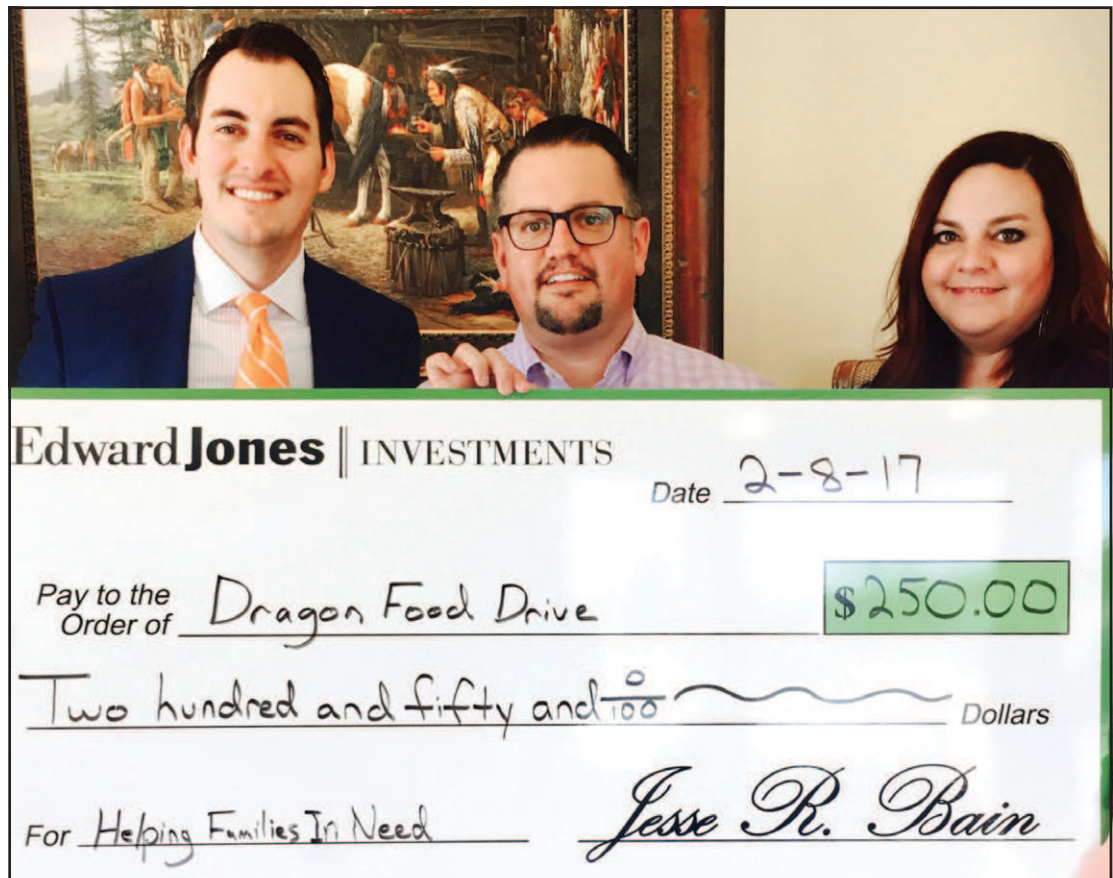
"Our faithfulness in a sense is contingent upon us. I'm amazed at the faithfulness of this congregation."

Canoy, who has been pastor here for nine years, said there are between 1,200 and 1,300 members now and Sunday at-

tendance averages 400 to 475.

"It's a great church," he said, "This church has had since 1980 only three pastors. They have been and remain wonderful people. It speaks highly of this congregation."

Staff at the church includes Bud Comer, assistant pastor; Doug Moore, youth minister; Angela Lind, music minister; Renee Bugher, ministerial assistant; and Denise Dickson, financial secretary.



• Photo provided

Dragon Food Drive donation

Jesse Bain with Edward Jones Investments made a contribution to the Spring Break Dragon Food Drive. Presenting the check to Justin Blankenship, center, was Bain and his administrative assistant Kimberly Swain.

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Filings:

— city council, Ward 3, Matt Alexander, D. Smith; Ward 4, Yvonne M. Lackey, Steven Misenheimer; at-large, Lonnie Bewley, Barbara Harris, Eddie Odle.

Both Odle and Harris filed objections to Bewley's candidacy, saying he doesn't live inside the city limits.

And in the Ward 3 race, Smith is contesting Alexander's candidacy, saying he has a felony conviction in another state.

Hearings on all three objections will be at 10 a.m. today (February 16).

• Town of Byars — board of trustees (2 offices), Toby Dial, Mickey McGowen. An unexpired term on the board goes to Thomas Lessley, the only

candidate. Joyce Carr was the lone candidate to file for town treasurer.

• Town of Goldsby — board of trustees, Office 1, Greg Giltner; Office 2, Glenn Berglan, Cindy Scott. Lone filers for Office 4 and an unexpired term in Office 3 were Cindy Andrews and Randy Simmons, respectively. Sandy Jenkins was the only one to file for town clerk/treasurer.

• Town of Dibble — trustee, Scott Bottom, Doug Gilleland Sr.

• City of Newcastle — city council, Ward 1 (unexpired), Tommy Clay, Jimmy Gurley; Wards 3 and 4, Mike Fullerton and Karl D. Nail, respectively; at-large, Tiffany Love-Elcyszyn, Joe Covey.

In Cleveland County, filings

were as follows:

• City of Lexington — Dennis Mitchell and David L. Adams were unopposed for city council Wards 3 and 4, respectively. Unexpired terms in Wards 1, 2 and at-large drew no candidates.

• Town of Slaughterville — Trustee, Melanie Colvin, John P. Koehler, Jerry D. Garrett. Valerie Stockton was the lone filer for an unexpired trustee seat and Kim Wallace drew no opponents in a bid for town treasurer.

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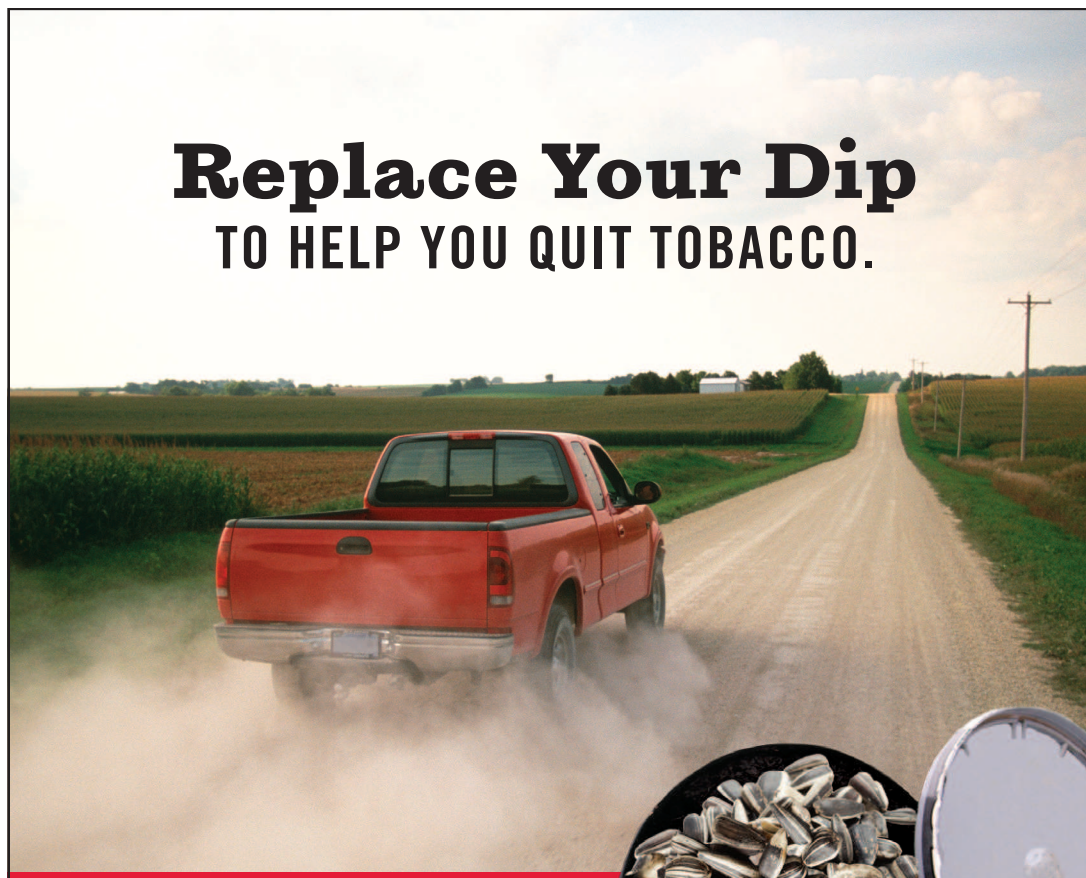
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Meals:

nities, and the topic will be part of Engage OK, the department's summer education conference.

"We have some of the greatest needs, and yet we are seeing participation lag at some of the lowest levels of the country," Hofmeister said. "I'm aware of the problem, and we have spearheaded making certain we work with districts to remove barriers."

There are signs expansion programs are picking up steam. Oklahoma City Public Schools, the state's largest school district, reported more than 50 schools on Community Eligibility Provision in 2015-16. In 28 schools, students either receive breakfast in the classroom or have a grab-and-go breakfast available.

Tulsa Public Schools rolled out free breakfast and lunch for all students at all elementary schools this school year, expanding Oklahoma's participation by 24,000 students.

But there are 515 school districts in the state, and the remoteness of some rural districts makes expanding some programs difficult, particularly in the summer.

A Parent's Perspective

For parents like Virginia Dockter-Rollins, the meals school provides her two daughters, Tammera and Alison, are vital. Her daughters are in kindergarten and first grade at Remington Elementary in Tulsa, and they eat breakfast and lunch at school every day.

"I'm making \$11 an hour and I can barely keep a roof over our heads, food on the table, the bills paid," said Docter-Rollins. Her husband is disabled, and she works as a security guard.

Advocates working to address hunger in Oklahoma are especially alarmed by the trend of schools implementing four-day weeks. The extra-long weekend for many kids means waiting another day between nutritious meals.

"We are tasked with meeting kids where they are ... Their needs are not just textbooks and teachers," Hofmeister said.

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Injury collision

Purcell Police investigated an injury accident at the intersection of Second and Adams last Wednesday just before noon. Officer Blake Steely said a white 2000 Ford Expedition, driven by Tracy Anne Hopkins, and a 2009 Red Toyota, driven by Holly Anne Spoolman collided at the intersection sending Spoolman to Purcell Municipal Hospital. Also responding to the scene were Purcell Fire and Wadley's EMS.

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Bills:

Justice and Corrections Committee on a vote of 11-0.

Another Downing bill, HB 1395, cleared the Banking, Financial Services and Pensions Committee 9-0.

The bill amends current law on safe deposit boxes, deleting the time limitation for accessing those boxes after the boxholder's death.

The third Downing bill, HB 1574, made it out of the Judiciary - Civil and Environmental Committee on a vote of 7-1.

It amends law on state contracts for legal representation by attorneys in private practice.

Downing filed seven bills before the session started.

Scott's SB 230 made it out of the Common General Government Committee on a vote of 8-0.

The bill seeks to create a new law designating every Decem-

ber 9 as Oklahoma Women in Aviation and Aerospace Day in the state.

His SB 547 had a harder passage through the Appropriations Committee.

That vote was 27 to 17. Under the bill, fees would be assessed and paid to the state on money wired out of the country from Oklahoma.

Scott authored 10 bills this session.

Rep. Bobby Cleveland authored HB 1105 which amends existing law to allow schools, colleges and individuals authorized to dissect cadavers to retain some tissue from those bodies. The tissue would then be donated to a person or entity to be used in training dogs to search for human remains.

It was passed by the Public Health Committee 6-0.

Cleveland authored eight bills this session.

Sen. John Sparks found unanimous committee approval for three of the 32 bills he authored this session.

SB 435 amends current law and would require agencies receiving state appropriations to submit and update annually an 8-year plan of action. The implementation would begin July 1, 2018.

It cleared the Appropriations Committee 39-0.

In SB 495, Sparks seeks to amend requirements for fire insurance in areas which are part of a rural fire protection district or are served by a rural fire department.

It passed the Retirement and Insurance Committee on an 8-0 vote.

Sparks' SB 661 seeks to raise the damages limit for small claims from \$7,500 to \$10,000. The Judiciary Committee passed it 10-0.

ICE raid

Agents arrest 8

Officers with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement administratively arrested eight men from Mexico in Purcell on Monday.

The men range in age between 21 and 47 years old, according to an ICE spokesman.

Most had criminal convictions, including drunken driving, hit and run, public drunk, driving without a license or with a revoked license and illegal entry into the United States.

Three had previously been deported.

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Burn ban:

created conditions very conducive to wildfires," the governor said. "A burn ban is now necessary to reduce the risk of preventable wildfires and to protect lives and property."

Recommendation for the ban came from the Oklahoma Forestry Services, based upon an analysis of fire activity, wildland fuel conditions and the predicted continued drought. OFS is a division of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Fuel and Forestry.

"Oklahoma Forestry Services' wildland fire crews and fire departments across the state have experienced extreme wildfire behavior in recent days, resulting in fires that are both difficult to contain and pose an increased risk to firefighters on the ground," said George Geissler, Oklahoma state forester.

Outdoor campfires and bonfires are prohibited. Grills using LPG, natural gas or charcoal are permitted provided they are on a non-flammable surface and five feet from vegetation.

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School:

high school diploma.

According to Debbie Feroli, Webster came into the program in the fall lacking a few credits. "Life sometimes happens," she told Webster. "The important part is not when you finish. You've done amazing. You will never regret this."

Members also approved an audit contract with Sanders, Bledsoe & Hewett for the district's 2016-17 audit.

Superintendent Jason Midkiff congratulated elementary school principal Tammy Dillard for graduating from the Lead to Succeed program.

Dillard told the board the program was "the best professional development I've had in my career."

Midkiff also noted that the new legislative session brings "great optimism and speculation."

"With so many new legislators and new leadership, I'm hoping to see a renewed spirit to help students and teachers," he said.

The superintendent noted that since 2009, Purcell Public Schools has seen a loss of \$225.60 per WADM.

"That is \$55,230 that Purcell Schools would have every year to operate on for salaries and expenditures," he said. "That's 10 teachers, every student having a technological device or more class offerings for students."

For the second time in as many years, the district will experience a second semester revenue failure.

"The worst possible thing for school budgets," he said. "Money for the year has already been encumbered. We will continue to tighten our belts, but this trend needs to get reversed."

"We are doing a disservice to our students."

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Crash:

released from PMH.

The chase started about 2:30 in Wayne when police say Ronald Thrash, 54 of Wayne, stole a wrecker truck.

Initially, McClain County Sheriff's Deputy Christopher Grace gave chase but when the vehicle entered Purcell City Limits, police became involved.

