



Time to PREPARE for STORM SEASON

In the blink of an eye, disasters can alter a family's normal routine. Neighborhood streets can be closed because of large debris or downed power lines. Suddenly, an area that is

a familiar part of a normal daily routine is now unrecognizable. In times like this, it is crucial for a family to have a plan to reunite and meet at a safe location. With severe storm season around the corner, the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) encourages families

to create a plan for both adults and children to follow. A family may not be together when a disaster strikes so it is important to plan

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Interstate closed 51 minutes

During peak return of Spring Breakers Sunday evening

With Interstate 35 bumper to bumper Sunday evening with many travelers who had enjoyed Spring Break south of here, accidents closed the highway for 51 minutes due to a pair of accidents and a car fire.

There were two separate accidents just north of mile marker 91. One accident involved three vehicles and the other was two vehicles.

The accident closed both lanes of I-35 northbound and one lane of I-35 southbound from 7:14 p.m. to 8:05 p.m.

Jackie Wadley said his EMS service transported one female from the scene with minor injuries.

The highway was also closed in the southbound

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• Photo provided

Trash heap

The homeowner who dumped this trash in their front yard in Purcell received a \$249 citation from the city. Jimmy New, a code enforcement officer, let the owner off with a warning last summer for a similar violation.

The code enforcers

Jeanne Grimes
The Purcell Register

The complaints to Purcell's code enforcers can be about anything.

Tree limbs and brush that are left where they fall — either at nature's hand or man's.

Junk cars and other

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debris littering alleys. Unsightly trash piles next to the street. Lawn clippings dumped in the street.

Or lots that haven't seen a mower since Hector was

a pup.

Most people code enforcement officer Jimmy New deals with are willing to do clean up the offense and do what it takes to avoid a \$249 ticket.

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Election rules and reminders

Following tips will simplify voting experience

Voters will go to the polls April 4 for municipal elections in Goldsby, Blanchard and Newcastle, McClain County Election Board Secretary Karen Haley said today.

Haley offered the following information and tips for those

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Sample ballots

Available now for public view

Sample ballots now are available at the McClain County Election Board office for voters who want to get a preview of what will be at stake in April 4's municipal elections

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A place to turn

City council approves concept

Jeanne Grimes
The Purcell Register

A proposal to sacrifice a grass median for a turn lane on State Highway 74 in south Purcell will benefit three existing businesses and open the possibility of future commercial development in the area.

That was the consensus recently when Purcell city council gathered for a brief

special meeting at city hall.

"It will be very tough to develop this piece without this (turn lane)," said Caleb Stauffer with Musgrave Real Estate.

The parcel in question is west of Bacon's 66 and is being touted as a possible

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- **Display Ads:** 12 noon, Tuesday
- **Classifieds:** 11 a.m., Tuesday
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State Champion

Dylan Collateta won the heavy weight powerlifting title last Friday at Prague.



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Lady Bulldogs rolling

With victories over Newcastle and Blanchard Lexington is off and running.



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Find your inner child at library's adult coloring event

Find your inner child as The Purcell Public Library invites local residents to relax with a morning centered on their creative side at its Adult Color and Craft event, at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 1, at the library, 919 N. Ninth St. Participants can use coloring sheets and pencils provided by the library and

also get ideas for using their completed projects for gifts or decorations. Ages 18 and up are invited to attend. Registration is not required in advance. For more information, visit the library, call 527-5546. Or you may go online to www.pioneerlibrarysystem.org/purcell.

7 day forecast from [@PurcellRegister](https://twitter.com/PurcellRegister) [@OUNewsCrowd](https://twitter.com/OUNewsCrowd)

Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
75°/59° Mstly Sunny	73°/48° Rain	70°/46° Sunny	78°/54° Mstly Sunny	73°/52° Mstly Sunny	69°/55° T-storms	69°/52° Prtyly Cloudy

Warmer air, unstable conditions on way

Expect warmer temperatures this upcoming week as well as some rain chances. With the current jet stream and the warmer air, conditions will become ripe for thunderstorms, weather officials report. However, with the current drought, moisture is sorely needed. The rain on Friday will cool temperatures to the upper 60s and lower 70s for the weekend, but by Sunday those temperatures will rise again to the upper 70s. Another chance for rain and thunderstorm exists for next Thursday. Overall, its looking to be a very nice week.

Honoring Sandy



of 1987, Sandy McCaskill will be retiring as Administrator of the nursing facility. Her co-workers said Sandy tried to instill in all of the staff to treat residents with love, respect and dignity. The staff said Sandy will be greatly missed and always remembered. The public is invited to attend a retirement party for Sandy at the nursing home from 2-4 p.m. March 31. A complete story about Sandy and her career was published in the March 16 issue of **The Purcell Register** as an Interesting Neighbor.

Sandy McCaskill
After a distinguished career at the Lexington Nursing Home that began in October

Car seat sense

Free handouts at State Farm office

Purcell's State Farm agent Ryan Russ is teaming up with Safe Kids Oklahoma in sharing information on new Oklahoma laws that protect children in car seats. Two free handouts are available at the State Farm office at 105 S. Green Ave. According to Russ, the handouts – "What Does Oklahoma's Child Restraint Law Mean to You" and "Ride Right at Every Age, Every Stage" – make the new regulations easy to understand. The first is a Safe Kids Oklahoma publication that presents a simple overview of the laws in both English and Spanish. The second is published by the Oklahoma Highway Safety Office and gives greater detail about kids and car seats. "Keeping our kids safe in vehicles is of utmost importance," Russ said. "I want to provide these simple publica-

tions so there is no question about the best way for our kids to be safe in cars." The new laws require all children ride in a car seat or booster seat until they are 8. Children two-years-old and younger must ride in a rear-facing car seat. While Safe Kids Oklahoma has recommended rear-facing seats for those youngsters, it has never been a law in the state until now, Ryan said. According to Safe Kids Oklahoma, more than 2,600 children are involved in a car crash every day. That is one child every 33 seconds so parents need to be extra vigilant about children riding in cars. While most families do put children in car seats, research has shown 59 percent of those car seats are improperly installed. More information is available online at www.safekids.org.



Mirror, mirror on the ground
A shattered mirror dumped in a Purcell yard isn't just an eyesore. It also presents a potential danger to passing children who may be drawn to the shiny reflective shards of glass. • Photo provided

Purchase would increase dominance of largest private prison company

Clifton Adcock
Oklahoma Watch
CoreCivic, formerly Corrections Corp. of America, owns and operates the Cimarron Correctional Facility near Cushing, where in 2015 four inmates were fatally stabbed during a gang fight. Oklahoma's largest private-prison company is proposing to acquire the state's second largest provider of halfway houses, which would give the company a dominant footprint in private

incarceration in the state. CoreCivic – formerly known as Corrections Corp. of America – has been in talks with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections and nonprofit Center Point Inc. to acquire the non-profit's halfway houses in Oklahoma City, Tulsa and Osage County, according to an Oct. 10 letter from the Corrections Department to CoreCivic.



If the purchase of the California-based Center Point goes through and CoreCivic doesn't close or consolidate facilities, CoreCivic would own more than 70 percent of the state's halfway-house reentry beds. CoreCivic has proposed closing the Center Point halfway houses in Tulsa and Osage County should the deal be finalized, but the Corrections Department is somewhat resistant, the letter shows.

CoreCivic, based in Tennessee, already owns three of the state's 10 halfway houses and four of the state's five private prisons. One of those four prisons – Diamondback Correctional Facility in Watonga – is empty, and CoreCivic is trying to convince the Corrections Department to lease the facility for state inmates, according to a recent company conference call with investors. The state now leases and operates CoreCivic's North Fork Correctional Facility in Sayre. CoreCivic's purchase wouldn't be its first in Oklahoma. In October 2015, the company announced it had purchased Oklahoma City-based Avalon Correctional Services, which operated prisoner halfway houses and re-entry services in Oklahoma, Texas and Wyoming.

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NEWS In Brief

Free Jazz Concert

Purcell's Jazz Band will be conducting a free concert Friday, March 24, at the Commons Area of Purcell High School.

The concert is open to the public and will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Williamsons in Concert

The Williamsons will live in concert Saturday, March 25, at 6:30 p.m. as part of Sunray Baptist Church's 70th Birthday Gospel Singing.

Admission is free and a love offering will be taken.

The church is located at 2223 N. 9th in Purcell.

For more information call 527-6808.

Democratic Meeting

The recently elected Democratic precinct officers of McClain County will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 25, at the Purcell Senior Citizens Center, 228 N. 2nd Ave., north from the courthouse.

All county delegates will be voting to elect county officers to attend the district

meeting next month and then onto the state meeting.

All Democrats are encouraged to attend and bring their concerns.

Property

Tax Deadline

The deadline to pay the second half of property taxes is Friday, March 31, at 4:30 p.m.

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

Change of Assessment

The McClain County Assessor's office mailed the Change of Assessment Notices on Tuesday, February 28. This is an important, time-sensitive document. Please take time to review the notice. This is not a tax bill.

If you do not receive a notice and think you should have, please contact our office. The notices are mailed to the last, best known address.

There have already been over 500 notices returned with invalid addresses or those where the forwarding order has expired.

It is the taxpayer's responsibility to report any change of address to the assessor's office by calling 527-3520.

Museum News

The McClain County Mu-

seum and Historical Society will be open Thursday, March 23, Friday, March 24, from 1-4 p.m.

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.

Lex Senior

Citizens Lunch

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

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

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

Purcell

NA Group

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

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

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

PURCELL SCHOOL MENU

Week of March 27

MONDAY BREAKFAST

Biscuit with sausage patty, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Turkey tacos or chicken quesadilla, lettuce and tomato, Spanish brown rice, refried beans, pears, salsa, juice, milk.

TUESDAY BREAKFAST

Yogurt, toast, jelly, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

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

WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST

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

LUNCH

Fish sandwich or corn dog, creamy cole slaw, ranch style beans, mixed fruit, ketchup, mustard, juice, milk.

THURSDAY BREAKFAST

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

LUNCH

Ham or chicken tenders, mashed potatoes with white gravy, broccoli, peaches, biscuit, chocolate chip cookies, juice, milk.

FRIDAY BREAKFAST

Breakfast pizza, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Hamburger on a bun or hotdog in a bun, lettuce and tomato, carrot and celery sticks, ranch dressing, orange halves, Sunchips, ketchup, mustard, juice, milk.