"Officer Westbrook just happened to be on the south end of town and pulled his unit off to the side of what once was a Y," Stephens said.

"He parked there with our other units heading down Green Avenue," Stephens continued. "When he saw our units, he cut off across the field and struck Lt. Westbrook's vehicle pretty hard, eye witnesses said."

That pushed Westbrook's unit off into the field while the pursuit headed north on Green Avenue.

Police units eventually caught up with and stopped the stolen vehicle on Main Street on the curb of the First Baptist Church.

Thrash was booked into the McClain County Jail for larceny of an automobile, DUI, felony eluding, assault and battery on a police officer and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

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Richards:

donations of blankets and hats for the smallest patients. And stuffed animals and books for those cancer kids and other hospitalized children.

Maci, 11, will go to the hospital at the end of this month to give what she noticed lacking during those visits last summer.

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Going up strong

Amanda Graddy muscled up a shot in the paint while Purcell's Masheli Lewis plays defense. Graddy had two points in the 59-32 Purcell win.

Graddy's 22 leads to victory for Lex

Boys deck Wayne 46-43

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Led by freshman Amanda Graddy's 22 points, Lexington's Lady Bulldogs pinned a 58-40 loss on Wynnewood last week.

Senior Rachel Beason was also in double figures cutting the strings for 10.

The Lady Bulldogs jumped

all over the Lady Savages stretching an eight point first period lead to a 36-22 bulge heading into the halftime chat.

Lexington closed out the victory never losing a quarter. "I thought we competed hard in that game," head coach

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Lady Bulldogs victorious

50-44 win over Lady 'Dawgs

Emily Montgomery
 The Purcell Register

Last Tuesday night Lexington traveled to Wayne for Senior Night. The host Lady Bulldogs came away with a 50-44 win.

From the start of the game, both teams were even, each scoring 11 points in the first stanza.

Lexington went on a tear through the second and third quarters, holding a nine point lead.

But, the Wayne Lady Bulldogs scorched the nets for 22 fourth quarter points to notch the four-point win over the visiting Bulldogs.

Senior Peyton Spencer led the team with 15 points. Joining her in double figures were Paige Hunt with 11 and Gracie Dill with 10.

In the battle of the Bulldogs, Wayne came up short in the three point, 46-43 loss to Lexington.

Quarter by quarter, scoring was back and forth, but Wayne wasn't able to pull out the win.

According to head coach Josh Trent, low shooting percentage and lack of rebounds were the contributing factors in the Bulldogs' loss.

Rodney Gray and Braden Smith led the team in scoring with 12 and 11 respectively.

Wayne was scheduled to

2/7
Lexington 44
Wayne 50

Lexington	11	10	16	7—44
Wayne	11	7	10	22—50

Player	Points
Peyton Spencer	15
Paige Hunt	11
Gracie Dill	10
Jaidah Wilson	6
Kaylan Doshier	5
Raegan Dill	3

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Wayne 43
Lexington 46

Wayne	8	11	10	14—43
Lexington	12	5	16	13—46

Player	Points
Rodney Gray	12
Braden Smith	11
Trey Alderman	9
Brock Walck	4
Jackson Embry	3
Matthew Garza	2
Justin Montanez	2

travel to Rush Springs Tuesday for their final regular season game.

District play starts Friday at Konawa. The Lady Bulldogs face off with Wewoka at 6:30, followed by the boys, playing Konawa, at 8 p.m.

Purcell hosting Districts

Jones Longhorns due here Friday night

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Purcell will host a 3A District Tournament Friday when the Jones Longhorns come to town.

The girls game will tip off at 6:30 p.m. with the boys to follow.

The winners of the games advance to the winner's bracket of the Regional Tournament next weekend while the losers fall into the loser's bracket of the Regional, which will also be hosted by the Dragons.

Senior Riley Hamilton continued his torrid scoring torching Blanchard for 28 first half points and backing that up with a 20 point effort against Kingfisher. Both efforts were game high point totals.

Hamilton was a three point machine against the Lions throwing darts at the basket. He found the bottom of the bucket six times for treys including five in the second quarter alone helping Purcell to a comfy 57-40 margin.

The Dragons blasted the highly ranked Lions 85-48 but faltered down

the stretch against the Yellowjackets and came up short, 56-49.

Purcell led by a point at the close of the first period and trailed 25-26 at half-time. The Dragons even pulled out to a slight lead in the second half before a turnover and some timely shooting by Kingfisher caused them to drop their first outing in the last five games.

Austin Nation cut the nylons for 19 points against Blanchard while Brady Barrett added 16.

"The Blanchard game was probably our most complete game of the year both offensively and defensively," head coach Bret Petty said.

"Blanchard was a pretty highly ranked team in 4A. We played as well defensively in that game as in any game this year, which led to offense. Plus, we shot better than in any game, also."

Joining Hamilton in double digits against Kingfish-

2/13
Lexington 32
Purcell 62

Lexington	11	4	8	9—32
Purcell	23	15	14	10—62

Player	Points
Riley Hamilton	15
Austin Nation	13
Jack Scrutchins	11
Brady Barrett	9
Jackson Milner	6
Jaron Avery	3
Jake Berrey	2
Adam Wells	2
Jarrett Sweeney	1

2/13
Lexington 32
Purcell 59

Lexington	6	11	3	12—32
Purcell	15	5	17	22—59

Player	Points
Jaden Webb	27
Haylee Swayze	18
Alicia Baker	4
Masheli Lewis	4
Addie Burton	3
Cady Wollenberg	3

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Post Move

Jackson Milner works in the lane against Lexington's Kenneth Sullivan Monday night during Purcell's 62-32 win. Milner scored six points and Sullivan had four.

Hottel wins indoor vault

Brock Hottel and Hanna Brown both won their respective divisions in the 12th Annual Track and Field Games at Enid last Saturday.

Hottel won the 3A boys division of the pole vault with a 16' effort while Brown won the 3A girls division with a vault of 10'6".

Purcell's Slayde Little was second in the boys vault with a vault of 15'.

Warriors' rally not enough

Drop Matchplay game to Blanchard

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Despite scoring 26 points in the fourth quarter of their Matchplay game against Blanchard, TJ Scholz's team was unable to overcome an early deficit and fell 62-57.

Washington was down by 18 points with four minutes to play.

"In the fourth quarter guys just started playing hard," Scholz said.

The Warriors cut it to five points and had the ball in the waning minutes of the game.

They missed a three pointer and a baby hook shot in the paint to get it any closer.

The story of the season is not being able to hit open shots.

— **TJ Scholz**, head coach

Blanchard hit free throws after getting the ball back to ice the game.

Washington got back in the game after they went to a 1-2-1-1 diamond press in the fourth quarter. Blanchard had trouble with it and was outscored by 11 points in the fourth quarter.

"Our press started getting to them," Scholz said.

During the run Conner Kirtley, Chaz Orr and Gabe Williams all hit three pointers.

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Lex:

David Sikes said. "We created our own energy and that's something we have to do no matter who we play."

The Lady Bulldogs lost games last week to Wayne, 50-44 and Lindsay, 60-39. They closed out regular season play Monday night on the road at Purcell, a 59-32 setback.

"We played hard for three quarters against Wayne and credit them, they just out-played us and wanted it more in the second half," Sikes said.

Graddy again led the offense canning 17 points while Beason finished with 10.

It was senior Jacie Jones turn to lead the scoring in the Lindsay contest when she poured in 19.

Freshman Lauren Beason topped the scoring against the Dragons with a 10 point outing.

Coach Matt Lohn's Bulldogs

pocketed a victory over Wayne, 46-43 with junior Hunter Findley leading the scoring with 16 points.

Kenneth Sullivan and Oscar Resendiz both scored eight for the Bulldogs.

Senior Caden Jones was the top Bulldog against the Dragons Monday night with nine points.

Lohn said he was pleased with how his team competed last week.

"Lindsay is a tough team and I felt like we took the fight to them right away.

"They simply are just too big and athletic but I felt like we bounced back at Wayne," Lohn said.

Wayne clung to a tenuous one point lead at halftime.

"We had some foul trouble that hindered us but it was our next man up attitude that we

have had all year that came in handy," the coach said.

In the third period Lexington out-dued the Wayne Bulldogs 16-10.

"It was a tremendous quarter for us," he said.

Illness and Wynnewood size hurt the Bulldogs in that contest, Lohn said.

"We're still missing starter Toby Prevost," Lohn said. "We have to keep the train on the tracks through next Friday. It's a challenge this time of year," he concluded.

Lexington will host the District Tournament Friday night when Valliant's Bulldogs come to town.

The winners will advance to the Regional Tournament winner's bracket.

The girls will tip off at 6:30 p.m. followed by the boys game.

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Lexington 44 Wayne 50

Lexington	11	10	16	7-44
Wayne	11	7	10	22-50

Player	Points
Amanda Graddy	17
Rachel Beason	10
Morgan Hamm	6
Tiffani Hinkle	6
Jacie Jones	4
Lauren Beason	1

2/7

Lexington 46 Wayne 43

Lexington	12	5	16	13-46
Wayne	8	11	10	14-43

Player	Points
Hunter Findley	16
Kenneth Sullivan	8
Caden Jones	8
Oscar Resendiz	7
Seth Comer	3
Andre Ibarra	2
Blane Olson	2

2/6

Lexington 39 Lindsay 60

Lexington	11	13	3	12-39
Lindsay	20	16	11	13-60

Player	Points
Jacie Jones	19
Amanda Graddy	8
Bri Webster	4
Rachel Beason	3
Lauren Beason	3
Morgan Hamm	2

2/6

Lexington 29 Lindsay 56

Lexington	5	9	6	9-29
Lindsay	5	17	17	17-56

Player	Points
Oscar Resendiz	15
Kenneth Sullivan	7
Hunter Findley	7

2/11

Lexington 58 Wynnewood 40

Lexington	17	19	10	12-58
Wynnewood	9	13	7	12-40

Player	Points
Amanda Graddy	22
Rachel Beason	10
Morgan Hamm	7
Tiffani Hinkle	6
Jacie Jones	6
Lauren Beason	4
Bri Webster	4

2/11

Lexington 45 Wynnewood 48

Lexington	12	6	9	18-45
Wynnewood	10	2	16	18-48

Player	Points
Oscar Resendiz	12
Josiah Dawley	10
Hunter Findley	6
Caden Jones	6
Kenneth Sullivan	5
Mason Hamm	3
Seth Comer	3

2/13

Lexington 32 Purcell 59

Lexington	6	11	3	12-32
Purcell	15	5	17	22-59

Player	Points
Lauren Beason	10
Jacie Jones	9
Morgan Hamm	5
Ciara Winterton	2
Rachel Beason	2
Bri Webster	2
Amanda Graddy	2

2/13

Lexington 32 Purcell 62

Lexington	11	4	8	9-32
Purcell	23	15	14	10-62

Player	Points
Caden Jones	9
Hunter Findley	7
Mason Hamm	6
Oscar Resendiz	6
Kenneth Sullivan	4



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Up strong

Jaden Webb eyes an easy layup Monday night while Amanda Graddy defends. The Dragons defeated Lexington 59-32. Webb had a game-high 27.

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Dragons:

er was Brady Barrett with 16. The Yellowjackets are ranked No. 3 in 4A and were very deep, Petty said.

"We felt like we were well prepared going into it and had a good game plan," Petty said. "We executed defensively pretty well. They have a point guard that is the best player we've seen all year. We held him to 10 points and for the most part neutralized him.

"But with their team depth they had four or five other kids that stepped up and made some plays.

"They did a little better job knocking down shots down the stretch and we turned it over a time or two in critical situations.

"We played with the intensity and heart necessary we just didn't execute in a couple of situations," Petty said. "They are a really good defensive team. There's a reason they are 20-1. They are pretty good. Playing two highly ranked teams in Blanchard and Kingfisher late in the season will help us in the playoffs.

"It was good for us," Petty concluded.

Despite being double and triple teamed in losses to both Blanchard and Kingfisher, junior Haylee Swayze continued to light up the scoreboard.

Swayze led all scorers in the Blanchard game, a 56-36 Lady Lion victory.

In the 54-35 Kingfisher setback, Swayze cut the strings for 18, again leading all scorers. Senior Jaden Webb knocked down 15 in the Blanchard game but was not played due to injury against the Lady Yellowjackets.

"With the circumstance of not having Jaden out there, a decision we made since we are so close to the playoffs, it was an opportunity for other kids to step up," head coach Heather Graham said.

"Despite getting double and triple teamed Haylee was able to score," the coach continued. "I was proud of Cady Wollenberg being more aggressive.

"She played so much better both offensively and defensively," Graham said. "We had a chance for other girls to step up and take some shots they normally would not have the opportunity to do. As much as losing isn't fun, it was a great learning curve and will be beneficial going into the playoffs."

Graham expects Webb back for the District Tournament and says her team has a good shot at advancing deep into the playoffs.

Lexington

Purcell hiked its record to 16-7 Monday night posting a 62-32 victory over visiting Lexington on Senior Night.

Hamilton, Nation and Jack Scrutchins were all in double figures for the Dragons.

Hamilton led all scorers with 15 points.

Nation pumped in a baker's dozen while Scrutchins finished with 11.

Purcell jumped on the Bulldogs with a 23-11 first quarter, stretching the lead to 38-15 at intermission.

"The kids came out and played a pretty complete game for the last game of the year," Petty said.

We executed pretty well throughout the game. Our defense stepped up and played pretty well.

"I'm pleased we got production from a number of areas both inside and outside.

"Overall, it was a pretty successful Senior Night."

Petty said the team is looking forward to the challenge of the playoffs starting with a very athletic Jones Longhorn squad. "They have some good athletes that have good size," Petty said.

Coach Graham's Dragons popped the Lady Bulldogs, 59-32.

Webb was red-hot cutting the strings for a career high

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27 points.

Swayze was also in double figures with 18 and did yeoman's work on defense.

She limited Lexington's top scorer Amanda Graddy to two points.

Graddy was coming off a 22 point night the previous game against Wynnewood.

"It was a great team win," Graham said. "All my seniors played well.

"Masheli Lewis is in her first year playing and I was very pleased with her effort on defense.

"All the hard work she has put in is paying off. She's played JV this year and trusted the process. She is really going to help come playoff time," Graham said.

Freshman Alicia Baker drew praise from the head coach as did fellow frosh Chelsea Spain. "Alicia is improving every day and Chelsea is playing great defense," Graham said.

Graham said her club is looking forward to the playoffs. "Jones is a very good match-up for us," Graham said.

"They work hard and are very similar to us in that they pressure man-to-man on defense and like to run.

"It's going to be a dog fight," she said. "But we're at home and that helps. I'd forgotten how it feels to play at home since we'd played the last four games on the road.

"It's sure nice to play at home in front of our home crowd," she said.

Her squad is 10-11 heading into the Jones contest Friday night.



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Full-court press

Lauren Beason takes on Purcell's Masheli Lewis Monday night. Purcell defeated the Bulldogs 59-32. Beason had 10 points and Lewis scored four.

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Friday 6:30 PM at Lexington

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FRIDAY 6:30 PM at Konawa



WASHINGTON vs OKC Douglass
Saturday 6:30 PM at Douglass

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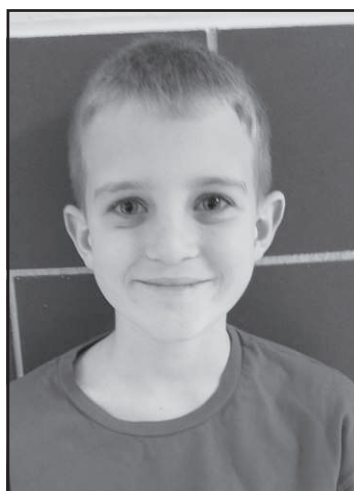
If you have any community news, let us know. We would be happy to report your events and news items.

News articles need to be delivered to the school by 9:30 a.m. each Monday.

Call Heather Spray at Wayne Middle School at



Zoe Overley



Tanner Turner

449-3305.

Mrs. Keeler's Fourth Grade Student of the Week

Mrs. Keeler's Fourth Grade Student of the Week is Zoe Overley. Zoe's favorite color is hot pink, school subject is math, and food is pizza.

In Zoe's free time she enjoys playing softball and playing with her sister. When Zoe grows up she wants to be a doctor.

Congratulations Zoe Over-

ley!

Mrs. Boles Fourth Grade Student of the Week

Mrs. Boles Fourth Grade Student of the Week is Tanner Turner. Tanner's favorite color is green, school subject is reading, and foods are cheese and pizza.

In Tanner's free time he enjoys drawing, making comic books, science projects, and building robots. When Tanner grows up he wants to make the world a better place.

Congratulations Tanner Turner!

Math Hall of Fame

Elementary students who learn all of their math facts from addition to division and pass a series of tests to show what they know will become a member of the Math Hall of Fame.

Members of the Math Hall of Fame will receive recognition in morning announcements, a medal, newspaper recognition, and at the end of the school year a pizza party with Principal Donna Souttee.

Our newest members in the Math Hall of Fame are, Addie Hamit, Lily Whitaker, Cylie Jones and Ryanne Dial.

Band Spaghetti Dinner

The Wayne Bands will host their annual Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, February 17, from 5-7 p.m. in the Wayne cafeteria.

The menu includes spaghetti, bread, salad and dessert, along with coffee or tea. Price per adult is \$6 and children ages two through 10 will be \$3. We look forward to seeing you there!

Jazz and Chocolate

The Wayne Jazz Band will perform at the Wayne Methodist Church, Sunday, February 19, at 6 p.m. They will perform a short concert and all in attendance will be served "chocolate" in a variety of special desserts.

We look forward to seeing you there for great music and chocolate!

Upcoming Events:

February 17—Band Spaghetti Dinner, 5-7 p.m.
February 20—No School—Professional Day.

March 7—4th Grade NAEP

Testing
March 13-17—No School, Spring Break.



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Math Hall of Fame

The newest Math Hall of Fame recipients are (from left) Addie Hamit, Lily Whitaker, Cylie Jones and Ryanne Dial.

Newsmakers

OBU names honor students

Oklahoma Baptist University's has announced its academic honor rolls for the fall 2016 semester.

The President's Honor Roll recognizes students who achieved a semester grade point average of 3.7 or higher on a 4.0 scale. The Dean's Honor Roll acknowledges those who achieved a grade point average from 3.4 to 3.69.

President's Honor Roll students include **Cheyenne Autumn Wiley** of Lexington; **Emma Suzanne Berry** of Purcell and **Malia Faith Wilfong** of Washington.

Dean's Honor Roll students include **Jessica Renee Wright** of Lexington and **Sally N. Berry** of Purcell.

Mead donates dental care

The Oklahoma Mission of Mercy announced the results from last week's eighth annual event in Woodward, where Oklahoma Dental Association member **Dr. Glenn Mead** of Purcell was among the dental professionals who donated services.

The two-day free dental clinic for people of all ages, the Oklahoma Mission of Mercy (OkMOM) provided \$1,306,907 in donated dental care.

The event offered cleanings, fillings, extractions and anterior root canals at no cost to patients. Volunteers performed 10,165 dental procedures for 1,322 patients, averaging \$980 of dental care per patient.

David inducted into Phi Theta Kappa

Madison David was inducted into the Mu Chi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Connors State College February 12.

Ms. David of Goldsby, who is majoring in Agricultural Business, is the daughter of Darrell and Amy David of Goldsby.

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, headquartered in Jackson, Mississippi, is the largest honor society in higher education with 1,285 chapters on college campuses in all 50 of the United States, Canada, Germany, the Republic of Palau, Peru, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the British Virgin Islands, the United Arab Emirates, and U.S. territorial possessions. More than 3 million students have been inducted since its founding in 1918, with approximately 134,000 students inducted annually.

OU honor students announced

Students from the Heart of Oklahoma are listed on the University of Oklahoma Norman campus honor roll for the fall 2016 semester.

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

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

Honor students include **Matthew Allen Cole**, **Megan R. Hemmerling**, **Shelley Medrano***, **Stacia Sorrels*** and **Dylan L. Starchman***, all of Lexington and **John Trevor Clink** and **Ashley D. Hosek**, both of Wayne.

Purcell honor students include **Brennan T. Barger***, **Wilson G. Barger***, **Anthony Dakota Burch**, **James Elijah Cox**, **John I. Dumas**, **Sydney Rachel Dye**, **Guillermo Esparza Flores**, **Abbigail N. Huddleston***, **Makayla A. Mainord**, **Maggie E. Martin**, **Ashley Christine McCarrell**, **Josue Alberto Olguin**, **Payte Lynn Owen***, **Kyle A. Powers**, **Marcos Saldana Rojo**, **Alexandra J. Sharfman**, **Jake P. Sheehy**, **Kaitlyn L. Sheehy***, **Jamison R. Short**, **Cole Jeremiah Swayze**, **Kyle L. Wilkes**, **Harrison G. Williams**, **Jennifer C. Williams*** and **Riley P. Wren***.

Washington honor students include **Colby D. Farrell***, **William Claude Habekott**, **Darrell K. Hamilton**, **Matthew M. Herndon**, **Spencer Mackenzie Hester***, **Robyn Kanae Krichena***, **Amber N. Madden**, **Jessica F. McClung**, **Jacob S. Roswurm***, **Stephen J. Roswurm*** and **Jessi L. Stringer***.

Follow through

Conner Kirtley watches his shot Saturday against Blanchard. The Warriors fell 62-57 in the Matchplay game.

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Warriors:

Williams led the team in scoring with 15 points, followed by Manny Trejo who had 12.

Washington got into their hole in the second and third quarters.

"We got beat up rebounding in the middle two quarters," Scholz said.

Washington also struggled shooting the ball, including from the free throw line, which has been a strong suit all season.

"The story of the season is not being able to hit open shots," Scholz said.

Washington played Latta Tuesday night.

Latta is ranked No. 6 in Class 2A.

Washington travels to Douglas Saturday for the District tournament.

"Our schedule challenges us," Scholz said.

The girls tip off at 6:30 p.m. and the boys follow.

2/7 Boys

Bridge Creek 65
Washington 53

Washington 13 9 15 15—53
Bridge Creek . 11 17 17 20—65

Player	Points
Gabe Williams	21
Conner Kirtley	11
Chaz Orr	10
Manny Trejo	4
Preston Milligan	3
Garrett Wilson	2
Harrison Keeler	2

2/11 Boys

Blanchard 62
Washington 57

Washington 13 7 11 26—57
Blanchard 12 16 19 15—62

Player	Points
Gabe Williams	15
Manny Trejo	12
Garrett Wilson	8
Chaz Orr	7
Preston Milligan	6
Conner Kirtley	5
Harrison Keeler	4

2/7 Girls

Washington 69
Bridge Creek 37

Washington . 14 14 19 19—69
Bridge Creek.....8 11 5 13—37

Player	Points
Jamie Clarke	16
Katelyn Crosthwait	15
Beller	9
Raegan Roten	8
Posey	7
Taylor Lile	5
Hanna Brown	3
Hyde	3
Gracie Wells	3

2/11 Girls

Blanchard 36
Washington 31

Chickasaw Nation launches search for dance studio instructors

The Chickasaw Nation is accepting applications for instructors for the Chickasaw Nation Dance Studio.

The Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities Division will offer a variety of dance classes in various styles and skill levels. Instructors are needed in areas of tap and ballroom dance.

Instructors representing Chickasaw and Southeastern tribes, other Native American

tribes and non-Natives are encouraged to apply.

Applicants must submit a brief description of training and experience, a paragraph describing teaching philosophy and resume. Providing examples of work is highly recommended.

For more information, or to apply contact Pershica at David.Pershica@Chickasaw.net or (580)235-0512.

Purcell Box Scores

2/11
Purcell 49
Kingfisher 56

Purcell 14 10 11 14—49
Kingfisher 13 13 13 17—56

Player	Points
Riley Hamilton	20
Brady Barrett	16
Austin Nation	7
Adam Wells	3
Jack Scrutchins	3

2/7
Purcell 85
Blanchard 48

Purcell 26 31 19 9—85
Blanchard 12 12 16 8—48

Player	Points
Riley Hamilton	28
Austin Nation	19
Brady Barrett	16
Jack Scrutchins	9
Adam Wells	6
Garrett Galyean	5
Kieran Embree	2

2/11
Purcell 35
Kingfisher 54

Purcell 15 8 5 7—35
Kingfisher 12 15 12 15—54

Player	Points
Haylee Swayze	18
Cady Wollenberg	7
Addie Burton	4
Camryn Dickerson	4
Alicia Baker	2

2/7
Purcell 36
Blanchard 56

Purcell 6 8 14 8—36
Blanchard 12 15 18 11—56

Player	Points
Haylee Swayze	19
Jaden Webb	15
Addie Burton	2

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Washington Elementary Students of the Week

AngieSteele

Washington Correspondent

Congratulations to second graders Oxiel Reyes, Adam Sharp and Brody Nash for being selected as students of the week for February 13-17.

Adam Sharp is in Mrs. Giltner's class. He enjoys reading "Pete the Cat Plays Ball" and his favorite subject in school is math. He enjoys playing basketball and soccer. Adam is good at building things and plans to be a firefighter and a chef when he grows up.

Oxiel Reyes is in Mrs. Siebert's class. He likes to eat pancakes and his favorite color is blue. He enjoys playing baseball and he is good at hunting and fishing. When Oxiel grows up he plans to be a mechanic and fix cool trucks.

Brody Nash is in Mrs. Talley's class. He likes to play football and he enjoys feeding his dog, cat and chickens. He loves to eat his mom's pancakes and his favorite class in school is P.E. When Brody grows up he plans

super fast flat out and back also over the old bridge. There is only one short hill, near the finish, so save a little something for that. Start Time is 8:30 a.m. The race is USATF sanctioned/certified #OK12108DG.

Sign up at www.warriorway5k.com.

Washington School Events
Friday, February 17—HS Basketball Districts.

Saturday, February 18—HS Basketball Districts.

Thursday, February 23—HS Basketball Regionals.

Friday, February 24—HS Basketball Regionals.

Saturday, February 25—HS Basketball Regionals.

First Baptist Church of Cole

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

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

The church is located in Cole on SH 74 B between Washing-



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Conference champs

Washington's seventh grade girls basketball team was named the South Canadian Valley Conference Champs.



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Ninth grade champs

Washington ninth grade boys basketball team was named the South Canadian Valley Conference Champs.



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Boys named champions

Washington seventh grade boys basketball team was named the South Canadian Valley Conference Champs.



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Students of the Week

Oxiel Reyes, Adam Sharp and Brody Nash were chosen to represent their second grade classes as Students of the Week for February 13-17.

to be a veterinarian.

Baseball and Softball Sign-ups This Sunday

Washington All Sports Association will host Little League Baseball and Softball Sign ups on Sunday, February 26, at 2 p.m. Spring Work Day will be held on Saturday, March 25, for teams, coaches and parents to ready the fields for playing.

Sign up forms were sent home in folders last week. Extras can be picked up in the elementary office.

Mason Breakfast This Saturday

Washington's Masonic Lodge will host its monthly breakfast Saturday, February 18, from 7:30-10:30 a.m.

Come on out let the Masons serve you some yummy food. All you can eat for \$5. Proceeds of the breakfast help keep the lights on to ensure the Masons can continue supporting our community.

Enjoy pancakes, french toast, bacon, sausage, eggs, biscuits and gravy, hashbrowns, milk, juice and coffee.

Washington Spring Livestock Show

Washington's FFA and 4-H Spring Livestock Show will take place Saturday, February 25. The show will start at 4 p.m. in the Clyde Ward Agriplex in Washington.

Students will be exhibiting various types of goats, sheep, swine and cattle. The club's annual bonus auction will be held on Tuesday February 28, with bidding beginning at 7 p.m.

If you would like to support the Washington FFA and 4-H please contact Amy David at (405) 401-0998.

Warrior Way 5K

The fun run (mile) 5k and 10k starts downtown Washington near the Post Office on Main Street and heads north over the Walnut Creek Bridge to the designated turn around. The fun run is a non timed race but will have a race clock start time of 8 a.m.

The 5k and 10k are timed

ton and Blanchard.

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

Washington United Methodist Church

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

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

Union Hill Baptist Church

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

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

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

First Baptist Church Washington

Weekly Worship Service Times:

Sunday—10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Weekly Small Group Opportunities:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Upcoming Events

Baptist General Convention Women's Retreat at Falls Creek—April 21 and 22. Everyone welcome. Please register by March 23. \$75 per adult, \$35 for girls ages 13-18. Please call the church office at 288-6060 for more information or

help registering.

Baptist General Convention—Men's Conference at Falls Creek April 28 and 29. Everyone welcome. Please register by April 14. \$70 per adult, \$35 for youth ages 13-18. Please call the church office at 288-6060 for more information or help registering.

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

Dale K. Graham Norman Veteran's Foundation

Dale K. Graham Veteran's Foundation is not affiliated with any other organization. Our services are only provided at Faith Pointe Baptist Church, 3404 NW 36th, in Norman.

To schedule a visit for Tuesdays, please contact Helen at 405-550-8806 Ext. 102. We are at the church each Thursday morning at 7 a.m. Please arrive by 9 a.m.

It's official! We have changed the name of our organization to Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation. Our new name should help our local veterans and surviving spouses to know that we are a separate entity with no connections to any other veterans organizations. We will continue our mission to improve the lives of all veterans and their families.