Missoula Children's Theatre celebrates 20th anniversary

Purcell Schools is pleased to announce Missoula Children's Theatre 20th Anniversary workshop in Purcell.

An audition will be held for the Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT) production of "The Tortoise Versus the Hare" Tuesday, March 28, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. at the Junior High Auditorium. Those auditioning should arrive by 3:25 p.m. and plan to stay for the full two hours. Most of the cast members will be asked to stay for a rehearsal immediately following the audition.

The Missoula Children's Theatre touring productions are complete with costumes, scenery, props and makeup. The MCT Tour Actor/Directors will conduct rehearsals throughout the week from 3:30-5:30 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. each day.

"The Tortoise Versus the Hare" will be presented on Saturday, April 1, at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at the Purcell Junior High auditorium.

The Missoula Children's

Theatre residency in Purcell is presented locally by Purcell Public Schools with support from Tammy Dillard, Sarah Rangel, Melena Jones, Tim and Gail Wilson, and the Oklahoma Arts Council.

Among the roles to be cast are the wise Tortoise, Coach Shelley Bowlback, the conceited Curly Hare, Esther and her daughter Little Bonnie Bunny, the rascally Weasels, the singing service station Ferrets and the scaly Reptiles. Other roles include the Thespian Troupe, Curly's Posse, the TV Crew and the rowdy Curly Hare Fan Club. Students, grades Kindergarten through 12th grade, are encouraged to audition.

There will be a \$25 audition fee for students not enrolled in Purcell Schools. The fee is refundable if not cast in the program. No advance preparation is necessary.

Assistant directors will also be cast to aid in rehearsals throughout the week and to take on essential backstage responsibilities.

Purcell posts large gain

The Oklahoma Tax Commission this month disbursed \$131,061,086 to municipalities for an increase of \$5,941,920 over one year ago.


Cities and towns also re-

ceived a use tax disbursement totaling \$11,345,860.

Counties shared a return of \$21,323,254 in sales tax revenue and \$1,823,876 in use tax revenue.

The March distribution represents local tax receipts on sales from January 16-31 and estimated sales from February 1-15.

MARCH SALES TAX REPORT		Heart of Oklahoma		
CITY	RATE	2017	2016	DIFFERENCE
Blanchard	.04	\$195,994.31	\$167,718.40	+\$28,275.91
Byars	.04	\$1,786.32	\$3,538.50	-\$1,752.18
Cole	.04	\$1,672.09	\$844.95	+\$827.14
Dibble	.05	\$17,205.76	\$13,019.90	+\$4,185.86
Goldsby	.035	\$80,243.14	\$93,953.34	-\$13,710.20
Lexington	.035	\$32,140.73	\$31,539.97	+\$600.76
Lindsay	.04	\$211,253.65	\$175,282.52	+\$35,971.13
Maysville	.04	\$29,341.76	\$25,790.78	+\$3,550.98
Newcastle	.04	\$408,793.24	\$425,565.78	-\$16,772.54
Noble	.04	\$97,300.47	\$103,179.81	-\$5,879.34
Norman	.04	\$5,469,242.36	\$5,825,945.07	-\$356,702.71
Paoli	.03	\$5,030.58	\$3,939.36	+\$1,091.22
Pauls Valley	.045	\$427,909.58	\$433,022.23	-\$5,112.65
Purcell	.05	\$441,389.05	\$343,010.87	+\$98,378.18
Slaughterville	.02	\$12,316.94	\$12,238.75	+\$78.19
Wanette	.035	\$1,950.56	\$2,142.68	-\$192.12
Washington	.04	\$10,012.98	\$10,448.14	-\$435.16
Wayne	.035	\$11,542.42	\$11,886.92	-\$344.50
McClain County	.005	\$163,544.58	\$156,925.48	+\$6,619.10



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Reflection good for Turpen

Most Sunday mornings while we are getting ready for church *Flashpoint* will be airing on the tube.

Mike Turpen and his wife, Susan, have been friends of ours for over 30 years.

Most of the time when Turpen is spouting off I will say to Gracie, "Did you hear that one?"

But this last Sunday was different. Way different.

Mike is usually, well, almost always taking jabs at Republicans and championing the actions of his fellow Democrats.

This past week's edition of *Flashpoint* was missing one of the usual participants.

Apparently Kirk Humphreys had the week off so State Senator Stephanie Bice filled in for the Republican point of view.

Of course the sex scandal involving her colleague, State Senator Ralph Shortey, came up. Moderator Kevin Ogle

Editor's Notebook



John D.
Montgomery

turned to Sen. Bice to begin the conversation. After she addressed the issue, this is when Turpen really turned my head.

Turpen was in a reflective mood saying he has more yesterdays than tomorrows in his life.

"Senator Shortey was fairly judgemental. He was judgemental of some of the people I care about including Hispan-

ics," Turpen said.

"But there is enough good in the worst of us and enough bad in the best of us for all of us not to judge each other too harshly," my long-time friend said.

"I am not going to be judgemental of Sen. Shortey. Instead I am thinking of his wife and daughters."

Turpen concluded the segment by saying he hopes Sen. Shortey gets help for whatever problems he may have.

I don't think anyone could have said it any better than Turpen did and I hope that type of thinking prevails in more and more of our political realm. I hope it prevails not only in Oklahoma but across the nation as well, all the way to Washington D.C.

If more people were a little more reflective like Turpen was in this case, we would all be much better off.

NEWS FROM CAPITOL HILL

Congress makes the final call

Congressman Tom Cole

Each year, Congress has the responsibility to pass a budget, and then appropriate funds in accordance with that budget to fund the federal government agencies. The process typically starts in February when the President submits his proposed budget. But Congress has no obligation to adhere to the President's budget or even to put it to a vote.

President Obama's budgets were routinely rejected - and not on a partisan basis. More than once his proposed budgets failed to receive a single vote from either party in both the House and the Senate.

Congress is not blameless in this process either. Many times in the past several years they have failed to pass Appropriation bills, leading to one of the most irresponsible acts that Congress can fall back on - the continuing resolution.

A continuing resolution is essentially putting government spending on auto-pilot.

Whatever we spent last year is what we will spend this year. Regardless of different circumstances, different national priorities and different needs, we will spend the same amount and follow the same policies. This is a terrible, irresponsible way to run any organization, let alone the world's predominant super power.

The current Continuing Resolution expires on April 28th this year. Congress should pass all Appropriations bills that responsibly fund the government for the rest of Fiscal Year 2017, and then quickly pivot towards passing a budget for Fiscal Year 2018, which will begin appropriating the funds directed by that budget.

During his campaign and throughout his presidency thus far, President Trump has firmly advocated for a stronger, larger military. I wholeheartedly agree with him, we need to lift the sequester and restore our military funding to the level necessary to protect our homeland, our citizens and our allies.

However, we need to find savings in other parts of the government to help pay for it. I do not believe that paying for it on the backs of children, senior citizens or poor people is the best way to do it. Minor adjustments to entitlement programs will yield tremendous revenue that will not only help pay for our national priorities, it will extend the life of programs like Medicare and Social Security. And it will ensure that we maintain the resources to protect and defend the most vulnerable of our fellow citizens.

President Trump proposed a bold budget that fundamentally changes the direction and priorities of the federal government. I agree with much of it, but have serious reservations about some of it. Ultimately the president proposes, and the Congress disposes. As a member of both the Budget Committee and the Appropriations Committee, I look forward to making sure the taxes of the American people are spent wisely and prudently.

Time to panic? Policymakers, general public divided on 'dire' budget warnings

Trevor Brown Mollie Bryant Oklahoma Watch

Moments after explaining how another state revenue failure will require millions of dollars of mid-year budget cuts, Secretary of Finance Preston Doerflinger issued a warning to lawmakers and top state officials.

"I don't know how much more I can emphasize that the time for action is now," he said at last week's Board of Equalization meeting, at which the group also certified revenue figures that show an \$878 million shortfall for next year. "It's not a game. We need new revenue."

In response to the state's budget hole, Gov. Mary Fallin

and Doerflinger are pushing a nearly \$1 billion revenue-raising plan that increases taxes on gasoline, cigarettes and 164 types of services, including utilities, haircuts and car repairs.

They argue these politically unpopular decisions are needed to fix what Doerflinger called a

"dire" budget picture. He went on to say the Legislature can no longer rely on budget "tricks and gimmicks" to avoid major cuts to education, health and public safety programs.

But Republican legislative leaders have downplayed the threat that that they must raise taxes or slash core government services.

"In the face of another budget shortfall, the Senate understands all options are on the table to deal with these challenges," said Senate Pro Tempore Mike Schulz, R-Altus. "However, it's important to make sure we don't overlook solutions like tax incentive reform, apportionment reform



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Our Views

Psalm 23 - A Promise

The Lord is my shepherd. (That's a relationship.)

I shall not want. (That's supply.)

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures. (That's rest.)

He leadeth me beside the still waters. (That's refreshment.)

He restoreth my soul. (That's healing.)

He leadeth me in the path of righteousness. (That's guidance.)

For His Name's sake. (That's purpose.)

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, (That's testing) I will fear no evil. (That's protection.)

For thou art with me. (That's faithfulness.)

Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me. (That's discipline.)

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine

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enemies. (That's hope.)

Thou annointest my head with oil. (That's consecration.)

My cup runneth over. (That's abundance.)

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life. (That's blessing.)

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord, (That's security) Forever. (That's eternity.)

Your Views Disgraceful

Dear John D.:

Well I wonder how much business the locals got when the wreck on the interstate last Tuesday was being cleaned up?

So sad when one of these occurs and people are hurt. Traffic backed up from Washington Street to the state Highway 77 intersection from Wayne was what I saw. It was a mess in Purcell for at least 4-5 hours while the traffic from the south went through town.

It could have been simpler with ramps on state highway 39 to let traffic go around and back on without clogging and cussin' their way down Green Avenue.

What a wonderful lasting impression of us in Purcell they must have. We all know about that already. We have chosen not to do anything about it though... For 50 Years or So.

This is the result that was sought years ago in action once again. Many suffer because of the decision that came down to "Help Purcell" long ago made by a few. It reminds me of the old saying we all know too well. "I am from the government and I am here to help."

This time maybe not so much.

Hope this gets fixed before they plant me on the hill south of the city. Purcell is too good of a town to have to put up with this stuff for much longer. We all will appreciate the relief when it comes. You will wonder what took it so long. The answer, sadly, will be the lack of action by the citizens of this fine town for half a century.

Look in the mirror if you want to see part of the problem. Voters voting for people that will fix problems instead of blowing hot air on them will cure it.

Sounds simple. Why haven't we done that?

Talk won't help. Writing letters doesn't seem to help much, either.

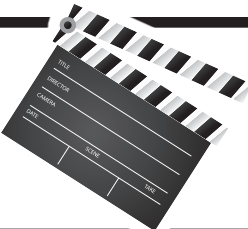
Respectfully,
Dan Pennington

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MOVIES WITH DAVE

By David Stull



The movie theater was absolutely mobbed this weekend. I haven't seen this many children and families at the movies in ages.

Seemed like everyone was trying to see "Beauty and the Beast" this week, myself included. That said, here's what I saw this weekend.

First up, the movie I just mentioned, a live action remake of the animated classic, "Beauty and the Beast."

You all know the story.

A young French prince (Dan Stevens) is cursed by an enchantress after refusing to give her shelter during a winter storm. For his arrogance, she transforms the prince into a monstrous beast and puts a spell on the entire castle, turning all his servants into various household objects. For the beast, learning how to love and to be loved is the only thing that will change them back.

Years later, a young woman (Emma Watson) living in a quiet French village is wanting more from life and adventure. She gets her adventure when she discovers her father has been imprisoned by the previously mentioned beast. Exchanging her life for her father's, she finds herself prisoner of a castle filled with wonders and enchantments.

Filling out the cast of characters is Luke Evans as the arrogant brute Gaston, Josh Gad as Gaston's sidekick LeFou, Ewan McGregor as Lumière the candelabra, Ian McKellen as Cogsworth the clock and Emma Thompson as Mrs. Potts the teapot.

This movie is impossible to talk about without comparing it to the original 1991 animation. It's just too similar not to. Unfortunately this live action remake pales in comparison.

Let's start with what I did like.

I liked some of the designs for the living household objects. Cogsworth and Lumière in particular were beautifully crafted.

The special effects in general were very well done. You can tell a lot of work went into making the look of this film. Effects alone don't make a good movie though. For me it's all about the characters and the ones in this movie feel like poor imitations of the original.

Watson as Belle isn't bad, but she has none of the spark the animated character had. Most the time it feels like she's acting opposite of cardboard cutouts, which in her defense she probably was. One scene in particular she's being treated to an amazing performance with dancing silverware and a singing candlestick, but from the look on her face you'd think she was happily waiting for the bus.

She's hardly the worse though.

I hated Thompson as Mrs. Potts. Her acting felt so cold and forced, I thought for sure Potts was being played by someone trying to put on a fake British accent. I'm shocked Thompson had such a terrible performance. They took one of the most caring and motherly characters in Disney history and turned her into a shell of herself.

Speaking of fake accents, I love Ewan McGregor, but I hope he never does a French accent ever again. His Lumière wasn't as bad as Thompson's Mrs. Potts, but his accent got very grating, very quickly.

Gaston feels like a cheap imitation of the original. Evans just seems poorly casted for the role. He doesn't even look the part.

To his credit, I thought Stevens made for an okay beast. He doesn't have the best chemistry with Watson, but I thought he had a decent take on the character.

Surprisingly, my favorite character was probably Gaston's sidekick LeFou. Gad seemed to have a lot of fun with the role and added some much needed humor to the movie. Unfortunately it wasn't enough to redeem the rest of the acting in this film.

But enough about characters. Beauty and the Beast is known for its catchy and memorable songs. And this movie is far from short on music. Along with all the songs from the 1991 film, this movie adds a ton of new originals.

Sadly it's more of the same. Sure, they're the same songs you know and love and much of the same lyrics, but like in the 2016 remake of "The Jungle Book," it can be to the movie's detriment. The lyrics just seem forced and sometimes don't even make sense in the context of this movie. They aren't poorly performed, aside from Thompson's awful performance as Mrs. Potts. They're just nothing compared to original versions.

The new songs don't fare much better. I couldn't tell you a single name of any of the new songs without looking them up. Couldn't even hum them. That's how forgettable they are.

But what about the story? This movie is a full 45 minutes longer than the original, and besides filling it up with new songs, they added quite a bit of story for the characters.

It seems like every character in this movie gets a backstory, whether they need it or not. I didn't mind some of the additions, but most of them seemed pointless. I don't need a backstory for why the beast is angry, why Gaston is violent, or why Belle's father cares about her.

They just seem added for the

sake of padding the film, which already drags from the addition of all the new songs.

Even with all that said, I can't really say this is a bad movie.

It obviously has a very high production design and you can tell a lot of care went into making it. But for me, as a massive fan of the 1991 animated version, it's a huge disappointment.

This film just doesn't hold a candle (or candelabra) to the original.

"Beauty and the Beast" is rated PG.

The other movie I saw this weekend was "The Belko Experiment."

It seems like another normal workday for the employees at Belko Industries. That is until suddenly the building they work at goes on lockdown.

A voice on the intercom announces if they don't kill two of their fellow employees, people in the building will start being executed at random.

They brush it off as a prank, right up until when people's heads start exploding.

The voice comes back and tells the employees if they don't kill 30 of their fellow co-workers, 60 of them will be randomly executed. It's every man and woman for themselves in this kill or be killed office extravaganza.

Let me start off by saying this is not a good movie.

The characters aren't well written, the dialog is laughable and the concept is so over the top it's ridiculous.

That said, I really had a lot of fun with this film.

I'm not sure if the filmmakers intended this movie to be funny, but I was smiling the whole way through it.

My favorite part was the soundtrack. The music choices were so bizarre and out of place that I couldn't help but chuckle. Again, I don't know if that was the original intent, but those scenes were hilarious.

It doesn't overstay its welcome either. This movie is mercifully short at only 88 minutes long. Just when I was getting tired of the film's silly gore fest, it wraps itself up.

Despite really enjoying myself, this isn't a movie I'd recommend to most people.

If you're going into it expecting a serious film with a thought provoking social commentary about morality, I don't think you're going to have a very good time. The characters aren't strong enough and they're too over the top and silly to take seriously.

However, if you're a person who can enjoy laughing at ridiculous, over the top movies, this one may be worth checking out.

"The Belko Experiment" is rated R.



The Good Folks of Lennox Valley

It has been 18 years since the unforgettable match between the Valley King Pins and the Pleasant Hill Strike Force and for the life of me I still can't figure out how they fit 237 fans, plus several infants, into that four-lane bowling alley.

I was one of the lucky ones. Mary Ann Tinkersley and I were on our third "official" date that night, and like many others, we were rife with anticipation. My plan had been to buy two chili dogs, chips and sodas before the first game, but the line at the concession stand made that an impossibility.

Chester Fleenor, Valley Lanes owner, had anticipated a big crowd, but he never dreamed nearly 200 good folks of the Valley would show up, in addition to more than 30 fans who came to cheer on the Strike Force. He and his daughter, Kari Lynn, manned the stand alone, leaving Chester's son, Phil, to oversee the equipment. This was no night to have a problem with the pins or scoreboards. Too much was at stake.

There were three primary reasons for the huge turnout. First, everyone in the Valley had heard the story of Elbert Lee Jones taking on the entire foursome of Strike Force behemoths in an act of sheer bravery and loyalty to his home town. Even though it had been 20 years, the wounds were still fresh.

Second, Raymond Cooper's return to anchor the bowling team brought out many of his loyal fans, eager to see their champion single-handedly run the evildoers from Pleasant Hill straight back from where they came. To the Valley faithful, the Strike Force team was anything but pleasant.

Third, there were those who thought A.J. Fryerson might show up. He was normally the anchor of the King Pins and if he was alive, he would surely make his way to Valley Lanes to lead his team to victory.

As the giant clock directly above the dividing line between lanes 2 and 3 struck 7 o'clock, it was clear to everyone A.J. wouldn't be defending the honor of our town. There was an almost deafening roar as the Lennox Valley squad was introduced.

Earl Goodman was the first to wave to the crowd as his name was called and he would be the first to roll for the King Pins. Next was Perry Pratt, owner of Valley General Store. In years past, Marvin Walsh would have been

Strike Two!

Pandemonium reigns in Valley grudge match

the third bowler introduced, but after his 65th birthday he turned the duties over to Billy Joe Drury. Billy Joe kept to himself mostly and was a bit gruff for someone who grew up in the Valley, but he was a good bowler and the fans cheered as he painstakingly raised his hand just above his waist.

The loudest cheers of the night were reserved for Raymond Cooper, wearing his orange-striped yellow shirt, which happened to be the school colors of the defunct Lennox Valley High School, along with an "aw shucks" smile while soaking in the adulation.

The crowd grew silent as Earl Goodman rolled the first ball, a "flat ten." In bowling lingo, that is a ball which knocks down all but the ten pin, leaving the six pin lying in the gutter. It felt as if the entire Valley cheering squad breathed a sigh of relief.

The first bowler for Pleasant Hill rolled a "flush," meaning all ten pins landed in the pit. Any experienced bowler knows a flush strike is technically perfect. The Strike Force loyals cheered in anticipation of a sweeping victory.

What happened next is second-hand information. The line to the concession stand had finally shortened to three deep and I made my way to buy those chili dogs and sodas. Just as I was handing \$3 to Mr. Fleenor, I heard a deafening roar. I turned to look, but everyone in the crowd was standing and yelling, keeping me from seeing what was happening.

The commotion continued for what seemed like several minutes, but probably lasted no more than 15 or 20 seconds. By the time I made my way close enough to see what was transpiring, Billy Joe was lying flat on the ground and emotions ranged from concern for Billy's safety, to jubilation among the Pleasant Hill crowd who sensed a forfeit, to bewilderment among the remaining King Pins.

Harsh words were being exchanged between the two teams but the roar of the crowd drowned them out. Finally, the Strike Force gathered their equipment and walked out to a chorus of boos from Lennox supporters.

Raymond made his way to the concession stand, taking Mr. Fleenor's microphone in his hand.

"Be sure," Raymond said, "to pick up a copy of the Lennox Valley Patriot this Tuesday for a full report of what just transpired."