Last week we assisted a veteran of WW II apply for VA benefits for the first time. When I asked where he was stationed during the service, he told us he was a bomber crew member flying out of England. As we were talking about his military service, he showed me where he was a POW in a German

prison camp. Needless to say, he is our Veteran of the Week. I'm very proud to have met Theodis Woodson who served under General Patton in France, Normandy and Belgium. We appreciate the sacrifices that were made by him and the millions of other veterans who served in that war.

Our Board of Directors met last Wednesday afternoon to implement some of the changes that will help us improve our services. One of the most important is the addition of several board members who have experience with other non-profit groups. They are bringing with them the knowledge that will help us continue being the "go to" place for assistance with VA claims and questions. With their leadership, we will be able to increase the number of people we help each week while also improving the quality of what we do.

Last week, I had the opportunity to speak to a great group of retired ATT employees about veterans and surviving spouse benefits. We welcome these types of opportunities to let people know about the VA benefits for which they may be eligible. There are hundreds of thousands of veterans and their families in Oklahoma who do not know they could be eligible for benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs. Please send this newsletter to as many people as you can. You can help us make a difference in the lives of veterans.

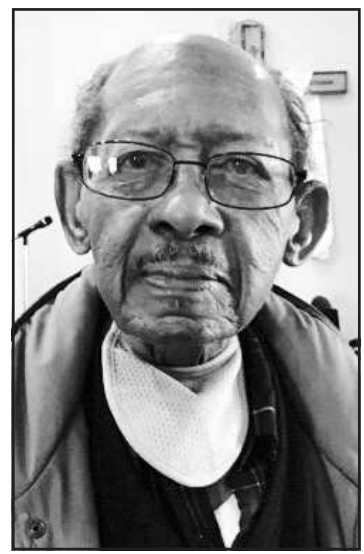
We continue to encourage those of you who would like to be a part of what we do to consider becoming a volunteer with us. When you help that

first veteran receive their VA benefits, you have changed a life. Some of the people we see are living in poverty or just one paycheck away from being homeless, and some are already homeless. For those of you who are interested in becoming a volunteer with us an application along with a background check is required before being approved. Volunteer applications are available on our website or may be picked up each Tuesday and Thursday morning.

There were 237 veterans and surviving spouses who were assisted last Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Most of these men and women were from our local area and a few from surrounding states of Texas, Missouri and Arkansas. When I asked them why they came here the answer is always the same, there was no place like ours in their states. As a VA-accredited Claims Agent, I receive all rating decisions on the men and women we represent at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Last week there were nine veterans who received a 100 percent rating for their service-connected disabilities. These veterans will receive an annual combined amount of \$343,194.84. Forty-two veterans received VA ratings from 10-90 percent and will receive an annual combined amount of \$573,690.84. We had two surviving spouses approved for VA DIC benefits and one veteran approved for pension benefits. They will receive an annual combined income \$35,532.24 each year.

Last week I assisted a veteran who was rated at 100 percent



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Veteran of the Week

Dale K. Graham Veteran's Corner Veteran of the Week is Theodis Woodson. Mr. Woodson, a World War II veteran, served under General Patton in France, Normandy and Belgium.

several years ago, and no one told him about the Champ VA that his wife and dependents were eligible to receive. There are many other services they are eligible for. One of the best benefits for veterans who receive a 100 percent VA rating is access to military commissaries and the use of the RV camping facilities that many military bases have.

The team of ladies we have assisting surviving spouses continues to go above and beyond in their desire to help this group. They study and do research on each case to make sure everything possible is being done to help these spouses receive the VA benefits to which they are entitled. One of the biggest problems surviving spouses face is the fact that the veteran did not apply for the VA benefits before their death. I have met the spouses of many veterans who tell me about the injuries their veteran suffered, but the veteran chose not to file their VA claim. Did you know that if a service connected condition is listed on the veteran's death certificate as a primary or a secondary cause of death that the spouse could probably receive DIC benefits?

We are thankful for our drivers Louie and Clayton who spent 58 hours transporting 12 passengers 857 miles last week. Louie's wife Norma helps out too. This husband and wife duo makes sure we have plenty of food baskets each week.

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

If you need a ride to and from a VA Medical Appointment, please contact Clayton at 405-550-8806 Extension 105 or Louie at 405-642-7100.

Contact Dale with any questions at (405) 550-8806 Extension 101 or dalekgraham-veteranscorner@gmail.com or Shirley Clark-Cowdin for spouse benefits at Extension 104. Visit our website at www.dalekgrahamveteransfoundation.org. Semper Fi!

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

Washington Correspondent Contact Information

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

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

Angie Steele

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405.527.3957 - unionhillpurcell@aol.com

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Age Group Bible Study 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11:00 am
Community Outreach 4:30 pm
Age Group Bible Study 5:30 pm
Evening Worship 6:30 pm

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

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Upward • Senior Activities
Sunday School 9:45
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Rusty Canoy
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800 E. BROADWAY • LEXINGTON

Memorial Assembly of God
7th & Monroe, Purcell
Pastor Duane Elmore

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Services 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Services 7:00 p.m.
We Invite You to Worship With Us.

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LANDMARK CHURCH
Pastor: Justin Blankenship
1106 W. Grant • Purcell • 527-3342

Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship10:45 a.m.
Sunday Night6:00 p.m.
Wednesday7:00 p.m.

CALVARY Holiness Church
Pastor David Bittle

403 N. 4th, Purcell
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:50 a.m. Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. Sunday Night
7:00 p.m. Wednesday Night
Independent Pentecostal
Holiness Church

NEW MISSION Holiness Church
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 7 p.m.
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.

Pastor: Steve Moore
From South Purcell I-35, Exit 1 mile
South on Highway 74 to Highway 180th
St. West on 180th St. 6 miles.

527-7521

GRACE CHAPEL
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118 W. Broadway/Hwy 39 Downtown
Post Office Box 1028
Lexington, OK 73051

Sunday - 10:00am/6:30pm
Wednesday - 7:00pm

Pastor Charles Barton
527-5726

Lighthouse Worship Center

Rev. Jeff Pierce
527.6214
2726 N. 9th, Purcell
Sunday Morning - 10:30 am
Sunday Evening - 6:00 pm
Wednesday Evening - 7:00 pm

www.lighthousechurch.tv

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church
CORNER OF THIRD & JEFFERSON

Saturday - 5 pm (English)
Sunday - 11 am (English)
1 pm (Español)

Parish Office/Oficina: 527-3077
Priest House/Padre Jim: 527-4242

Trinity United Methodist Church

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Dr. James Kim
Pastor
211 N. 2nd, Purcell
527-2256 Office

Purcell's First Baptist
4th & Main 405-527-3327
www.fbcpurcell.org

Come worship with us!
10:15 a.m. & 6 pm Sundays
6 p.m. Wednesdays

Activities for all ages & child care
provided for all services!
James Wilder, Pastor

HIS HEART, HIS PASSION, HIS PURPOSE

Goldsby Baptist Church
153 W. Center Road
Goldsby, OK 73093
288-2514

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Worship - 10:45 a.m.
Evening - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening - 6:30 p.m.

Steve Roach, Pastor

SUNRAY BAPTIST CHURCH
2223 N. 9th, Purcell, OK 73080
Pastor Dennis Clark
527-6808

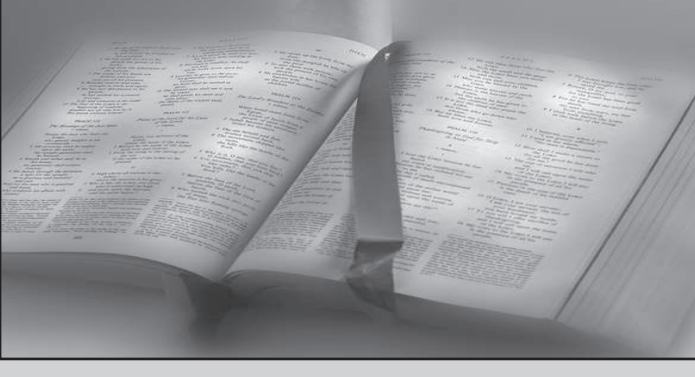
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship: 10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship: 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.

You Are Always Welcome At
7th & Monroe St.
Church of Christ
Purcell, OK

Sunday 10:30 & 1:30
Wednesday Evening 6:30

Fountains of Faith
Affiliated with Independent Assemblies
Pastors Neal & Sandra Hector
122 S. 6th Street • Purcell, OK 73080
405-740-5163 • 405-740-1978

Sunday Worship 10:30 am
Sunday Evening 6:00 pm
Wednesday 7:00 pm



Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

By Fr. Jim Chamberlain

While I (Fr. Jim) was teaching at a Jesuit college in Mobile, Ala., I led the students on an outdoor retreat in the woods. We were backpacking. We carried all of our food, clothes and tents on our backs as we hiked through the woods. The hike was hard and tiring. And on the second day, we somehow got off the trail.

It was late fall, and the leaves of the trees made a colorful blanket all around our feet. So we lost the trail. For about an hour, we stumbled around, looking for the path. Some of the students got very discouraged. They were tired and sore, and the walking was much harder over rocks and tree roots when we were not on the trail. We finally found again the path.

This hike is a good metaphor for life. Life is hard enough when we are doing the right thing. Life is hard enough when we are trying to stay on the right path, the path of goodness and truth. Why do we make it even harder on ourselves? Why do we let ourselves be drawn away - into temptation, into things that distract us?

If your sin is over-eating, you should do things to keep you away from the temptations of food. If your sin is gossip, then you should avoid sitting with those who talk about other people. If your sin is alcohol,

then take away all the alcohol from your house, and get new friends. If your sin is pornography, do your work and then turn off the computer. If you are married and attracted to another person, change your routine so that you are not around that person. Don't play games with other people. You are sinning against the eighth commandment - "Thou shalt not lie."

What is at stake? Your very life is at stake. You and I will have no second chance. This is your one chance to get it right. "Before man are life and death, good and evil. Whichever he chooses shall be given to him." (Sirach 15:15-20) It is your choice. If you choose life and goodness, it will be given to you. If you choose death and sin, it will be given to you. Your moral struggle is unique to you. Your choices will either help you in your vocation, or hurt you in following your vocation.

A wise old priest once said: "I realized that I had to give up smoking. Smoking was, for me, a serious sin. Why? Because it prevented me from being a minister to people. It kept people away from me. It was harder for me to love them, and I want to love them as a priest." Your moral struggle is important to your vocation as father, as mother, as child or student, as husband, as wife.

Sunray Baptist Church

We honored our children and families with a special service this past Sunday. The Sunray kids did the special with songs and recitation of bible verses. Each child was given a bible. Our families gathered at the altar for a time of prayer. Brother Dennis spoke from Psalm 127 and stressed the importance of our children and how we should raise them in a Godly way.

One of the most important things we can do is raise our children with God's blueprint. Our labor, watching, and best efforts are in vain if God is

left out. Our children are a heritage, reward, and blessing from God. We must realize our own standing with God, preparing ourselves and our children to resist Satan.

Following worship, we had a soup and salad lunch. Several stayed to enjoy good food and fellowship.

Our senior adults will travel to Pauls Valley next Tuesday, February 21, at 4:15 p.m. for supper at Green Tea Chinese Buffet. We will take a special offering for BMA missions on February 26. Our children are collecting coins to benefit the

Don't let sin prevent you from your vocation.

Jesus is calling us to a higher standard. He says to us "I want you not only to avoid sin. I want you to avoid the temptation of sin." (Matthew 5:17-37) By doing this, we become people of good habits, people of virtue. We become people of good moral character. What is at stake? Our very happiness is at stake. Jesus said "My yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Mt. 11:30)

When we walk in the right path, when we avoid temptations that we know are real, then life will still be difficult. But it won't be as difficult as getting off the path. It won't be as difficult as letting go of the path of our vocation. "If you keep the commandments, then the commandments will save you. If you trust in God, then you too shall live." (Sirach 15:15).

Make your plans for Mardi Gras, Saturday, February 25, from 6-10 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Money raised will be to support the good work of the Altar Society.

Our weekly Mass schedule is Saturday at 5 p.m. (English), Sunday at 11 a.m. (English) and 1 p.m. (Spanish). For more information, call our church office at 527-3077. Please visit our parish, and like us on Facebook.

riverboat ministry of David and Jennie Flores in Bolivia. We are starting bible study over the Book of Ezekiel at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Please join us for Sunday school, worship, bible study, and all activities at Sunray Baptist Church. We are a small, traditional church with a lot of friendly people. Our goal is to worship God and to allow His love to be revealed through us in our services to others. We are located at 2223 North 9th Street in Purcell. For additional information call 527-6808.

Lexington Westside Church of Christ

Very good week to all! Welcome to the "front porch." This week: "The Master Teacher!" (Part 1)

Should a man desire to be a teacher, the greatest example he can study is that of our Lord. Jesus, truly, is our "master teacher."

As we come to the study of Nicodemus in John 3:1-13, even this great Pharisee recognizes Jesus' beautiful style of teaching: "Rabbi," he says, as he walks up to the Master, "we know that thou art a teacher come from God ..." (v. 2). He sees our Lord not only as a great man and miracle-worker but

also as a simple, yet powerful, teacher of the gospel.

Notice, first, that Nicodemus identifies Jesus as a teacher, for the Lord does just that: he teaches. He does not come to "brow-beat." (Listen now, preachers!) He comes to teach. The Lord, according to Matthew's account, bursts onto the scene with some of the best teaching the world had ever heard.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:3).

Matthew gives three full "red letter" chapters as our Lord teaches every important principle and concept we need to know. That purpose of teaching drives the Lord for these three years. Every step of the way, practically all day long, for three years, Jesus teaches - both by word and action - so that "if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written"! (John 21:25).

Notice, too, that the Lord, as a teacher, "becomes all things to all men." He does not turn away this Pharisee because the multitude of Pharisees who precedes Nicodemus prove to be extraordinarily judgmental

and arrogant. No, the Lord stops - wherever He is - He stops and gives this Jewish ruler an audience.

It is remarkable how the "sizes up" Nicodemus the moment he walks up with his abrupt introduction. He knows precisely what this man needs, even before he opens his mouth and speaks. Of course, the Lord has spiritual abilities we do not have; but it is important for every teacher to "size up" his audience. Learn those to whom you're speaking. Identify those who "hunger and thirst for righteousness" (Matthew 5:6), but don't discount some hidden thirst beneath the surface within the bosom of others. Remember Jesus' gift of hope in John 4 to a woman who thinks she is years removed from any kind of hope.

Teachers - our Lord would say to all who dare stand in front of a group or individual - know your audience. Study your listeners, and honor them for lending you an hour to hear your message.

Blessings to all this week in your work and studies. We look forward to visiting next week and sharing Part 2 of "The Master Teacher," here on the "front porch."

EASTSIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST
"PREACHING FIRST CENTURY CHRISTIANITY IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY"

N.E. 4th and Ash
Lexington, OK
527-3131

Sunday Services
Bible Study- 9:30 am
Morning Worship- 10:30 am
Evening Worship- 6:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Study- 7:00 pm

Courthouse News

The following persons have been charged by the State of Oklahoma with traffic or other violations or have filed other court actions in McClain County District Court between February 2-8, 2017.