Iris Long, still in her seat just behind lane 4, dropped her reporter's pad, briefly stunned.

"Tuesday," she whispered to herself, "One day before Hometown News."

Visit the Good Folks at LennoxValley.com

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and pursuing agency efficiencies that, when combined, will provide short-term relief and long-term budget stability."

The Public's Perspective

This divide isn't just at the Capitol.

Polling data and interviews with advocates and constituents who have lobbied their representatives during the early weeks of the session also illustrate the split in attitudes on whether tax increases should be on the table.

A SoonerPoll survey of 400 likely voters from Feb. 15 to Feb. 21 found that 87.2 percent of those sampled felt the state has a spending problem, while far fewer — 68 percent — felt the state has a revenue problem. Although this shows some believe the state has both revenue and spending problems, many more think the state should look at cuts.

In addition, 87 percent of respondents felt more efficiencies can be found in state spending while support for any of the tax-raising proposals — except for the cigarette tax increase and extending sales taxes to

tattoos — fell well below 50 percent.

House Majority Leader Mike Sanders, R-Kingfisher, said many of the tax-raising proposals have caused "heartburn" with his caucus. And although he said he's received a mix of emails and in-person visits from constituents upset or concerned about the budget or issues like teacher raises, he stressed it's not time to panic.

"It's early in the process and we may not have all the answers

at this point," he said. "But I am confident when it's all said and done, we'll have a balanced budget, as is mandated by law, and we are going to fulfill what we were sent here to do."

Rep. Claudia Griffith, D-Norman, on the other hand, said she's received many calls, emails and texts from constituents worried about the budget. Some have asked her

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Chickasaw Nation to host "Tell a Fairy Tale" day Friday at A&H Building in Ada

The Chickasaw Nation will celebrate National Tell a Fairy Tale Day, 11:30 a.m. Friday, March 24.

They will be inviting children and adults alike to listen, share or read their favorite stories, at the arts and humanities building, 201 N. Broadway in Ada. A fairy tale is a fictional story often featuring folkloric characters such as fairies, goblins, elves, trolls, giants, mermaids, gnomes or other mythical beings.

Magical and enchanting themes also tend to show up in fairy tales.

This fairy tale experience is open to the public at no charge.

All participants are invited to bring a sack lunch and listen to or share their favorite fairy

tales.

For more information, contact Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

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Happy birthday to Pam Kyzer, Wade Higgins, Debbie Wilkinson, Esmeralda Aguinaga, Nataniel Austin Carel, Jon Forster, Judy Pickle, Todd Clouse, Debbie Frasier, Cassidy Bennett, Jennifer Lizana, Madison Elizabeth English, Cynthia Crandall, Jana Selman, Gaylon Gray, Diane Potter, Omeda Lawson, Sally Berry, Kay Cross, Morgan Chambers, Elijah Davis, Jeff Staggs, Randy Beck, Daniel West, Lois Beam, Dan Pennington, Dorothy McBroom and Raychel Kozik.

Purcell's Jazz Band will be conducting a free concert Friday, March 24, at the Commons Area of Purcell High School.

The concert is open to the public and will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Preschool and Toddler Story Time will be held Tuesday, March 28, 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.

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.

Do you ever wonder about your ancestors? The Purcell Public Library and Library Assistant Gary Rice want to help you by providing information on tracking down your family history with Individual Genealogy help!

Rice will be available to share his knowledge of research, as well as tips on the many resources available through the library from 1 to 3 p.m. on Monday, March 27, in the Meeting Room of the library, to provide individual genealogy help. Registration for a time slot is required.

To register call the library at 527-5546.

Fix this for an easy weeknight casserole!

Easy Tuna Casserole
 1 10-3/4 oz. can condensed cream of mushroom soup
 1-1/2 cups milk
 1 cup frozen peas
 1-1/2 cups instant white rice, uncooked
 2 5 oz. cans tuna, drained, flaked
 1 cup Kraft Shredded Cheddar Cheese

Heat oven to 375°. Mix soup, milk and peas in medium saucepan. Bring to boil on medium-high heat, stirring occasionally.

Add rice and tuna; mix lightly. Spoon into 2-qt. casserole; sprinkle with cheese.

Bake 20 minutes or until heated through.

Lexington Elementary 2017-2018 Pre-K sign up to begin

Lexington Elementary Pre-K sign up for the 2017-2018 school year will begin Monday, March 27.

Students must be four years old on or before Sept. 1, 2017.

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

The following documents are required for each child:

- Updated shot record;
 - Social Security card;
 - State issued birth certificate; and
 - Parent photo identification.
- Signing up does not automatically enroll your child in Pre-K. Students will be officially enrolled in August by providing a current proof of residency.

Kim Thompson hosts Okeyha Mothers Club

The Okeyha Mothers Club met in the home of Kim Thompson on February 27.

The meeting was an informal baby shower for member Heather McGee. She brought baby Dryden for his first club meeting and the members presented gifts to them.

He is adorable and was

passed around to several members during the meeting. Everyone enjoyed having another little one join our group!

Topics discussed following the baby shower were convention, home tour, scholarships and future club activities.

The next meeting will be at Valerye Haley's March 13.



• Photo provided

Okeyha Mothers give shower

Okeyha Mothers Club members hosted a shower for club member Heather McGee and her child, Dryden.

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. 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 March 23, 29 and 30:

Thursday, March 23—Meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, corn casserole, rolls, salad bar, chocolate or vanilla cake.

Wednesday, March 29—Pulled pork, potato casserole, sweet potatoes, blackeyed peas, rolls, salad bar, pecan or lemon pie.

Thursday, March 30—Indian tacos, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, onions, pepper, sour cream, chips, salsa, queso, carrot cake.



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Pauls Valley Opry

Haylie Bagwell will be making her debut appearance at the Pauls Valley Opry on Saturday, April 1. The show begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Pauls Valley High School auditorium.

Purcell Friends to host Spring Book Sale

Find a good deal for your book collection and support the Purcell Public Library while doing it at the Friends of the Purcell Library's Spring Book Sale.

The sale is set for Saturday, April 1, through Tuesday, April 4. The sale runs during library hours each day—9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 1, 1 to 5 p.m. April 2 and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. April 3 and 4.

The sale features a variety

of gently used materials in many genres and age groups. Prices will be cut on Sunday and further cut on Monday and Tuesday.

Proceeds go to help the Friends group in its support of library events throughout the year.

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

Okeyha Mothers Club meets at Valerye Haley's

The Okeyha Mothers Club met in the home of Valerye Haley March 13. In the absence of the president, vice president Kim Thompson facilitated the meeting.

The Holiday Home Tour was discussed and those people who have already agreed to have their homes on this year's tour will receive confirmation letters from the club.

Other home prospects were discussed and assigned to various members.

Historian Aletha Lydick asked that all members submit pictures to be placed in this year's history book. Each

member will have a page designated for them, their meeting and their family.

Under new business the Okeyha \$1,000 scholarship was reviewed. The applications, which are available in the counselor's office, were available to graduating seniors of Purcell High School on March 3. These will be collected on April 17 with the announcement made at the PHS awards assembly in May.

The Oklahoma Association of Mothers Clubs annual convention will be held at the Skirvin Hotel in Oklahoma City in April. All members are to contact the hotel to reserve rooms and all assessments for the events should already have been paid.

Several donations were discussed including the Dragon Community Food and Wellness Drive, OETA, PHS After Prom and Girls State. They were all approved and checks will be delivered ASAP.

New club members were mentioned and all nominations will be discussed at Betty Little's meeting on March 27. Voting will occur at the April 10 meeting.

Door prizes were won by Betty Little, April Gillen and Jenny Hunter.

Members present were Sheila Barfield, Kristy Brock, April Gillen, Valerye Haley, Jenny Hunter, Betty Little, Aletha Lydick, Judy Moring, Dede Page and Kim Thompson.

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to do whatever it takes to raise revenue, including increasing the cigarette tax and other fees.

“When you can’t meet core services, that’s a concern,” Griffith said

Last year, Andy Moore started Let’s Fix This, a nonprofit geared toward boosting civic engagement at the Capitol. The revenue shortfall has left Moore with lingering concerns.

“In some ways, it’s worse, because ... we’re facing cuts now that are on top of cuts we had last year and cuts the year before that,” Moore said. “It’s a compounding issue, and next year’s (revenue is) going to be even lower.”

Norman resident Brian Pelts is frustrated with the Legislature’s pursuit of “morality bills”.

“To me, the budget’s the most important thing, because every program and plank in a platform begins and ends with funding,” Pelts said.

Will 2017 Be Different?

Are wholesale revenue changes needed this year?

Similar budget warnings were cited last year when lawmakers were up against a record \$1.3 billion shortfall.

Entering the 2016 session, officials warned that not acting on Fallin’s budget proposal, which also called for a cigarette tax hike and a smaller-scale broadening of the sales tax base, could lead to rural hospitals failing, the closing of nursing homes across the state and mass teacher layoffs.

But in the final days of the session, Fallin and lawmakers found a way to close the budget gap without raising taxes or deeply cutting agency budgets.

The deal wasn’t perfect. It didn’t include money for teacher raises and largely depended on one-time revenue fixes, including taking out \$200 million in bonds.

There are indications that a similar budget fix could happen again. Although they have been tight-lipped on specifics, legislative leaders have offered assurances that even without a major tax increase, there are enough options available to balance the budget without significant cuts.

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WIC:

very best for their growing children. It also helps participants improve their diet, get immunizations and health care if needed as well as encourages women to breastfeed.

Through nutrition education, counseling, support and encouragement, the Chickasaw Nation WIC staff connects with families to assist them in improving and enhancing the quality of their lives.

An appointment is just a phone call away and services are available to those who meet the following guidelines:

- Are currently pregnant or breastfeeding;
- Have had a baby in the past six months or have a child up to five years of age;
- Meet WIC income guidelines;
- Have a nutritional screening at the WIC office to determine if they are at nutritional risk.

Homeless persons will be served immediately upon request if the above criteria are met.

Funded by the United States Department of Agriculture, the program has been serving the community for more than 30 years. Currently, the program serves the needs of more than 3900 participants.

Chickasaw Nation WIC

“It will be a budget that certainly won’t make everyone happy,” Schulz said. “But we will get our work done.”

But there are also signals that pulling this off could be a tougher challenge despite the \$878 million shortfall being less than last year’s \$1.3 billion budget hole.

Lawmakers will again be able to use some one-time funding sources, including the “Rainy Day Fund,” bonds and agency revolving funds. But falling back on these options carries risks.

An October report from Moody’s Investor Services warned that “continued use of one-time revenues to address future budget gaps” and a “depletion of state’s financial reserves” were two factors that could lead to a downgrade of the state’s credit rating. This could lead to higher interest rates that would make borrowing more difficult and costly.

State agencies also have less room to absorb more cuts – something many GOP lawmakers say is still on the table – after the latest round of budget reductions that were triggered by last week’s revenue failure.

Department of Corrections Director Joe Allbaugh, for example, said last week that his agency is “already cut to the bone financially.” He said further cuts carry public safety risks if actions, such as the newly announced agency hiring freeze, are prolonged.

And underscoring the seriousness of the issue, Fallin took the rare step last week of threatening to veto the budget bill if lawmakers cut too deeply.

“We have to decide as a state what we want to fund and what type of services do we want to have,” she said. “We can deliver services, but they might not be good.”

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benefits are issued utilizing a magnetic stripe card known as Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card. The card is the first of its kind to be used among the Oklahoma WIC agencies and works just like a debit or credit card. It replaces the traditional paper check or voucher and gives families freedom of purchasing the WIC food they need with each trip to the store.

A WIC food package includes milk, cheese, yogurt, fruit juice, eggs, cereal, whole grains, canned fish, peanut butter, beans/peas as well as fresh and frozen fruits and vegetables. Infant foods are also offered and formula for infants is provided if needed. Enhanced food packages are offered to breastfeeding women and peer counselors are available to assist them in having a successful breastfeeding experience.

In the summer months, the participants are eligible for Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program checks for the purchase of Oklahoma-grown fresh fruits and vegetables from authorized farmers markets and farm stands throughout the Chickasaw Nation and surrounding areas.

For more information about the WIC program, please call 1-855-559-0985.



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Spring has sprung

With the start of spring, the snow cone business on South Greene Avenue was booming this week for Darla Delcambre

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Private:

The deal included a 300-bed facility in Oklahoma City, a 300-bed facility in Tulsa and a 180-bed women’s facility in Turley. That gave the company more than half of the state’s roughly 1,500 halfway house beds.

In an emailed statement, Steve Owen, CoreCivic managing director of communications, declined to give details about the proposed acquisition of Center Point and where the deal stands now.

“For the past several years, CoreCivic has undertaken multiple acquisitions to expand the company’s ability to meet government partners’ growing demand for community correctional and residential reentry services,” Owen said. “While we continue to assess such opportunities around the county, we have no announcements of pending acquisitions at this time.”

Center Point officials didn’t return phone calls.

In recent years, CoreCivic has adjusted its business strategy to focus on three distinct areas: private for-profit prisons; halfway houses, or reentry services; and real estate. Analysts and business writers say private prison companies are likely to benefit under the Trump administration. The U.S. Justice Department recently revoked an Obama administration order to phase out the federal Bureau of Prisons’ use of private-prison contracts.

CoreCivic has had its share of controversy over the years. Human rights and civil liberties groups have pointed to several examples of prisoner mistreatment, riots and dangerous conditions at the company’s prison facilities across the country. In September 2015, four inmates were

stabbed to death during a gang fight at the Cimarron Correctional Facility near Cushing. The fight was considered one of the deadliest incidents of its kind in Oklahoma prison history.

In its letter to CoreCivic, the Corrections Department didn’t object to the potential purchase of Center Point but expressed concern about the company’s plans to close its 75-bed Osage County facility and move the inmates to Tulsa, boosting the number there to over 300, which the department thought was too high.

The letter also expressed concern about plans to close Center Point’s female halfway house in Tulsa, which focuses on alcohol and drug treatment, and move its 32 inmates to Turley.

CoreCivic owns and operates the Davis Correctional Facility in Holdenville and the Cimarron facility. The company signed a \$37.5 million contract in May to lease North Fork Correctional Facility in Sayre to the Corrections Department, which operates and staffs the prison.

Diamondback, the fourth CoreCivic prison, has been closed since 2010. But in a Feb. 9 conference call with investors, Cameron Hopewell, CoreCivic’s managing director of investor relations, said the company hopes to convince the Corrections Department to lease the Diamondback facility as well, rather than go through with efforts to build two new state-owned prisons, according to a transcript of the call.

“They’ve (the Corrections Department) gotten comfortable with it, we’ve gotten comfortable with it,” Damon Hininger, CoreCivic President and CEO, said about the leasing arrangement during the

conference call. “We think it’s a good solution for them long term.”

The company is still in early talks with the department regarding Diamondback, according to the transcript.

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profit, nonpartisan media organization that produces in-depth and investigative content on a range of public-policy issues facing the state. For more Oklahoma Watch content, go to www.oklahomawatch.org.

LEXINGTON SCHOOL MENU

Week of March 27

MONDAY**BREAKFAST**

Whole grain cereal, cinnamon grips, fruit juice, peaches, milk.

LUNCH

Corn dog or tuna wrap, steamed carrots, English peas, orange smiles, milk.

TUESDAY**BREAKFAST**

Breakfast burrito, fruit juice, orange smiles, milk.

LUNCH

Chicken burrito with Spanish rice, pinto beans, Mexican corn, applesauce, milk.

WEDNESDAY**BREAKFAST**

French toast sticks, fruit juice, mixed fruit, milk.

LUNCH

Macaroni and cheese with lil smokies and batter bread, steamed carrots, English peas, lime pears, milk.

THURSDAY**BREAKFAST**

Oatmeal, cinnamon toast raisins, milk.

LUNCH

Barbecue chicken with hot roll, baked beans, potato salad, strawberries, milk.

FRIDAY**BREAKFAST**

Whole grain cereal, pop tarts, fruit juice, orange slices, milk.

LUNCH

Pizza or peanut butter and jelly, fresh broccoli with ranch dressing, celery sticks, mixed fruit, milk.

WAYNE SCHOOL MENU

Week of March 27

MONDAY**BREAKFAST**

Cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Corndog, barbecue beans, mixed vegetables, mandarin oranges, juice, milk.

TUESDAY**BREAKFAST**

Cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Spaghetti, green beans, garlic biscuit, applesauce cup, juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY**BREAKFAST**

Bagel topper, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Barbecue pulled pork sandwich, whole grain chips, black-eyed peas, sliced peaches, juice, milk.

THURSDAY**BREAKFAST**

Cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Oven roasted chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, broccoli florets, mixed fruit, hot roll, juice, milk.

FRIDAY**BREAKFAST**

Cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Chicken patty sandwich, whole grain chips, carrot/celery sticks, fresh fruit, juice, milk.



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Obituaries

Gary Don Wade

This is the story of Gary Don Wade of Washington, Okla., who passed away on March 16, 2017. Gary was a wonderful man that was loved, is missed, and will always be cherished. Our "Papa," as he liked to be called by his grandchildren, was an amazing husband, father, son, grandfather, brother and uncle.



Gary's story starts on January 8, 1952 the oldest child to Murray and Bernadine Wade, who later added Jim and Patti to their family. Gary was born in Phoenix, Arizona. On his eighth birthday he moved to Southeast Oklahoma. He was baptized in a creek in the Kiamichi Mountains when he was 12 years old. He graduated with the Madill High School class of 1970 where he met his wife of 44 years, Susan. In 1971 Gary joined the National Guard where he served for six years.

The couple moved to Ada, Oklahoma where Gary and Susan welcomed their two sons, Kyle and Craig. Gary worked at General Tire & Rubber Co. before moving to Moore, Oklahoma, working for Horn Equipment. He retired from Horn Equipment in 2015, after 33 years of employment.

Gary loved being at the lake making memories, camping, fishing, and hunting. Anytime spent on his boat fishing was time well spent. The special memories were made when he would take his grandkids on "guided fishing tours". When not at the lake, Gary wanted to be at his hunting lease aka "The Hilton", in Stuart, Okla., with his family and friends.

Gary and Susan are members of First Baptist Church in Washington, Okla.

He was preceded in death by his father, Murray Wade and father-in-law, Rex Rowe.

Loved ones that will miss Gary until they meet him again are his wife, Susan Wade of Washington, Okla.; his two sons and their families, Kyle and Lacey Wade and their children, Kiley and Emma of Washington, Okla., and Craig and Carla Wade and their children, Ashtyn and Jace of Gunter, Texas; his mother, Bernadine Wade and mother-in-law, Louise Rowe of Madill, Okla.; his brother, Jim Wade and family of Bridge Creek, Okla.; his sister, Patti Sterling and her family of Durant, Okla., and his sister-in-law, Patricia Moore of Madill, Okla.

And on goes Gary's legacy.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 20, 2017 at the First Baptist Church in Washington, Okla. Interment was at the Washington Cemetery. Arrangements were by Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Washington FBC-Benevolence Fund.

Online condolences may be made at wilsonlittle.com.

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Joshua Frank Hague

Joshua Frank Hague was a flowering bud on earth that bloomed in heaven on March 15, 2017. His final hours were spent in his mother's arms and surrounded by his loved ones whom Joshua had touched in a big way throughout his short, yet very memorable life.



Joshua lived his life in full living color. His life would seem too short to many, but those who were blessed to know him understood that the quality of existence far exceeds the quantity of time in which one lives. His perfect smile could melt the hearts of those around him. You never had to wonder how Joshua felt about you; he would tell you plenty of times. He never met a stranger; he would tell them his life story in the first 30 seconds of meeting him.

Although Joshua was challenged with autism, he possessed strength, perseverance, and an ability to overcome incredible odds and physical challenges. With his courage he led us to believe that each day is a blessing and an opportunity to create lasting memories. Joshua loved the Lord and he would tell you that the Lord loved him and one day he was going to live with Jesus.

He loved the color red especially if it was a fast red car. Josh had a love for researching cars and could identify any car being driven on the street. He was once granted an opportunity to sit in a Lamborghini and we never heard the end of it. He especially loved his mommy and sisters. His family was very important to him.

With Joshua's passing we remind others that his life is one to be celebrated. Although we will miss him every day, especially his amazing smile. He will forever remain in our hearts. Through his teachings about life, we were able to create wonderful memories and it has been a privilege to be a part of his life.