Traffic

Andrew D. Lake, failure to obey traffic device.
 Ashley N. McClain, failure to devote full attention.
 Bryn A. Murray, speeding, 45/35.
 Tyler B. Lambert, speeding, 80/70.
 Martin Lozoya Guadalupe, speeding, 80/70.
 Jackie J. Rollins, DUS.
 Jackie J. Rollins, no insurance.
 Jose D. Rodriguez, failure to stay in lane.
 Jose D. Rodriguez, no valid driver's license.
 Ronald A. Hopper, taxes due state.
 Edgar Morlaes, no valid driver's license.
 Keaton S. Oltermann, no seatbelt.
 Raechel C. Rohweder, taxes due state.
 Raechel C. Rohweder, DUS (2nd offense).
 Abigail A. Sullivan, speeding, 91/75.
 Riley N. Whitley, speeding, 96/75.
 Debra A. Martin, no seatbelt.
 Norman W. Cruson, speeding, 80/70.
 Won S. Cha, speeding, 94/70.
 Randy A. Searcy Jr., speeding, 65/55.
 Winston K. Walls, speeding, 70/60.
 Byron W. Holiday, no seatbelt.
 Audy D. Merriman, failure to devote full attention.
 Tanya A. Holiday, no seatbelt.
 Jeffrey L. Stewart, speeding, 80/70.
 Michelle R. Roe, speeding, 85/75.
 Keathan A. Cox, taxes due state.
 Zachary D. Redburn, speeding, 85/75.
 Ryan M. Oberst, speeding, 85/75.
 Roger D. Stone, improper passing.
 Kenneth R. Romash, speeding, 97/65.
 Aaron M. Yeahpau, speeding, 85/75.
 Socrates T. Louis, speeding, 103/75.
 Alfred L. Jacobs, violation of special permit.
 Myles G. Swaner, no seatbelt.
 Dorsey L. Jennings, DUS (3rd offense).
 Joseph W. Buxton, operate without current license decal.
 Joseph W. Buxton, no seatbelt.
 David L. Sprague, operate vehicle with defective lamps (other than head-lamps).
 Tina L. Patillo, DUS (3rd offense).
 Tina L. Patillo, no insurance.
 Nitasha C. Long, speeding, 75/65.
 Tramell R. Allen, taxes due state.
 Jennifer D. Covington, speeding, 85/75.
 Trevor J. Wise, operator not reasonable and proper.
 Terry B. Turner, no child restraint.
 Baylea S. Brooksher, failure to stay in lane.

Misdemeanors

Jerry R. Pierce, larceny of merchandise from a retailer.
 Corey A. Williams, public intoxication.
 Brendon T. Davis, consumption by person under 21 in public place.
 William C. Box, obstructing an officer.
 Jeffrey D. Chaiet, negligent homicide - motor vehicle.
 David E. Embry, DUI.
 Alyssa G. Baker, driving with license cancelled/suspended/revoked.

Felonies

Jeremy S. Peery, possession of CDS.
 John P. McReynolds, prisoner

placing body fluid on government employee.

Earl L. Thomas, possession of CDS.
 Alexander M. Borsh, domestic assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Kassandra Escobar, possession of CDS.

Jose V. Calderon Jr., possession of CDS.

Teresa A. Simon, possession of contraband in penal institution/jail.

Terry W. Gray Jr., burglary, second degree.

Brandy M. Mathews, possession of CDS.

Small Claims

Norman Regional Hospital vs. Michael D. Henson, small claims over \$1501.

Tower Loans vs. Rosemary Waulk, small claims under \$1500.

Tower Loans vs. Charles M. Sanders, small claims under \$1500.

Tower Loans vs. Melinda D. Morrow, small claims under \$1500.

Tower Loans vs. Misty D. Lattimore, small claims under \$1500.

Tower Loans vs. Gerry D. Fannon Jr., small claims under \$1500.

Tower Loans vs. Tisha D. Carr, small claims under \$1500.

Tower Loans vs. Perry D. Broyles, small claims under \$1500.

Tower Loans vs. Dawn M. Box, small claims under \$1500.

Aaron Hobbs vs. Ruby D. Bain, forcible entry and detainer under \$1500.

Michael E. McElderry vs. Amie Morris, small claims under \$1500.

McElderry Rentals, LLC vs. Bobbie Holt, small claims under \$1500.

Hwy 39 Rentals, LLC vs. Betty B. Slate, forcible entry and detainer under \$1500.

Civil

FNB Community Bank vs. Barbara Klinekole, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Jefferson Capital Systems LLC vs. Johnathan Crowson, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Account Management Resources vs. Jill A. Welch, civil action \$10,000 or less.

McClain Bank vs. Frank Foshee, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Carolynn Cook vs. Geico Casualty Insurance Co., civil action \$10,000 or less.

Norman Regional Health System vs. Richard H. Young, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Purcell Municipal Hospital vs. Cheryl A. Ford, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Hammer Constructions Inc. vs. Tyler Neal, civil action \$10,000 or more.

Kimberly Schwoegler vs. Michael J. Moss, civil action \$10,000 or more.

Jeff Franklin vs. Town of Dibble, civil action \$10,000 or more.

JP Morgan Chase Bank N.A. vs. Joshua M. Jones, civil action \$10,000 or more.

BOKF N.A. vs. Thomas S. Seaton, civil action \$10,000 or more.

B&J Monument, Inc vs. Precision Mastermade Paints, I, civil action \$10,000 or more.

Marriages Filed

Lewis J. Miller, 61, and Angela F. Miller, 47, both of Blanchard.

Tony L. Jarman, 35, and Jaclyn R. Hackler, 33, both of Blanchard.

Divorces Granted

Kayla M. Wilson vs. Colton T. Wilson.

Richard E. Lewis vs. Heidi M. Lewis.

Wendi R. Duke vs. Dillon T. Duke.



Kelton Clary and Jaden Webb

Purcell High School Students of the Month

Kelton Clary and Jaden Webb have been named February Students of the Month at Purcell High School.

Kelton Clary is the son of Steve and Mary Kaye Clary. He is involved in cross country, student Council, National Honor Society, journalism and the Technology Student Association.

His honors include the Principal's Honor Roll and the Ocast Technology Award.

Kelton's favorite class is journalism.

After graduation he plans to attend the University of Oklahoma and major in engineering.

Jaden Webb is the son of Dewayne and Lisa Webb. She is involved in basketball, fast-pitch and slow-pitch softball, student council, National Honor Society and is a class officer.

Her honors include Offensive Player of the Year for softball, MVP for basketball, Letter "P" Award and Superintendent's Honor Roll.

Jaden's favorite class is calculus.

After graduation she plans to attend East Central University and get a degree in nursing and become an RN.

First Baptist Church, Lexington 125th anniversary celebration

The congregation of First Baptist Church in Lexington will mark 125 years of the church's presence in the community on Sunday, February 19.

The celebration - 125 years of Faithfulness - will begin at 10 a.m.

There will be no Sunday school that day.

The church is located at 900 E. Broadway.

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

Johnson Road Baptist

It was another good windy Sunday at Johnson Road Baptist Church.

The Oklahoma Horseshoeing School students have been a recent blessing to Johnson Road.

One of the students from the Oklahoma Horseshoeing School who is here from Alberta, Canada was recognized Sunday morning for having celebrated his 19th birthday.

The students last Sunday represented four states and Canada. They were accompanied by two new visitors, one from Arizona and the other from Canada.

The young lady student from Nebraska baked a delicious pineapple upside down cake for the Sunday dinner.

Abygail Mayo shared a Russian song she recently learned at her Girl Scout Troop. Gynean Gentry, Donna Brown and Riyatte Frye also blessed the congregation with special music.

Scripture passages for the Sunday sermon were taken from Romans 12:12, Proverbs 12:7 and Psalms 124:1-8. The congregation was reminded that three words, hopeless, homeless and helpless, should never be part of a Christian's vocabulary. Those words only make for a good case of depression, sorrow and despair.

As Christians we are never hopeless, homeless and helpless. After visiting with a farmer at his home in Western Oklahoma, the evangelist was wrong in suggesting to the young pastor that he should write "Ichabod" above the gate leading to the farmer's house.

Christians never lose hope in God's ability to perform miracles. In October of 1942, Eddie Rickenbacker and his crew survived the crash landing of their B17 flying fortress and were rescued after three weeks of exposure, lost and adrift in the Pacific Ocean. In 2010, a group of 33 miners were rescued after spending three months trapped deep inside a mine in Chile.

Christians may not have a physical home, but they live in a spiritual fireproof home. Jesus was once described as penniless and without a home. Not so. Jesus was co-owner of the universe and possessed eternal mansions in heaven.

Christians enjoy God's divine help. Jesus helped the blind man, the sinful woman and hungry multitudes. Jesus also provides the daily needs of his children, God is not dead. He provides us with hope, home and help.

Sermon title for this Sunday is "Rise and Shine."

The current Bible study on Wednesday evening is the Gospel of Luke.

Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. Morning worship begins at 11 a.m.

Asian and American Christian Speakers Toastmasters Club

By Xiaoming Hu

Asian & American Christian Speakers met January 28, the First Day of the Lunar Year (The Chinese New Year) in the fellowship hall of the Southern Oklahoma Chinese Baptist Church in Norman.

Beulah Bromley was Toastmaster of the Meeting.

Joe Zhixun Lin as Table Topics Master called on Tom Graham, Haifeng Ji, Leslie Gillies and Yuanwei Qin to give one to two minute impromptu speeches on subjects he suggested.

Prepared speakers were Erich Chen: How to be a Good Speaker, Harley Bromley: Be A Builder and Jin-Song Chen:

Invite and They Will Come.

General Evaluator: Yifei Dong called on Haifeng Ji, Leslie Gillies and Tom Graham to evaluate the speeches. Tom Graham was voted as Best Evaluator and Best Table Topics Speaker. Eric Chen was voted as Best Speaker.

Club President Jin-Song Chen closed the meeting.

Meeting times are 9:45-11:30 a.m. every second and fourth Saturday of the month.

For additional information call 288-6292 or oktalker@gmail.com.

Club website is www.aacs.toastmastersclubs.org and Toastmasters International is www.toastmasters.org. Visitors are always welcome.



• Photo provided

Probation and parole

Corry Flowers, right, is the new assistant district supervisor for probation and parole services for the southwest district, which includes McClain County. Flowers' promotion was one of several announced January 24 when the Oklahoma Corrections Board met at the Lexington Assessment & Reception Center. Pictured with Flowers are Kevin Duckworth, director of probation and parole services for the Oklahoma Department of Corrections and Arvella Rucks, the new assistant district supervisor for probation and parole services for the northwest district.



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Newly minted

Morgan Toumbs, center, receives lieutenant bars Monday during a promotion ceremony at Lexington Assessment & Reception Center. Pinning the rank insignia onto her collar are her husband, Michael, right, and Lt. Josh Lee.



Jeanne Grimes • The Purcell Register

Security employee of the month

Sgt. Kathy Benjamin, second from right, was honored Monday as Security Employee of the Month at Lexington Assessment & Reception Center. Pictured with Benjamin are, from left, warden Jeorl Braggs Jr., chief of security Col. Romon Jones and deputy warden Natalie Cooper. The Non-Security Employee of the Month was Deanna Hames, who was unable to attend.

Artesian Arts Festival: Call for Native American artists

Applications are now being accepted from all Native American artists for the 2017 Artesian Arts Festival set for Saturday, May 27 in Sulphur.

Native artists may apply and will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Application deadline is Friday, February 24.

Open to artists from all federally recognized tribes, artists will compete in a juried competition in as many as 21 categories.

Artists must be at least age 18 and present documentation of citizenship in a federally recognized Native American tribe.

Organizers are accepting up to 100 Native artists for the 2017 Artesian Arts Festival.

Cash awards will be presented for first, second and third place in each category, as well as "Best of Show."

Hosted by the Chickasaw Nation and in its fourth year, the 2017 Artesian Arts Festival is a community celebration of all forms of art, with an emphasis on Native American art and artists.

The festival features diverse art media and a variety of

visual art including paintings, basketry, jewelry, sculpture, metalworking, bead work, textiles and pottery.

A wide variety of musical entertainment, tribal dance demonstrations, art talks and food vendors is also planned.

Open to the public at no charge, the Artesian Arts Festival welcomed more than 5,500 to last year's festival. Esteemed artists representing 10 states and a wide variety of Native American tribes participated in the 2016 Artesian Arts Festival.

The Artesian Arts Festival takes place at the Artesian Plaza, located adjacent to the Artesian Hotel and Spa, 1001 W. First Street, in Sulphur.

Application forms, entry rules and additional information can be found on the Chickasaw Nation website at chickasaw.net/Services/Artesian-Arts-Festival.aspx or by contacting the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

For more information, please contact Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities at (580) 272-5525 or email artistinfo@chickasaw.net.

No. 109-February 16-1 Time
BEFORE THE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA
APPLICANT: CHARTER OAK PRODUCTION CO., LLC
RELIEF SOUGHT: WELL LOCATION EXCEPTION
LAND COVERED: SECTIONS 7 AND 18, TOWNSHIP 5 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST, MCCLAIN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
CAUSE CD NO. 201700911
NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA: To the following parties, if living; or if deceased, then their unknown heirs, devisees, executors, administrators, successors, trustees, and/or assigns; or, the unknown successors, trustees or assigns, if any, of any dissolved corporation, or the unknown successors of any party designated in any record as trustee; and all persons, owners, producers, operators, purchasers and takers of oil and gas, and all other interested persons in McClain County, Oklahoma.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Applicant in this cause is requesting that the Commission issue an Order authorizing Charter Oak Production Co., LLC, or some other party, to drill, complete and produce a horizontal well in the Basal Pennsylvanian Unconformity, Woodford and Hunton common sources of supply in the 640-acre horizontal drilling and spacing units consisting of Sections 7 and 18, Township 5 North, Range 1 East, McClain County, Oklahoma, at the following location:

	North/South Location-ft	East/West Location-ft
Surface Location	NCT 165' FNL	NCT 330' FWL of Sec. 7-5N-1E
First Perforation in Sec. 7	NCT 165' FNL	NCT 330' FWL of Sec. 7-5N-1E
Last Perforation in Sec. 7	NCT 0' FSL	NCT 330' FWL of Sec. 7-5N-1E
First Perforation in Sec. 18	NCT 0' FNL	NCT 330' FWL of Sec. 18-5N-1E
Last Perforation in Sec. 18	NCT 165' FSL	NCT 330' FWL of Sec. 18-5N-1E

This well will be drilled as a multiunit horizontal well. The well will be completed using casing and cement. The completion interval within said Sections 7 and 18 shall be the entire length of the lateral between the first and last perforations described above. The proposed location is not a legal location under the terms of Order No. 659016.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the location described above is moving toward the following described property:

(a) Sections 6 and 19, Township 5 North, Range 1 East; and, Sections 1, 12, 13 and 24, Township 5 North, Range 1 West, McClain County, Oklahoma.