Joshua entered this world on March 3, 2003 at 11:19 p.m. and passed away on March 15, 2017 at 11:20 a.m.

Joshua is survived by his loving mother, Leslie Hague of Noble, Okla.; sisters, Alexandra Hague and Kyleigh Reinhold of the home; "Dad" Damian Reinhold; maternal grandmother, Carrie Matthews of Noble, Okla.; aunt, Jennifer Johnson and husband, Roger Johnson, of Purcell, Okla.; uncle, Corey Matthews and wife, Kim Matthews, of Purcell, Okla.; numerous cousins, Katelynn Gifford, Benton Gifford III, Spencer Matthews, Keaton Matthews and Jacob Matthews; other family members include siblings, Summer Ward and her husband, Tyler, and their child, Zayne, Kayla Reinhold, Brayden Reinhold; grandparents, Donny and Kim Roberts; uncle, Derrick Dobbins and his wife, Kendra, and their children, Deaken and Keely Dobbins; Lyle Hague of California; Frank Hague and Kathy Dean of Colleyville, Texas, and Beth Meyer of Denton, Texas, and a plethora of other family and friends.

He was predeceased by his maternal grandfather, Harold Matthews, both maternal and paternal great-grandparents.

Funeral Services were held Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at Wilson-Little Funeral Home Chapel in Purcell, Okla. Interment was at the Lexington Cemetery.

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Robert Leslie McGregor II

Graveside funeral services for Robert Leslie McGregor II, 59, of Purcell will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 23, 2017 at Hillside Cemetery in Purcell. Arrangements are under the direction of Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.



Mr. McGregor passed away Saturday, March 18, 2017 after a brief illness.

Robert was born November 3, 1957 in Purcell, Okla. He was the oldest of three children born to Robert Leslie McGregor and Beverly Jean (Halsey) McGregor. Robert grew up in the Purcell and Wanette communities, graduating from Wanette High School with the class of 1976. While in high school he was active in FFA.

On May 27, 1978 he married Deborah Kay Pritchett of Purcell. Together they made their home in Purcell and raised three daughters, Shannon, Stephanie and Leigh Ann.

Robert had various jobs before going to work 20 years ago for Haskell Lemon Construction in Norman. He was currently the Plant Operator at the Norman Plant. Throughout his life, Robert had a love for fast cars. He was an avid NASCAR fan and in his spare time he enjoyed working on his own vehicles at home. While his children were growing up they enjoyed going fishing and camping at Lake Murray.

Robert was an avid Oklahoma Sooner and Dallas Cowboy football fan and hardly ever missed a game on tv. He will be remembered as a family man and one who enjoyed telling stories to his kids and grandkids. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his father, Bob McGregor.

He is survived by his wife, Debbie McGregor of the home in Purcell; mother, Beverly McGregor of Purcell; three daughters, Shannon Clark and husband, Robbie, of Purcell, Stephanie Sims and husband, Zackary, of Purcell and Leigh Ann McGregor of Purcell; one brother, Terry McGregor and wife, Sally, of Noble; one sister, Stacy Bugher and husband, Brent, of Lexington; brother-in-law, Joe Pritchett and wife, Nell, of Purcell; two grandchildren, Hunter Clark and Lyric Harding and one granddaughter on the way; one great-granddaughter, Kiri Clark; several nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends.

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Charles William Whitehead

Charles William Whitehead, 87, of Criner, died Monday, March 20, 2017, at his home. The son of Charley Madison Whitehead and Birtie Louise (Lamb) Whitehead, he was born June 18, 1929 in Bailey, Oklahoma.



Charles married Rosemary Hudson on May 25, 1950 in Grady County. They owned and operated a dairy farm for many years. He was an active member of the Dibble Free Will Baptist Church and served as a deacon. He enjoyed building fence, farming, and raising ostriches and goats. His greatest enjoyment was spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a grandson, Bobby Long; his brother, Harold Whitehead; and a daughter-in-law, Debbie Hallmark.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 67 years, Rosemary Whitehead of Criner; three daughters, Pamela Bennett and her husband, Jim, of Chickasha, Debbie Bartels and her husband, Arnie, of Dibble, and Tanya Dolton and her husband, Russell, of Mustang; one son, Bill Whitehead of Criner; an honorary son, Lewis Cox and his wife, Barbara, of Dibble; nine grandchildren, Kevin Whitehead of Chickasha, Steve Long and his wife, Christy, of Dibble, Tracey Shaw of Chickasha, Brandi Winters and her husband, James, of Chickasha, Jeanne Provence of Chickasha, Dustin Dolton of Texas, Ashlee Morton of Yukon, Kyle Bartels and his wife, Misty, of Guymon, and Kim Bartels of Texas; seventeen great-grandchildren; one sister, Birdean Rice and her husband, Kenneth, of Waurika; and many other loved ones and friends.

Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, March 24, 2017 at the Dibble Free Will Baptist Church. Burial will follow in the Dibble Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Eisenhour Funeral Home of Blanchard. Online obituary and guestbook are available at www.eisenhourfh.com.

Legal Publication

No. 218-March 23-2 Times
NOTICE OF ELECTION
TOWN OF WAYNE, OKLAHOMA
I. BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Town of Wayne that for the purpose of electing officers of said City/Town that:
A nonpartisan general election shall be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2017. The election shall be held from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. or all registered voters have cast their ballots at the Wayne Multi-purpose Center, 107 N. Shannon, Wayne, OK 73095.
II. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the officers of said Town to be elected are:
(check one)
____ 1. Nominated by ward and elected at large.
____ 2. Nominated at large and elected at large.
III. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following officers will be elected for four-year terms: (3) trustees

IV. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following officers will be elected to fill two-year unexpired terms: (1) trustees
V. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each candidate must be a qualified elector by virtue of being a resident and registered voter within the municipality, or in the ward if an office is from a ward, for at least six (6) months prior to filing a declaration of candidacy.
VI. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED (Optional) that the following question(s) shall be submitted to the registered voters of this municipality at the general election.
(List questions separately)
ADOPTED this 21st day of March, 2017.
(Seal)
ATTEST:
Jeff Smith
Mayor
/s/ Brenda Whitaker
City/Town Clerk

Pet adoptions Saturday at Purcell Tractor Supply

The Tractor Supply Company store in Purcell at 1620 N. Green Avenue will host a pet adoption event with Goin 2 the Dogs on Saturday, March 25, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Families looking to add a pet to their home are encouraged to stop by the store and interact with the dogs and cats that are available for adoption.

"Pet adoption days are exciting at Tractor Supply," said Tuesday Capps, manager of the Purcell Tractor Supply store. "Not only do we get to help families take home a great pet, but we also get to support our community adoption partners

who are working hard to care for homeless dogs and cats."

Saturday's adoption event will coincide with Tractor Supply's Unleash the Savings special on select pet products.

Tractor Supply partners with rescues and shelters to host pet adoption events throughout the year. Organizations interested in becoming an animal adoption partner should register at TSCEventPartners.com, contact the store by phone at 527-3525, or visit the store.

For information and tips on raising pets and other animals, visit TractorSupply.com/KnowHow.

Native American youth can apply for Toksali SMART program

Native American youth have the opportunity to gain real-world work experience while earning up to \$2,000 by participating in the Chickasaw Nation Toksali SMART summer youth employment program.

Training in Chickasaw Nation core values, Chickasaw language, financial literacy, wellness, nutrition and customer service, as well as community service opportunities, character and leadership development are also part of the program.

More than 600 Native American youth participated in the program last year. Many participants have gone on to work with the Chickasaw Nation. Alicson Scott,

Chickasaw Nation Director of Graphic Design and Photography, began her journey with the Chickasaw Nation during the summer youth employment program. The program opened the door to several opportunities for Scott.

Applications for Toksali SMART will be accepted until March 31.

The Toksali SMART program is a valuable experience for youth ages 14-21. The program invites all Native American youth who live within the Chickasaw Nation to apply.

For more information or to apply, visit www.chickasaw.net/ToksaliSMART.

Brandon "Don" Kerr

A Celebration of the Life of Brandon "Don" Kerr, 71, of Purcell was held March 22, 2017 at the Wilson-Little Funeral Home Chapel in Purcell.

Mr. Kerr passed away Tuesday, March 7, 2017.

Don was born November 26, 1945 in Manchester, England. His parents were Roy Oliver Charles Kerr and Mary 'Muriel' (Burg) Kerr.

Don grew up in Manchester and then moved to Ipswich in the late 60s where he started a family. From his early days, he was always interested in vehicles. Don opened a mechanic shop in 1980. It was in this shop, that Don met a man who eventually sponsored him to come to America.

In the late 1980s, Don moved to the states, eventually settling in Lone Grove. Don later moved to the Purcell area and began working for Wilson's Volkswagens in Lexington. In October of 1999, he opened his own shop, DKV, south of Purcell. Don was an excellent mechanic who considered his customers his friends. He drew customers from Houston, Texas, all the way to Duluth, Minn., and everywhere in between.

Don's health began failing and he eventually retired in 2013. He was a delightful person who liked his own company but was a true friend to many. He will be dearly missed!

He was preceded in death by his father and step-mother, Roy and Jean Kerr and his sister, Sharon Kim.

Don leaves behind his son, Dan, his daughter, Chrissy, and his granddaughter, Tasmin, all of Ipswich, England; his mother, Muriel in Alaska; brothers, Don Wayne in Alaska and Kern in Florida, and sister, Susan, in Essex England.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made online to paypal.me/inmemoryofdonkerr.

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Veteran's Corner SH 9

Fred Zacher
For The Purcell Register

A Brighter Day for a Local Widow

Linda Womack lost her husband in August due to a service-connected disability. She mailed his death certificate to the VA thinking that was all that was needed. She quickly realized the checks her husband had received from the VA were no longer coming. In a panic she reached out to her friend Neal Owens to see if he could help. Neal brought her to Veterans Corner hoping that they could help rectify the situation. Veterans Corner immediately began preparing a claim for Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) for Linda. It was sent to the VA in late September. The VA sent a letter requesting a mailed copy of the signed POA (Power of Attorney) even though a copy had already been submitted electronically with the original claim. But around the same time, the VA changed their policy and were no longer accepting electronic signatures. So Linda sent them another signed copy of the POA. Still she heard nothing on her claim. In the meantime, she was falling further and further behind on her house payments. Linda became desperate and asked her Sunday school class for help. They raised over \$400 to help her with some of her expenses. Friends brought her food from the Veterans Corner food pantry and the Marlow Samaritans. The mortgage company was now threatening to evict her from her home. She reached out to Veterans Corner again for help. Randy Reynolds with ODVA called the VA in Muskogee to find out what was going on. They said they didn't have copies of the POA Linda had submitted and that they would need another copy

with her signature. Randy called Jodie the ODVA representative in Lawton. She went to Linda's house with another POA for her to sign. It was then faxed to the VA.