(b) The offset well toward which the proposed completion interval is moving is as follows:

Well Name	Operator
None	None

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Applicant in this cause is requesting the following special relief:

(a) That Charter Oak Production Co., LLC, or some other party, be designated as operator of the unit well.

(b) That the well, if a commercial producer in the common sources of supply named herein, be permitted to produce without penalty.

(c) That, at the request of the Applicant, the Order may be made effective on a date prior to its signing.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this cause be set before an Administrative Law Judge for hearing, taking of evidence and reporting to the Commission.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this cause will be heard before an Administrative Law Judge on the Hearing Docket at the Corporation Commission, Jim Thorpe Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, at 8:30 a.m., on the 6th day of March, 2017, and that this notice be published as required by law and the rules of the Commission.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Applicant and interested parties may present testimony by telephone. The cost of telephonic communication shall be paid by the person or persons requesting its use. Interested parties who wish to participate by telephone shall contact the Applicant or Applicant's attorney, prior to the hearing date, and provide their name and phone number.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all interested persons may appear and be heard. For information concerning this application, contact RICHARD A. GRIMES, OBA #3627, Attorney for Applicant, 609 S. Kelly Avenue, Suite K-4, Edmond, Oklahoma 73003, (405) 330-0725 or Charter Oak Production Co., LLC, Telephone (405) 286-0361.

CORPORATION COMMISSION OF OKLAHOMA
DANA L. MURPHY, Chairman
J. TODD HIETT, Vice-Chairman
BOB ANTHONY, Commissioner

DONE AND PERFORMED this 9th day of February, 2017.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:
Peggy Mitchell, Commission Secretary

No. 113-February 16-3 Times
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF MCCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
PENTEX EXPLORATION & PRODUCING, INC.,
Plaintiff(s),
vs.
THE UNKNOWN SUCCESSORS,
HEIRS, ADMINISTRATORS, EXECUTORS, DEVISEES, TRUSTEES AND ASSIGNS OF SAM T. DEAN, JR. Deceased.,
Defendants.

Case No. CV-17-15
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO:
THE UNKNOWN SUCCESSORS,
HEIRS, ADMINISTRATORS, EXECUTORS, DEVISEES, TRUSTEES AND ASSIGNS OF SAM T. DEAN, JR. Deceased.,
Defendants.

Take notice that you have been sued by PENTEX EXPLORATION & PRODUCING, INC. in the District Court of MCCLAIN County, State of Oklahoma, and that you must answer the Petition on or before April 3, 2017, or the allegations contained in said Petition will be taken as true and correct, quieting title to the following real property, situated in MCCLAIN County, Oklahoma, to-wit:

AN UNDIVIDED INTEREST IN MINERALS LOCATED IN MCCLAIN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, AS DESCRIBED ON THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"
forever barring you and all persons claiming by, through or under you from ever setting up or asserting any right, title, equity or interest in and to said real property, adverse to the right and title of the Plaintiff(s), and such other relief to which they may be entitled.
Witness my hand and seal, this 10 day of February, 2017.

Kristel Gray
MCCLAIN COUNTY
COURT CLERK
/s/ Kathy Peterson
DEPUTY
(Seal)

No. 114-February 16-3 Times
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF MCCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
PENTEX EXPLORATION & PRODUCING, INC.,
Plaintiff (s) ,
vs.
THE UNKNOWN SUCCESSORS,
HEIRS, ADMINISTRATORS, EXECUTORS, DEVISEES, TRUSTEES AND ASSIGNS OF LESTER LESLIE WOMACK AKA LESTER L. WOMACK; DAVID BATES WOMACK, SR. AKA D. B. WOMACK, SR., ANNIE CELIA WOMACK AKA ANNIE CELIA RUNYAN Deceased.,
Defendants.

Case No. CV-17-16
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO:

THE UNKNOWN SUCCESSIONS, HEIRS, ADMINISTRATORS, EXECUTORS, DEVISEES, TRUSTEES AND ASSIGNS OF LESTER LESLIE WOMACK AKA LESTER L. WOMACK; DAVID BATES WOMACK, SR. AKA D. B. WOMACK, SR., ANNIE CELIA WOMACK AKA ANNIE CELIA RUNYAN Deceased.,
Take notice that you have been sued by PENTEX EXPLORATION & PRODUCING, INC. in the District Court of MCCLAIN County, State of Oklahoma, and that you must answer the Petition on or before April 3, 2017, or the allegations contained in said Petition will be taken as true and correct, quieting title to the following real property, situated in MCCLAIN County, Oklahoma, to-wit:

AN UNDIVIDED INTEREST IN MINERALS LOCATED IN MCCLAIN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, DESCRIBED ON THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A".
forever barring you and all persons claiming by, through or under you from ever setting up or asserting any right, title, equity or interest in and to said real property, adverse to the right and title of the Plaintiff(s), and such other relief to which they may be entitled.
Witness my hand and seal, this 10 day of February, 2017.

Kristel Gray
MCCLAIN COUNTY
COURT CLERK
/s/ Kathy Peterson
DEPUTY
(Seal)

No. 121-February 16-1 Time
BEFORE THE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA
APPLICANT: CITIZEN ENERGY II, LLC
RELIEF SOUGHT: MULTI-UNIT HORIZONTAL WELL - LOCATION EXCEPTION (SYCAMORE)
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 5 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST AND SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 4 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, MCCLAIN AND GARVIN COUNTIES, OKLAHOMA
CAUSE CD NO. 201700937T
NOTICE OF HEARING
THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO:

All persons, owners, producers, operators, purchasers and takers of oil and gas, and all other interested parties in McClain and Garvin Counties, Oklahoma, particularly: Casillas Operating, LLC.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Applicant in this Cause is requesting that the Oklahoma Corporation Commission issue an Order and possibly providing that this Order be made effective as of the date of filing this application, granting an exception under Order to issue in Cause CD No. 201602083T and Order No. 656410, permitting the drilling of a multi-unit horizontal well with penetrations to the Sycamore common source of supply, with no downward adjustment in allowable, at the following locations:

Surface Location:
2,410 feet to the North line and 1,280 feet to the East line of Section 34, Township 5 North, Range 4 West, McClain County, Oklahoma.
Completion Interval in Section 34:

No closer than 2,640 feet to the North line, no closer than 0 feet to the South line and no closer than 1,190 feet to the East line of Section 34, Township 5 North, Range 4 West, McClain County, Oklahoma.

The entire length of the lateral will be cemented to isolate the perforations from the beginning and end of the lateral.

That by Order to issue in Cause CD No. 201602083T and Order No. 656410, this Commission has been requested to establish or established 640 acre horizontal drilling and spacing units for the production of oil from the Sycamore common source of supply underlying Section 3, Township 4 North, Range 4 West and Section 34, Township 5 North, Range 4 West, McClain and Garvin Counties, Oklahoma. That the permitted well location under these orders is anywhere within the unit, but no closer than 660 feet to the unit boundary.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the lands adjacent to Sections 3 & 34 toward which this well is

WILLIAM H. HALLEY, P.C.
P.O. BOX 5452
EDMOND, OKLAHOMA 73083
(405) 361-5300
FAX (405) 359-3982
OBA NO. 3742
halley.bill65@gmail.com
EXHIBIT "A"

McCLAIN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA:
TRACT #1:

The Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NE/4 SW/4) and North Half of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (N/2 SE/4 SW/4) and Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SE/4 SE/4 SW/4) and West Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (W/2 NE/4 SE/4) and West Half of the Southeast Quarter (W/2 SE/4) and Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NW/4 SE/4) of Section 17, Township 5-North, Range, 1-East I.M., containing 180.00 acres, more or less.

TRACT #2:
The North Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (N/2 NW/4 NE/4) and Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NE/4 NE/4 NW/4) of Section 20, Township 5-North, Range 1-East I.M., containing 30.00 acres, more or less.
END OF EXHIBIT "A"

No. 122-February 16-1 Time
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The McClain County Board of Commissioners will be receiving sealed bids until 4:00 p.m., February 24, 2017 and the opening will be February 27, 2017 at 8:30 a.m., for bid for Purchase of one (1) used Police Vehicle for McClain County Sheriff Department.

Invitation to Bid forms are on file in the McClain County Clerk's 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: 2/13/17
/s/ Pam Beller/jh
Pam Beller
County Clerk

moving are Section 10, Township 4 North, Range 4 West, Garvin County, Oklahoma and the Lindsay Townsite 1-10 and Lindsay Townsite 3-10 wells.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Application in this cause states that there is currently pending before the Commission in Cause CD No. 201700936T, an application requesting the Commission approve the multi-unit horizontal well proposed herein and to establish a proper allocation factor for allocating the cost of, production from and proceeds from such multi-unit horizontal well to each of the units affected thereby.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Applicant in this Cause is requesting the following special relief: Amend Order to issue in Cause CD No. 201602083T and Order No. 656410; authorize the Applicant to operate said well; and possibly providing that this order be made effective as of the date of filing this application.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this Cause will be set before an Administrative Law Judge on the conservation docket at the Corporation Commission, Eastern Regional Office, 440 South Houston, Suite 114, Tulsa, Oklahoma, at 8:30 a.m., on the 6th day of March, 2017, and that this Notice be published as required by law and by the Rules of the Commission.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Applicant and interested parties may present testimony by telephone. The cost of telephonic communication shall be paid by the person or persons requesting its use. Interested parties who wish to participate by telephone shall contact the Applicant or Applicant's attorney, prior to the hearing date, and provide their name and telephone number.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any party objecting to the place of hearing should file their objection with the Court Clerk not less than five (5) days before the scheduled hearing. Failure to make a timely objection to the location of the hearing may be deemed by the Commission as a waiver to the place of hearing or venue.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all interested parties may appear and be heard. For information concerning this action, contact, MATT MCDONALD, Citizen Energy II, LLC, 320 S. Boston Ave., Suite 1300, Tulsa OK 74103 (918) 949-4680 or WILLIAM H. HUFFMAN, Attorney for Applicant, Southbridge Office Park, 1743 E. 71st Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74136-5108, (918) 492-4433.

DONE AND PERFORMED this 9th day of February, 2017.

CORPORATION COMMISSION OF OKLAHOMA
Dana L. Murphy, Chairman
J. Todd Hiett, Vice-Chairman
Bob Anthony, Commissioner
BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:
Peggy Mitchell, Secretary

No. 118-February 16-1 Time
BEFORE THE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

APPLICANT: CITIZEN ENERGY II, LLC
RELIEF SOUGHT: MULTI-UNIT HORIZONTAL WELL - LOCATION EXCEPTION (WOODFORD)
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 5 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST AND SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 4 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, MCCLAIN AND GARVIN COUNTIES, OKLAHOMA
CAUSE CD NO. 201700939T
NOTICE OF HEARING
THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO:

All persons, owners, producers, operators, purchasers and takers of oil and gas, and all other interested parties in McClain and Garvin Counties, Oklahoma, particularly: Casillas Operating, LLC.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Applicant in this Cause is requesting that the Oklahoma Corporation Commission issue an Order and possibly providing that this Order be made effective as of the date of filing this application, granting an exception under Order to issue in Cause CD No. 201602083T and Order No. 656410, permitting the drilling of a multi-unit horizontal well with penetrations to the Woodford common source of supply, with no downward adjustment in allowable, at the following locations:

Surface Location:
2,410 feet to the North line and 1,250 feet to the East line of Section 34, Township 5 North, Range 4 West, McClain County, Oklahoma.
Completion Interval in Section 34:

No closer than 2,640 feet to the North line, no closer than 0 feet to the South line and no closer than 1,190 feet to the East line of Section 34, Township 5 North, Range 4 West, McClain County, Oklahoma.

Completion Interval in Section 3:
No closer than 165 feet to the South line, no closer than 0 feet to the North line and no closer than 1,190 feet to the East line of Section 3, Township 4 North, Range 4 West, Garvin County, Oklahoma.

The entire length of the lateral will be cemented to isolate the perforations from the beginning and end of the lateral.

That by Order to issue in Cause CD No. 201602083T and Order No. 656410, this Commission has been requested to establish or established 640 acre horizontal drilling and spacing units for the production of oil from the Woodford common source of supply underlying Section 3, Township 4 North, Range 4 West and Section 34, Township 5 North, Range 4 West, McClain and Garvin Counties, Oklahoma. That the permitted well location under these orders is anywhere within the unit, but no closer than 330 feet to the east and west unit boundaries and no closer than 165 feet to the north and south unit boundaries.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the lands adjacent to Sections 3 & 34 toward which this well is moving are Section 10, Township

Clain County, Oklahoma, thence S 00 01' E, a distance of 658.5 feet; thence S 89 52' E, a distance of 2647.9 feet; thence N 00 00' W, a distance of 659.8 feet; thence N 89 53' W, a distance of 2648.2 feet to the Point of Beginning (hereafter "Tract I of the Subject Property").

Sale will be made pursuant to an Order of Sale issued upon a judgment entered in the District Court of McClain County, Oklahoma, in Case No. CJ-2015-192, wherein First United Bank, successor by virtue of merger to First American Bank v. Hardcastle Construction, Inc., et al.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
TO: HARDCASTLE CONSTRUCTION, INC.; Bill G. Hardcastle, Jr.; a/k/a Billy G. Hardcastle, Jr.; a/k/a Bill Hardcastle, Jr.; Jennifer Hardcastle; United States of America, ex rel. Internal Revenue Service; State of Oklahoma, ex rel. Oklahoma Tax Commission; Board of County Commissioners of McClain County; County Treasurer of McClain County; Board of County Commissioners of Marshall County; County Treasurer of Marshall County; and Occupant(s) of the Premises, THEIR UNKNOWN SUCCESSORS, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS OR ENTITIES, INCLUDING THEIR UNKNOWN SUCCESSORS, CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED BELOW.

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that on the 21st day of March, 2017, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., at the McClain County Courthouse, 121 North 2nd Avenue, Purcell, OK 73080, the Sheriff of said County will offer for sale and sell at public auction for cash to the highest and best bidder, as a sale of net equity, subject to a first mortgage to First Horizon Home Loan Corporation, dated June 11, 2004, recorded in Book 1708, at Page 79, et seq. of the records of the McClain County Clerk, and subsequently assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, by virtue of an assignment filed February 19, 2008, in Book 1873, at Page 370, subject to real estate ad valorem taxes, superior special assessments and all interests of record, if any, except the Mortgage and interest foreclosed herein, all that certain real property located in McClain County, State of Oklahoma, described as follows:

Part of the North Half of the North Half of the Southwest Quarter (N/2 N/2 SW/4) Beginning at the NW/corner of the SW/4 of Section Twelve (12), Township Seven (7) North, Range Three (3) West, Mc-

Clain County, Oklahoma, thence S 00 01' E, a distance of 658.5 feet; thence S 89 52' E, a distance of 2647.9 feet; thence N 00 00' W, a distance of 659.8 feet; thence N 89 53' W, a distance of 2648.2 feet to the Point of Beginning (hereafter "Tract I of the Subject Property").