In the meantime, Linda checked her bank balance every day to see if the VA had sent a DIC payment. Within seven days of Jodie's visit, she had a deposit for all the back pay and was able to bring her mortgage up to date. Now she has sufficient income to take care of her expenses. Through the persistent work of friends like Neal, Veterans Corner volunteers, church friends, and the ODVA she now has the resources to pay her expenses.

If you know of a surviving spouse who may be struggling with a similar situation, please bring them to Veterans Corner to see if there is any help available for them. While almost all veterans are aware of the available benefits, there are very few spouses that know that assistance is available. If you are a disabled veteran, please take the time to talk to your spouse and make a plan for continuing benefits if something happens to you.

Veterans Corner is Coming to Marlow

Wayne Smith and Neal Owens are organizing another Veterans Corner outreach event at the First Baptist Church in Marlow. Volunteers will there on Tuesday, April 4th from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Help will be available for veterans and surviving spouses who would like to apply for VA benefits. Historically, Veterans Corner has been able to help over 40 veterans with each visit. Thank you Wayne and Neal for promoting and organizing these events

Need to File a Claim on a Saturday?

Going forward, Veterans Cor-

ner will be at the Yukon Veterans Museum the second Saturday of every month. This is great news for veterans that are unable to visit Veterans Corner on a week day or during regular business hours. Alfred Hollis, AJ Jones, Art Sipes and Jerry Waldrop were able to help 14 veterans at their last visit. We appreciate Kyle Solomon of **The Yukon Review** for publishing the weekly newsletters. Please tell all veterans and surviving spouses about this new opportunity to file a VA claim. Please note that Veterans Corner will continue to offer these services free of charge

We appreciate our local newspapers

"We would like to express our appreciation to all the Oklahoma newspapers that generously donate space to print Veterans Corner news. It helps to keep everyone informed about the free resources and events available to veterans in our community," said Alfred Hollis.

"It also gives us an opportunity to share the every day successes that we hope bring inspiration and delight to readers. Without newspapers, we would lose a very important part of what keeps our country great. If you know someone who

works at a newspaper please thank them for their service in keeping you informed" added Fred Zacher.

Veterans Corner is especially grateful for all the newspapers who print this newsletter each and every week including **Comanche Times, Newcastle Pacer, Norman Transcript, Marlow Review, Mustang Times, Purcell Register, Rush Springs Gazette, Waurika News Journal** and **Ryan Leader**.

Join Us this Wednesday at Texas Roadhouse

Come enjoy a night out with

family or friends at Texas Roadhouse. Our organization will receive 10 percent of the proceeds only if you visit the Texas Roadhouse at I-35 and I-240 in Oklahoma City on March 22nd. Enjoy an incredible meal and mention Veterans Corner to your waitress when you pay your check. Texas Roadhouse will donate 10 percent of your total food purchase to Veterans Corner. They will be open from 4:00 p.m. to 10 p.m. that evening. We hope to see you there

Honoring a Friend or Family Member Gifts

We appreciate all the gifts

given to Veterans Corner in honor and memory of the following individuals: Bill Taylor, Charlie Barb, Charles Seeking, Del Cook, J.W. Long, Military Widows, Robert D. Schiler and Vaughn G. Wheeler.

If you would like to honor a friend or family member with a donation in their name please send it to: Veterans Corner; P.O. Box 722160; Norman, OK 73070-8635.

About Veterans Corner

Veterans Corner is located just south of Norman, two 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 on Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Veterans Corner is a 501(c)(3) organization and all gifts are tax deductible. Donations can be sent to: Veterans Corner; P.O. Box 722160; Norman, OK 73070-8635. All proceeds are used to support veterans and their spouses.



• Photo provided

Wayne Smith and Neal Owens

Cattle thefts

Baler, trailers and 15 Angus recovered

Jeanne Grimes
The Purcell Register

A Lindsay man was freed on his own recognizance over objections of McClain County prosecutors who charged him with larceny of domestic animals, larceny of implements of husbandry and knowingly concealing stolen property.

The charges against James B. Pugh, 54, were filed in McClain County District Court after a former felony conviction.

Pugh was charged after the McClain County Sheriff's Department served a search warrant at his property in reference to stolen farm equipment and cattle.

Sheriff's Det. Dana Guthrie was investigating the theft of 20 registered Angus cattle, a John Deere round baler, hay

rake, Delco stock trailer and Diamond T gooseneck trailer.

According to an affidavit, the victim had seen the cattle and hay baler at Pugh's property on January 13.

When investigators served the search warrant, Pugh allegedly said the cattle were in a pasture south of his home and added he'd brought the cattle to his property in July 2016.

The hay baler was found southeast of the house. Pugh told investigators the stock trailer was at a residence on 160th Street. He also said he'd loaned the gooseneck trailer and it could be found at an address in Lindsay. Authorities recovered 15 of the 20 stolen cattle, according to the affidavit. The other five head are still missing, according to the affidavit.



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After Prom donation

The Purcell Masonic Lodge #27 matched a portion of the proceeds from a joint fundraiser with the Wayne School After Prom Committee. Presenting the check to (left) Shelley Wissinger is Joe Morris.

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I-35:

lanes between mile markers 94 and 95. That closing lasted 42 minutes starting at 7:38 and lasting until 8:30 p.m.

The closings further exacerbated the heavy Spring Break traffic.

Purcell Firefighters were dispatched to three calls all within minutes of each other. They were called to the multiple vehicle accident just north of mile marker 91 arriving on scene with Wadley's EMS, Oklahoma Highway Patrol, Purcell Police and McClain County.

Firefighters reported two vehicles involved in the southbound side and three vehicles in the northbound lanes.

As firefighters were cleaning up the debris field another call came in for a vehicle fire at the 96 mile marker. Firefighters found a Chrysler 4 door passenger vehicle fully engulfed. That fire started a small grass fire. As that scene was being cleared another call came in for a grass fire on 250th.

After that call the scenes were cleared.

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Ballots:

for Goldsby, Blanchard and Newcastle.

Karen Haley, McClain County Election Board secretary, said that sample ballots can be viewed at the Election Board office, 121 N. 2nd Second Ave., between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

In addition, sample ballots will be posted outside every precinct polling place on election day so that voters can review them before casting their votes.

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Council:

hotel site.

City engineer Kenny Sullivan noted with an existing Oklahoma Department of Transportation project ongoing

ing on site, it may be possible to make the turn lane a change order on that contract.

However, city attorney Ted Haxel said he didn't think the

city can do a change order on an ODOT project.

There has also been interest in developing a tract south of Braum's.

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Election:

voting:

- Early voting will be available at the County Election Board office from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 30 and 31. On election day, polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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

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

- Oklahoma law requires every voter who votes in person at the precinct polling place or during early voting at the County Election Board to show proof of identity before receiving a ballot. There are three ways for voters to prove their identity under the law (only one proof of identity is required): Show a valid photo ID issued by federal, state or tribal gov-

ernment; show the free voter identification card issued to every voter by the County Election Board; or sign an affidavit and vote a provisional ballot. (If the information on the affidavit matches official voter registration records, the ballot will be counted after Election Day.)

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

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

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

Alternatively, all blind, visually impaired, and physically disabled voters in McClain County may use the audio-tactile interface (ATI), a feature offered on all Oklahoma voting devices, to vote privately and independently, either at McClain County Election Board during early voting or at their assigned polling place on election day.

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Code:

Most. But not all.

"I've had more complaints on me doing this job than in 25 years as a cop," New said.

When he sees a code violation, New contacts the person he believes is responsible.

"I don't call them on the phone. I go to the house and talk to them," he said.

If no one is at home, he leaves a green hang tag on the door.

The notice gives the individual seven days to correct the code violation, which is checked as one or more of the four following categories: tall grass or weeds; junk, trash or debris; inoperable vehicle; clean half the alley.

The are other door hangers for different code violations.

He's even written violations for stealing electricity. An unobtrusive extension cord plugged into an unsuspecting neighbor's outside electrical outlet is one way.

But some go so far as to bypass their own electric meter when it's been turned off and hard wire into a neighbor's meter.

That happens most often in the city's trailer parks, New said.

In one memorable case, a man's electric usage doubled before a utility crew found the problem.

The city forgave the man those charges and is now trying to collect from the larcenous neighbor, New said.

Violators get two 7-day notices before they are cited. Court dates are about a month after the ticket is issued. And if the issue is corrected in that time, the city waives all but court costs.

He also implemented and supervises the department's community service program

which utilizes free labor by individuals ordered by the court to perform community service.

Presently, the community service crew numbers 15.

"I have them picking up trash in Purcell and I pick up all the bags of trash that they fill," he said.

One girl is assigned to the areas around the caboose and veterans memorial in downtown Purcell.

Another worker is assigned to keep the curbs on Main Street free of dirt, debris and vegetation.

Still others can be found policing Green Avenue – the areas around Purcell High School and Walmart, especially – and the new ball field complex behind the airport.

The community service program is a first for the city which realizes more benefits than a free labor force.

In the past, it was left to city crews to pick up the blowing trash before they could mow medians and city property.

For a couple months now, New has worked at making sure alleys are free of everything from junk vehicles to brush piles and other debris.

"So if a fire truck or utility vehicle needs to get through there's room," he explained.

In New's experience, wherever there are people, there will be trash.

And wherever there are people, there are solutions for just about every complaint a code enforcer can encounter.

"There are a lot of elderly people in Purcell who don't have anybody to help them," he said. "Some don't even have lawn mowers."

All that's needed in those instances are folks willing to help out their neighbors.

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Storms:

in advance: how to get to a safe place; how to contact one another; how to get back together; and what to do in different situations.