Sale will be made pursuant to an Order of Sale issued upon a judgment entered in the District Court of McClain County, Oklahoma, in Case No. CJ-2015-192, wherein First United Bank, successor by virtue of merger to First American Bank is Plaintiff and Hardcastle Construction, Inc.; Bill G. Hardcastle, Jr.; a/k/a Billy G. Hardcastle, Jr.; a/k/a Billy Hardcastle, Jr.; a/k/a Bill Hardcastle, Jr.; Jennifer Hardcastle; United States of America, ex rel. Internal Revenue Service; State of Oklahoma, ex rel. Oklahoma Tax Commission; Board of County Commissioners of McClain County; County Treasurer of McClain County; County Treasurer of Marshall County; and Occupant(s) of the Premises, were Defendants, to satisfy the judgment in the said above-described action.

The said real property has been appraised according to law at \$450,000.00.

Pursuant to Judgment, Plaintiff reserves the right to recall the Special Execution and Order of Sale and to cancel this scheduled sale orally, in writing, or by further order of the Court, at any time prior to sale without notice or leave of Court.

WITNESS my hand this 9th day of February, 2017.
DON HEWETT
MCCLAIN COUNTY SHERIFF
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
By: /s/ Don Hewett
Sheriff
JOHN W. MEE III, OBA #013915
JOSHUA C. GREENHAW, OBA #19111
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 PLAINTIFF

4 North, Range 4 West, Garvin County, Oklahoma and the Lindsay Townsite 1-10 and Lindsay Townsite 3-10 wells.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Application in this cause states that there is currently pending before the Commission in Cause CD No. 201700938T, an application requesting the Commission approve the multi-unit horizontal well proposed herein and to establish a proper allocation factor for allocating the cost of, production from and proceeds from such multi-unit horizontal well to each of the units affected thereby.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Applicant in this Cause is requesting the following special relief: Amend Order to issue in Cause CD No. 201602083T and Order No. 656410; authorize the Applicant to operate said well; and possibly providing that this order be made effective as of the date of filing this application.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this Cause will be set before an Administrative Law Judge on the conservation docket at the Corporation Commission, Eastern Regional Office, 440 South Houston, Suite 114, Tulsa, Oklahoma, at 8:30 a.m., on the 6th day of March, 2017, and that this Notice be published as required by law and by the Rules of the Commission.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Applicant and interested parties may present testimony by telephone. The cost of telephonic communication shall be paid by the person or persons requesting its use. Interested parties who wish to participate by telephone shall contact the Applicant or Applicant's attorney, prior to the hearing date, and provide their name and telephone number.

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all interested parties may appear and be heard. For information concerning this action, contact, MATT MCDONALD, Citizen Energy II, LLC, 320 S. Boston Ave., Suite 1300, Tulsa OK 74103 (918) 949-4680 or WILLIAM H. HUFFMAN, Attorney for Applicant, Southbridge Office Park, 1743 E. 71st Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74136-5108, (918) 492-4433.

DONE AND PERFORMED this 9th day of February, 2017.

CORPORATION COMMISSION OF OKLAHOMA
Dana L. Murphy, Chairman
J. Todd Hiett, Vice-Chairman
Bob Anthony, Commissioner
BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:
Peggy Mitchell, Secretary



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Welcoming Liberty

A ribbon cutting Friday served as the Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce's welcome to Liberty Tax Service on North Green Avenue. A tax preparer, Mary Karunakaran, prepares to cut the ribbon while David Noley, another tax preparer, accepts a framed dollar bill from chamber president Jenny Hunter. From left are Jon Lawson, Mandy Davis, Blake Davis, general manager Sharon Morris, Gary Bonner, Allen Eubanks and Susan Tarp.

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No. 123-February 16-3 Times
 IN THE DISTRICT COURT
 OF MCCLAIN COUNTY
 STATE OF OKLAHOMA
 IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:
 JAMES HARRINGTON,
 Petitioner,
 and
 RHONDA HARRINGTON,
 Respondent.
 Case No. FD-2017-22
 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
 State of Oklahoma To: Rhonda Harrington
 TAKE NOTICE that you have been sued for divorce in the McClain County District Court, State of Oklahoma, in the above action. The Petition alleges that Petitioner is entitled to a Decree of Dissolution of Marriage from you based on the grounds of incompatibility. You are notified that you must answer the Petition filed by Petitioner on or before the 31st day of March, 2017, or the allegations contained in the Petition will be taken as true and judgment will be entered against you and in favor of Petitioner as prayed for in his Petition.
 Kristel Gray, Court Clerk
 By: /s/ Kathy Peterson (Deputy) (Seal)
 Approved:
 Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma, Inc.
 Attorneys for Petitioner
 2600 Van Buren St., Ste. 2606
 Norman, OK 73069
 TEL: (405) 360-6631

No. 125-February 16-2 Times
 IN THE DISTRICT COURT
 OF MCCLAIN COUNTY
 STATE OF OKLAHOMA
 PHILLIP WEBSTER, and PHYLLIS WEBSTER,
 Plaintiffs,
 vs.
 TYLER L. SELMAN; JANE ROE SELMAN, Unknown Spouse if any, whose name is unknown; TERESA JONES, McClain County Treasurer; MCCLAIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS; JOHN DOE and/or JANE DOE, Unknown Occupants of the Real Property, and THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ex rel DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE Defendants.
 Case No. CJ-2016-188
 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
 Notice is hereby given that I, the undersigned Sheriff of McClain County, Oklahoma, will on the 21st day of March, 2017, at the hour 10:00 a.m., of the said day, in Room 121 of the McClain County Courthouse in Purcell, Oklahoma, offer for sale and sell for cash to the highest and best bidder the following described real estate and premises situated in McClain County, Oklahoma, to-wit:
 The West Half of the Northwest Quarter (W/2 NW/4) of Section Twenty-Six (26), Township Five (5) North, Range One (1) East of the I.M., McClain County, Oklahoma, being further described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest Corner of said NW/4, thence South 00°02'01" East a distance of 2637.73; thence North 89°58'10" East a distance of 1315.60 feet; thence North 00°03'39" West a

distance of 2639.95 feet; thence South 89°52'23" West a distance of 1314.35 feet to the point of beginning.
 LESS AND EXCEPT all oil, gas and other minerals lying under or which may be produced therefrom. SURFACE ONLY.
 together will all improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging.
 Said property having been appraised at the sum of \$120,000.00, will be offered for sale pursuant to a Special Execution and Order of Sale issued out of the office of the Clerk of said Court in the above-numbered action to satisfy the judgment rendered therein in favor of Phillip Webster and Phyllis Webster in the amount of \$98,634.55 computed to May 1, 2016, interest accruing thereafter at the rate of 10.0% per annum; plus \$3,500.00 attorney's fees; plus abstracting, taxes and insurance, plus all costs of this action accrued and accruing.
 PERSONS OR OTHER ENTITIES HAVING AN INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY INCLUDING THOSE WHOSE ACTUAL ADDRESS IS UNKNOWN AND PERSONS OR OTHER ENTITIES WHOSE UNKNOWN SUCCESSORS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED ARE TYLER L. SELMAN.
 DATED this 14 day of February, 2017.
 Don Hewett, Sheriff of McClain Oklahoma
 By: /s/ Don Hewett (OBA #5389)
 Attorney for Plaintiff
 212 West Main - P.O. Box 1407
 Purcell, OK 73080
 (405) 527-5623

No. 126-February 16-2 Times
 IN THE DISTRICT COURT
 IN AND FOR
 MCCLAIN COUNTY
 STATE OF OKLAHOMA
 U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO THE LEADER MORTGAGE COMPANY;
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 KEITH L. KOVELDA; et al.
 Defendants.
 Case No. CJ 2016-212
 NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND UNDER EXECUTION
 THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
 Notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of March, 2017, at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., Room #121 of the McClain County Courthouse in Purcell, Oklahoma, the undersigned Sheriff will offer for sale and sell for cash to the highest and best bidder, subject to real estate ad valorem taxes, superior special assessments and all interests of record, if any, except the Mortgage and interests foreclosed herein on the following described real property, to-wit:
 The East 56 feet of Lot Four (4), Block Twenty-eight (28), in the CITY OF PURCELL, McClain County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded Plat thereof, commonly known as 408 W. Polk Street, Purcell, OK 73080 (the "Property")
 Sale will be made pursuant to a Special Execution and Order of Sale issued out of the office of the Court Clerk in and for McClain County, Oklahoma, and pursuant to said judgment reserving the right of Plaintiff to recall said execution by oral announcement and/or order of the Court, prior to the sale, said judgment entered in the District Court in and for said County, State of Oklahoma, in Case No. CJ 2016-212, entitled U.S. Bank National Association Successor by Merger to The Leader Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Keith L. Kovelde, et al., Defendants, to satisfy:
 FIRST: The costs of said action accrued and accruing;
 SECOND: The judgment and first lien of the Plaintiff, U.S. Bank National Association Successor by Merger to The Leader Mortgage Company, in the sum of \$50,951.46 with interest thereon at the rate of 4.5% per annum from June 1, 2015, as adjusted, if applicable, until paid; advances for taxes, insurance and preservation expenses, accrued and accruing;

abstracting expenses, accrued and accruing; bankruptcy fees and costs, if any; and an attorney's fee, plus costs, with interest thereon at the same rate, until paid.
 Persons or other entities having interest in the property, including those whose actual addresses are unknown and persons or other entities who have or may have unknown successors and such unknown successors are hereby notified are: Keith L. Kovelde; Spouse of Keith L. Kovelde, a/k/a Christina Kovelde and Occupants of the Premises.
 The property has been duly appraised in the sum of \$35,000.00.
 WITNESS MY HAND this 14 day of February, 2017.
 Don Hewett, Sheriff
 By: /s/ Don Hewett
 KIVELL, RAYMENT AND FRANCIS
 A Professional Corporation
 K. Renee' Davis, OBA #15161
 Triad Center I, Suite 550
 7666 East 61st Street
 Tulsa, Oklahoma 74133
 Telephone (918) 254-0626
 Facsimile (918) 254-7915
 E-mail: rdavis@kivell.com
 ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF
 KRF File #35209/KD

No. 124-February 16-1 Time
 IN THE DISTRICT COURT
 OF MCCLAIN COUNTY
 STATE OF OKLAHOMA
 WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,
 Plaintiff,
 v.
 KAREN L. PARKER; MARVIN PARKER; JOHN DOE, OCCUPANT; AND SECURITY FINANCE OF OKLAHOMA, LLC, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO CONTINENTAL CREDIT AKA CONTINENTAL CREDIT CORP.
 Defendant(s).
 Case No. CJ-2016-148
 NOTICE OF HEARING MOTION TO CONFIRM SHERIFF'S SALE
 NOTICE IS GIVEN TO: Karen L. Parker; Marvin Parker; John Doe, Occupant; Security Finance of Oklahoma, LLC, successor in interest to Continental Credit aka Continental Credit Corp., and their unknown successors and assigns, that the hearing on the above Motion to Confirm Sale is set on the 15 day of March, 2017, at 9:00 o'clock a.m., before Judge Edwards, at the McClain County Courthouse, Purcell, Oklahoma.
 SHAPIRO & CEJDA, LLC
 770 NE 63rd St
 Oklahoma City, OK 73105-6431
 (405) 848-1819
 Attorneys for Plaintiff
 File No. 14-119261

No. 111-February 16-1 Time
 BEFORE THE CORPORATION COMMISSION
 OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA
 APPLICANT: EAGLE EXPLORATION PRODUCTION, LLC
 RELIEF SOUGHT: WELL LOCATION EXCEPTION
 LEGAL DESCRIPTION: SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 5 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, MCCLAIN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
 CAUSE CD 201700924-T
 NOTICE OF HEARING
 STATE OF OKLAHOMA: To all persons, owners, producers, operators, purchasers and takers of oil and gas and all other interested persons, particularly in McClain County, Oklahoma, including: Sheridan Production Company, LLC; Red Rocks Oil & Gas Operating, LLC; Newfield Exploration Mid-Con, Inc.; Great Western Equipment Co.; Shoshone Oil & Gas, Inc.; Casillas Operating, LLC; Sheridan Production Company, LLC; Basin Operating Services, LLC; Spartan Resources, LLC; Lance Ruffel Oil & Gas LLC; Kaiser Francis Oil Company; White Operating Company; and if any of the named individuals or entities be deceased or a dissolved partnership, corporation or other association, then the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, successors, trustees and assigns of any such deceased individual or dissolved partnership, corporation or other association; and more particularly owners in the following offsetting units: Sections 29, 30 & 32, Township 5 North, Range 4 West, McClain County; Sections 25 & 36, Township 5 North, Range 5 West, Grady County; Section 1, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, Grady County; and Sections 5 & 6, Township 4 North, Range 4 West, all in Garvin County; all in the State of Oklahoma.
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Applicant in this Cause is requesting that the Commission establish a well location with an appropriate allowable for the Mississippian common source of supply, as an exception to the Drilling and Spacing Order to be entered in Cause CD No. 201605793-T underlying Section 31, Township 5 North, Range 4 West, McClain County, Oklahoma, at the following location.

Surface Location:	to be included in the final order.	
Completion Interval for each described common source of supply in Section 31, T5N, R4W, McClain County, OK:	NCT 165' to the North line and NCT 165' to the South line of the unit boundary &	NCT 330' to the East line of the unit boundary.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT the Applicant in this cause is requesting the following special relief: The Commission enter an order, to be effective as of the date of the execution thereof or as of a date prior thereto, and to authorize the Applicant, or some other party recommended by the Applicant as operator, for a well to test, as an exception to the above drilling and spacing order for the above-described common source(s) of supply and location.
 The offset Operator(s) and well names to which this well location is moving towards:

Well Name:	Operator:	Description:
1. Len Cason 1-6	Sheridan Production Company, LLC	Sec. 6, T4N, R4W, Garvin County, OK
2. Miller 2-6	Sheridan Production Company, LLC	Sec. 6, T4N, R4W, Garvin County, OK
3. Nelson A 1-6	Sheridan Production Company, LLC	Sec. 6, T4N, R4W, Garvin County, OK
4. Miller C 1-6	Sheridan Production Company, LLC	Sec. 6, T4N, R4W, Garvin County, OK
5. Miller C 2-6	Sheridan Production Company, LLC	Sec. 6, T4N, R4W, Garvin County, OK
6. Neva June #1	Red Rocks Oil & Gas Operating, LLC	Sec. 5, T4N, R4W, Garvin County, OK
7. Ephram #2	Newfield Exploration Mid-Continent, Inc.	Sec. 5, T4N, R4W, Garvin County, OK
8. Zabludil Unit	Great Western Equipment Co.	Sec. 5, T4N, R4W, Garvin County, OK

9. Zabludil #10	Shoshone Oil & Gas Inc.	Sec. 5, T4N, R4W, Garvin County, OK
10. Jake 1-5	Casillas Operating, LLC	Sec. 5, T4N, R4W, Garvin County, OK
11. Jarrell A 1-5	Sheridan Production Company, LLC	Sec. 5, T4N, R4W, Garvin County, OK
12. Jarrell A 2-5	Sheridan Production Company, LLC	Sec. 5, T4N, R4W, Garvin County, OK
13. Jarrell A 3-5	Sheridan Production Company, LLC	Sec. 5, T4N, R4W, Garvin County, OK
14. Jarrell A 4-5	Sheridan Production Company, LLC	Sec. 5, T4N, R4W, Garvin County, OK
15. Jones C1	Casillas Operating, LLC	Sec. 32, T5N, R4W, McClain County, OK
16. Zachariah 1-32	Casillas Operating, LLC	Sec. 32, T5N, R4W, McClain County, OK
17. Dacus A 3	Casillas Operating, LLC	Sec. 29, T5N, R4W, McClain County, OK
18. Elizabeth Norville 1	Red Rocks Oil & Gas Operating, LLC	Sec. 29, T5N, R4W, McClain County, OK
19. Hazel Marie 1	Basin Operating Services, LLC	Sec. 29, T5N, R4W, McClain County, OK
20. Just Tom 1	Basin Operating Services, LLC	Sec. 29, T5N, R4W, McClain County, OK
21. Hazel Marie 2-29	Basin Operating Services, LLC	Sec. 29, T5N, R4W, McClain County, OK
22. Hazel Marie 3-29	Basin Operating Services, LLC	Sec. 29, T5N, R4W, McClain County, OK
23. Elizabeth Norville	Red Rocks Oil & Gas Operating, LLC	Sec. 29, T5N, R4W, McClain County, OK
24. Norville 1-29	Spartan Resources, LLC	Sec. 29, T5N, R4W, McClain County, OK
25. JV Norville 2-29	Red Rocks Oil & Gas Operating, LLC	Sec. 29, T5N, R4W, McClain County, OK
26. JV Norville 3-29	Red Rocks Oil & Gas Operating, LLC	Sec. 29, T5N, R4W, McClain County, OK
27. Schonwald B 1-29	Casillas Operating, LLC	Sec. 29, T5N, R4W, McClain County, OK
28. Erna 1-29	Casillas Operating, LLC	Sec. 29, T5N, R4W, McClain County, OK
29. Bessie M. Weaver 1-30	Lance Ruffel Oil & Gas, LLC	Sec. 30, T5N, R4W, McClain County, OK
30. Harold 1-30	Casillas Operating, LLC	Sec. 30, T5N, R4W, McClain County, OK
31. Burkes 1	Casillas Operating, LLC	Sec. 30, T5N, R4W, McClain County, OK

32. Mary Ann Brungardt 30-1	Kaiser-Francis Oil Company	Sec. 30, T5N, R4W, McClain County, OK
33. Linda 1-30	Casillas Operating, LLC	Sec. 30, T5N, R4W, McClain County, OK
34. Jones G	White Operating Company	Sec. 30, T5N, R4W, McClain County, OK
35. Dale 1-30	Casillas Operating, LLC	Sec. 30, T5N, R4W, McClain County, OK
36. Carol 1-30	Casillas Operating, LLC	Sec. 30, T5N, R4W, McClain County, OK
37. Mildred Brungardt 30-1	Kaiser-Francis Oil Company	Sec. 30, T5N, R4W, McClain County, OK
38. Neal A 1-30	Casillas Operating, LLC	Sec. 30, T5N, R4W, McClain County, OK

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT this cause be set before an Administrative Law Judge for hearing, taking of evidence and reporting to the Commission.
 NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT this Cause will be heard before an Administrative Law Judge on the Initial Hearing Docket at the Eastern Regional Service Office of the Corporation Commission, Room 114, 440 South Houston, Tulsa, Oklahoma, at 8:30 a.m., on the 7th day of March, 2017, and that this notice be published as required by law and the rules of the Commission.
 NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT any person interested or protesting the application please advise the Attorney of record and the Court Clerk's Office of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission five (5) days before the above hearing date.
 NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Applicant and interested parties may present testimony by telephone. The cost of telephonic communication shall be paid by the person and 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 this cause, if protested, may be subject to a prehearing or settlement conference pursuant to OCCRP 165:5-11-2.
 NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all interested persons may appear and be heard. For information concerning this action, contact Amanda Witten (918) 748-3304 or Michael D. Stack, Attorney for Applicant, 943 East Britton Road, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73114; Tele (405) 286-1717; Fax (405) 286-2122.
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DONE AND PERFORMED THIS 9TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2017.
 ATTEST:
 PEGGY MITCHELL, SECRETARY OF THE COMMISSION
 No. 92-February 9-2 Times
 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID
 LEGAL NOTICE is hereby given that Purcell Public Schools, Purcell, OK, is accepting competitive proposal fixed-price bids for a Request for Proposal for the administration of Purcell Schools' USDA Child Nutrition Programs. Requested are bids to operate and manage the school food service for the 2017-2018 school year, renewable for four, one-year terms. There will be an optional walk through, February 21, 2017 at 3:30pm CST, at 919 1/2 N 9th Avenue, Purcell, OK. Notification of attendance must be sent to Jason Midkiff, Superintendent, by email: midkiff@purcellps.org by Thursday, February 16, 2017 at 3pm CST. Sealed bids will be accepted until Monday, March 6, 2017 at 6pm CST at 919 1/2 N 9th Avenue, Purcell, OK. Purcell Public Schools reserves the right to reject any or all bids received, to waive any informalities or technicalities of the bid or to reject any non-responsive bid in the interest of Purcell Public Schools. Late, faxed, or emailed bids will not be accepted. Email Jason Midkiff, Superintendent, at midkiff@purcellps.org with any questions or to obtain a copy of the request for proposal (RFP).



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New trucks

Lexington's Fire Department recently added a new tanker truck to its arsenal. On hand Monday night to view the new truck were, from left, back row - Travis Ary, David Ramsey, Ronnie Rollins, Kevin Hokett, Tyson Cypert, Shea Smith and Jansen Idlett. Middle row - Ed Purdy, Jim Delaney, Jimmy Bryen, Tracy Parker, Dustin Tyler and Max Punneo. Front row - Tyler Buchanan, Frank Houck, Shannan Dover and Shane West.



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Lexington's Fire Department recently added a new brush truck to its fleet. On hand Monday night to view the new truck were, from left, Dale Haynes, Fran Ray, Travis Ary and Jansen Idlett

LEXINGTON SCHOOL MENU

Week of February 20

MONDAY

No School.

TUESDAY
BREAKFAST

Pancake, fruit juice, blueberries, milk.

LUNCH

National Biscuit and Gravy Day—Biscuit and gravy, sausage links, hash browns, apple juice, orange smiles, milk.

WEDNESDAY
BREAKFAST

Cinnamon breakfast bun, fruit juice, apricots, milk.

LUNCH

National Cherry Pie Day—Southwest stew with crackers or chicken chef salad, celery stick with peanut butter, pickle spear, cherry pie, milk.

THURSDAY
BREAKFAST

Biscuit and gravy, fruit juice, apple wedges, milk.

LUNCH

Hamburgers, french fries, lettuce and tomatoes, pickles and onions, strawberries, cookie, milk.

FRIDAY
BREAKFAST

Whole grain cereal, toast and jelly, fruit juice, pears, milk.

LUNCH

National Tortilla Chip Day—Chicken nachos, pinto beans, Mexican corn, peaches, milk.

Lexington Community News

By Hazel Shockey

The Lexington Senior Center is open on Wednesday and Thursday each week for lunch with the same good menus as always. Each week someone comes in and says, "I just now realized you all were serving lunch again," so spread the word that we are open.

If you have news for this column, we will be glad to include it.

The exercise program is still available. The present schedule for exercise is 9 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and for the early risers and professional people, you can get in at 6 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Friday mornings. Plans are underway to have the building open for evening people at a later

date. You can call Sue Peery at (405) 830-8507 if you have questions about any of the exercise schedules.

If you are interested in playing table games, cards and dominoes, just ask someone at the center and they will let you know when. There is some interest in playing dominoes, so if you have friends interested you can make it happen. As we get into the New Year, we would like to see more participation in the game time and a schedule of events will be made available.

Lunch is served from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday for a \$6 donation. To-go orders are \$7. The lunch is open to the public and home cooked and

served by the volunteers at Lexington Community Center, 131 S. Main.

All menus are subject to change.

Menu for February 16, 22 and 23:

Thursday, February 16—Fried catfish, french fried potatoes, red beans, beets, coleslaw, hush puppies, salad bar, banana or bread pudding.

Wednesday, February 22—Spaghetti or lasagna, peas with carrots, garlic bread, breadsticks, salad bar, chocolate or coconut pie.

Thursday, February 23—Fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, mixed vegetables, rolls, salad bar, chocolate sheet cake or vanilla cake.

Purcell Senior Citizens

By Fredda Davis

Valentine's Day was Tuesday. There were lots of hearts, candy and special valentines for everyone. A new Valentine King and Queen were crowned. Jim and Addie Yarbrough were selected to be honored this year. The Yarbroughs have been married 58 years.

The senior's next garage sale will be Friday, February 17, at 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Plan to come check out the items for sale. A donation of Precious Moments keepsakes has been received by the center and will be on display for sale. We also have a very nice computer desk in the sale items.

Bingo will start at 10 a.m. Thursday. Be in your chair at 10 a.m. so the games can begin on time.

When the mornings get a little warmer, the seniors will begin a walking program three days a week. It will be based on your abilities. If you use a cane or a walker, it will be geared so you can use your assistance.

If you know someone who needs help with their noon meal at home, call the Delta Nutrition Center at 527-9462 and ask for Rebecca. Participants must live in the Purcell City Limits.

Looking for a place to have something special? The senior center is available for \$70 a day. If you're interested call 527-5070.

The seniors invite anyone 60 or above to visit the center. There is always something cooking and plenty of activities. Lunch is \$2 for all seniors.

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Benedict Arnold performance

Benedict Arnold (Scott Green) performed at the Oklahoma History Center. On hand for the performance were (from left) Mary Brannon, Steve Flowers, Benedict Arnold and Sarah Dumas, a 2006 Purcell High School graduate, who is Director of Education for the Oklahoma History Center.

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 February faculty and students include:

Cindy Lester - Staff of the Month

Cindy Lester is originally from this area. She has moved away and returned. She lived in Kansas once and California twice. She has worked in various forms of education for her past 28 years.

Ms. Lester likes to travel and be outside as much as possible. She likes all forms of music and enjoys the beach.

She has had so many wonderful people in her life that she wouldn't be able to choose just one as a role model.

Ms. Lester attended the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma in Chickasha.

Her favorite quote is "Look before you leap."

Ottis Donaho - Sixth Grade Boy of the Month

Ottis Mason Donaho is the son of Amanda Echols and Jesse Donaho. He lives with his mom, dad, four dogs and two parakeets.

His favorite subject in school is math and he is involved in band.

Ottis's role model is his dad who inspires him and pushes him to his limits so he can succeed.

He hopes to attend college at Florida State.

When he grows up he wants to be a game warden.

Lindsay Jannet Resendiz - Sixth Grade Girl of the Month

Lindsay Jannet Resendiz is the daughter of Alicia Resendiz and Hector Resendiz. She lived with her family.

Lindsay's favorite subject in school is math and she is involved in K-Builders.

Her role models are her teachers because they are the ones who inspire her.

Lindsay hopes to attend college at the best one possible.

When she grows up she wants to be a photographer.

Creed Taylor Smith - Seventh Grade Boy of the Month

Creed Taylor Smith is the son of Dru Smith and Kara Smith. He lives with his mom and dad.

Creed's favorite subject in school is science and he is involved in football, basketball, baseball and AL.

His role model is Q because he is Q.

Jackson hopes to attend college at the University of Oklahoma.

When he grows up he wants to be an architect.

Jaiden Grace Avila - Seventh Grade Girl of the Month

Jaiden Grace Avila is the daughter of Donna Avila. She lives with her mom and two dogs, Izzy and Baylor.

Her favorite subject in school is science and she is involved in basketball, STUCO, AL and academic team.

Jaiden's role model is Van

Kinchen because she considers him to be the perfect human being with his kindness, heroic service and many others.

She hopes to attend college at Baylor University or the University of Connecticut.

When she grows up she hopes to become a U.S. Army Soldier or an FBI Agent.

Kyle R. Ginn - Eighth Grade Boy of the Month

Kyle R. Ginn is the son of Jeremy and Charlotte Ginn. He lives with his parents.

His favorite subject in school technology and he is involved in AL and academic team.

His role model is Kody Kroth because he inspires him to live his dream.

Kyle hopes to attend college at Oklahoma State University.

When he grows up he wants to be a medical technologist.

Allyson Kaye Teel - Eighth Grade Girl of the Month

Allyson Kaye Teel is the daughter of Jamie and Stacey Teel.

Her favorite subject in school is English and she is involved in band and track.

Allyson's role models are her parents because they're hard workers.

She hopes to attend college at Washington State.

When she grows up she wants to be a radiologist.



Cindy Lester



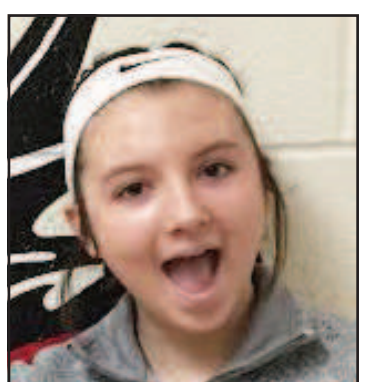
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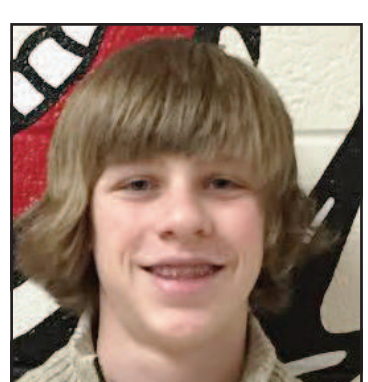
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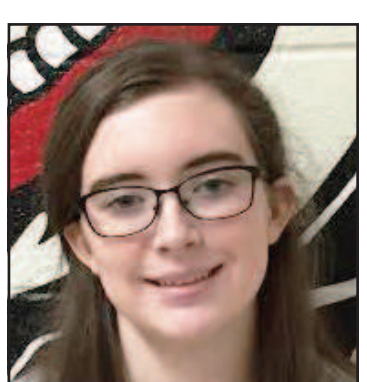
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