During a disaster, roads are often blocked or closed and alternate routes must be used. Knowing multiple routes of travel in advance can save time and frustration when trying to reach loved ones.

OSDH also encourages families to have a basic, 72-hour emergency kit consisting of water, snacks, first-aid kit, flashlight, batteries, prescription medicine and important paperwork.

Parents can help reduce the effect of disasters on children by adding a few simple kid-friendly supplies such as books, games, a favorite toy or comfort item and medical items such as infant/child fever reducer to the kit.

Those with babies should consider a three-day supply of formula, diapers, antibacterial wipes, non-perishable baby food and seal able plastic bags for soiled items.

Darrell Eberly, emergency manager at OSDH, reminds families who have members with medical conditions and disabilities to consider any unique needs during and after a disaster.

"If you have, or care for someone, with a disability or access and functional needs, it's especially important to in-

clude needed supplies, equipment and medications as part of your planning efforts," said Eberly. "If evacuating from the home is necessary, it is important to take medication and specialty equipment such as hearing aids, oxygen, a wheelchair, diabetic supplies, food for a special diet and supplies for a service animal."

OSDH and The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) offer the additional following tips for families preparing for disasters:

- Check with your mobile carrier for options on wireless emergency alerts being delivered to your cell phone or other device.

- Practice your plan by quizzing your kids periodically and conduct fire and other emergency drills.

- Check emergency supplies throughout the year to replace batteries, food and water as needed.

- Plan alternate ways to charge communication and assistive technology devices if there is loss of power.

- Plan for medication requiring refrigeration.

Families may begin preparing for disasters by downloading, printing and completing a family plan by visiting www.ready.gov.

For more tips and information, like the OSDH Emergency Preparedness Response Service page on Facebook.

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Lex win streak up to three Bulldogs host Meeker Friday

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The Purcell Register

Heroics at the plate in the bottom of the seventh paved the way for a 6-5 Lexington victory over Dibble Monday.

The victory extended Lexington's winning streak to three.

Dibble struck first with a pair of runs in the top of the first. The Bulldogs pushed across one in their half of the first and eventually built a 5-2 lead into the seventh.

The Demons scored three times in the top of the inning to knot the score.

That's when the Bulldog offense took over.

Greysen Griffith singled to lead off the bottom half of the frame. Coby Bear laid down a perfect bunt to move Greysen to second.

Garrett Woods won the game with a single up the middle to score Greysen.

"We made some mistakes early that set us back in the first inning," head coach Jarod Ennis said. "We settled down after that and did some really good things."

"Seth Comer pitched extremely well and had some outstanding plays made behind him," Ennis continued. "We also made some key situational plays by our infield. Dibble did a great job of fighting the whole game. We executed nicely in the bottom of the seventh."

Comer gave up nine hits in 6 2/3 innings of work. Broc Sukenis did the mop up striking out the only batter he faced in relief.

Bear had an RBI double in addition to the key sacrifice bunt in the seventh. Cam Webster, Comer, Caden Jones and Boatwright all had hits in addition to Woods' walk off single in the seventh.

The Bulldogs were to travel to Washington Tuesday and host Meeker Friday at 6 p.m. Next Monday Lexington will play at Wayne starting at 6 p.m.

Lexington was 4-1 heading into the Washington contest.

Clegg third in State

Lexington Bulldog Nathan Clegg powered his way to third in the State Powerlifting Championships in Prague last Friday.

Clegg, who deadlifted 325 pounds, finished third in the competition.

Also lifting for the Bulldogs were Jaylen Cottrell finished 18th, Kyston Wheat was 22nd and Levi Free came in 26th, according to coach Russell Price.

Collateta State Champ

Wins heavyweight division at Prague last Friday

Dylan Collateta won the heavyweight division in the Oklahoma Football Coaches Association State Powerlifting Championships at Prague last Friday.

Collateta squatted 630 pounds, benched 325 pounds and deadlifted 600 pounds for a total of 1,555.

Dylan Kimbrell placed 5th in the 220 pound class with a total of 1255. Kimbrell squatted 450 pounds, benched 280 pounds and deadlifted 525 pounds.

Trey Haley lifted in the 275 pound class and had a total of 1,180. Haley had a 470 squat, 235 bench and a 480 deadlift.

Darrell Kimball had

a 1,005 pound total in the 275 pound class. Kimball squatted 395 pounds, benched 215 pounds and deadlifted 395 pounds.

Claudio Munoz lifted in the 242 pound class and had a 1,170 total. Munoz squatted 420 pounds, benched 250 pounds and deadlifted 500 pounds.

Caylin Nimmo lifted in the 168 pound class and had a 395 pound squat, 210 pound bench and a 405 pound deadlift for a 1,010 pound total.

Kyle Varner lifted in the 275 pound class and had a 1,230 pound total. Varner had a 460 pound squat, 285 pound bench and a 485 pound deadlift.



Champ
Purcell Dragon Dylan Collateta (center) won the State Powerlifting Championship last week at Prague.

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Safe at 3rd

Zach Madden beats the throw to slide safely into third base Saturday. Wayne defeated Maud 5-4 on Saturday afternoon.

Lex beats Blanchard and Newcastle Lady Bulldogs now 4-1 on the season



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Stopper

Jacie Jones fields a ball and slings it to the bag Monday at Newcastle. Lexington defeated Newcastle and Blanchard 16-4 and 12-7.

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Lexington's Lady Bulldogs are on a roll storming back from Spring Break to pin a 16-4 loss on Newcastle.

They backed that up with a 12-7 victory over the Blanchard Lady Lions. Both games were Monday at Newcastle.

In the piece-of-cake victory over Newcastle, Lexington piled up 11 runs in the first inning alone and coasted to a three inning run-rule victory.

Lacey Barber bombed a grand slam in the first frame and Anna Sample went yard in the same inning with two runners on the base pads.

Barber had five RBIs in the game.

Rachel Beason went 3-3 at the plate and knocked in

Dragons heading into tough stretch

Facing 18 games in next 27 days

John D. Montgomery
The Purcell Register

Prior to a four-day break for Spring Break, Purcell's Dragons shut out Davis and slipped by Washington to run their season mark to 3-1.

The Dragons played a complete game in their 11-0 blanking of the Wolves on the road March 11.

Junior Ethan Wayland only gave up one hit and that was in the last inning riding a no-

contributing on offense and Wayland has been consistently good throughout the season," Carriger said.

Sweeney made his second appearance on the mound and got his first start against Washington. Carriger said Sweeney wasn't quite as sharp as usual but did give the club four strong innings before being touched up in the fifth.

Waylon Steiner came in to relieve Sweeney and worked

"If we can show up to the park ready to play every day we will be okay. We're pretty confident right now. ... We have to have some guys step up ..."

— Robbie Carriger, head coach

hitter through six frames while the Dragon bats were on fire.

"Ethan pitched a complete game striking out eight in five innings. When you only give up one hit and no runs it doesn't take 11 to win," head coach Robbie Carriger said.

Purcell started out like a house on fire scoring four runs in the top of the first inning.

Dylan Collateta drove in a pair of base runners while Jarrett Sweeney knocked in two more giving the Dragons breathing room right off the bat.

Isaiah Couch drove in a run in the second stretching the lead to five-zip.

"You can't ask for any more than what we got at Davis," Carriger said. "We hit up and down the lineup. And we hit the ball hard."

Fernando Auz clocked a solo home run in the top of the first over the left center field fence. Collateta hit one 10 feet up on the dead center field fence for a double.

A single by Brady Barrett in the fourth hiked the score to 8-0 followed by a Cauy Hollis two run single. Wayland's SAC fly finished off the scoring.

"We had a lot of players

his way out of not one but two tough jams.

"Sweeney only gave up two hits but walks got him," Carriger said. "He was having control issues."

"Steiner entered with runners on and worked his way out of it," Carriger said. "He pitched absolutely awesome. He hit his spots and got out of a jam in the bottom of the seventh after Washington had advanced runners to second and third, trailing only 6-5."

Steiner struck out the final Warrior hitter to win the game. "Steiner is gutsy. There is no situation that I'd be afraid to bring him in. He came through against Washington."

Purcell struck for a pair of runs in the first inning with Dillon Cook and Collateta by doubling. Cauy Hollis scored Cook and Collateta scored on a throwing error.

In the top of the second Gunner Fink hit his first career home run giving Purcell a 3-1 lead. Brett Webb, on a heads up base running play, scored from third after Washington tried to throw Collateta out at second.

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Washington Baseball



Chaz Orr
10, Sr.



Jaime Aguirre
12, Sr.



Hudson Horton
Sr.



Jordan Kutz
19, So.



Markus Shea
7, Sr.



Brandon Reese
1, So.



Logan Fox
3, Sr.



Harrison Keeler
8, So.



Carson Horinek
2, So.



Drew Martin
17, Jr.



Rain Pratt
Jr.



Sterling Price
22, So.



Zach Tague
4, Jr.



Tyler Bulla
18, So.



Alex Dawson
9, So.



Braxton Smith
15, Jr.



Cole Strickland
18, Jr.



Jacob Schleff
16, Jr.



Brandon Harmon
14, Sr.



James Barker
6, Sr.



Nick Blackburn
Head coach



Jeff Kulbeth
Asst. coach

Dragons in Wayne Tourney

Thursday and Friday

Purcell opened the 2017 softball season on the road at Washington in a three way with Dale.

The Lady Pirates came out slugging and pinned a 16-0 loss on the Dragons. Purcell came back to play better against Washington but lost 6-4.

“Our double header didn’t fall in our favor,” head coach Taralee McReynolds said. “Both Dale and Washington are two highly respected teams.”

The Lady Pirates came out swinging and lined several home runs.

“Christian Lindsey threw strikes and we played decent defense. They just hit the ball,” McReynolds said. “Addie Stanton was getting all kinds of action in left field and rose to the occasion beautifully.”

“Our downfall in the game was our bats,” the coach explained. “As we continued through the game and into the second game we improved with every inning.”

McReynolds said Lindsey pitched another gem against the Lady Warriors.

“We hit better and played decent defense with only a few

errors,” McReynolds said.

Faith Sherman stepped up with a timely hit that produced some RBIs.

“We started to gel and I am looking forward to their continued improvement. These girls work hard, have great attitudes and get better every day,” McReynolds said. “Those three things are a perfect recipe for success.”

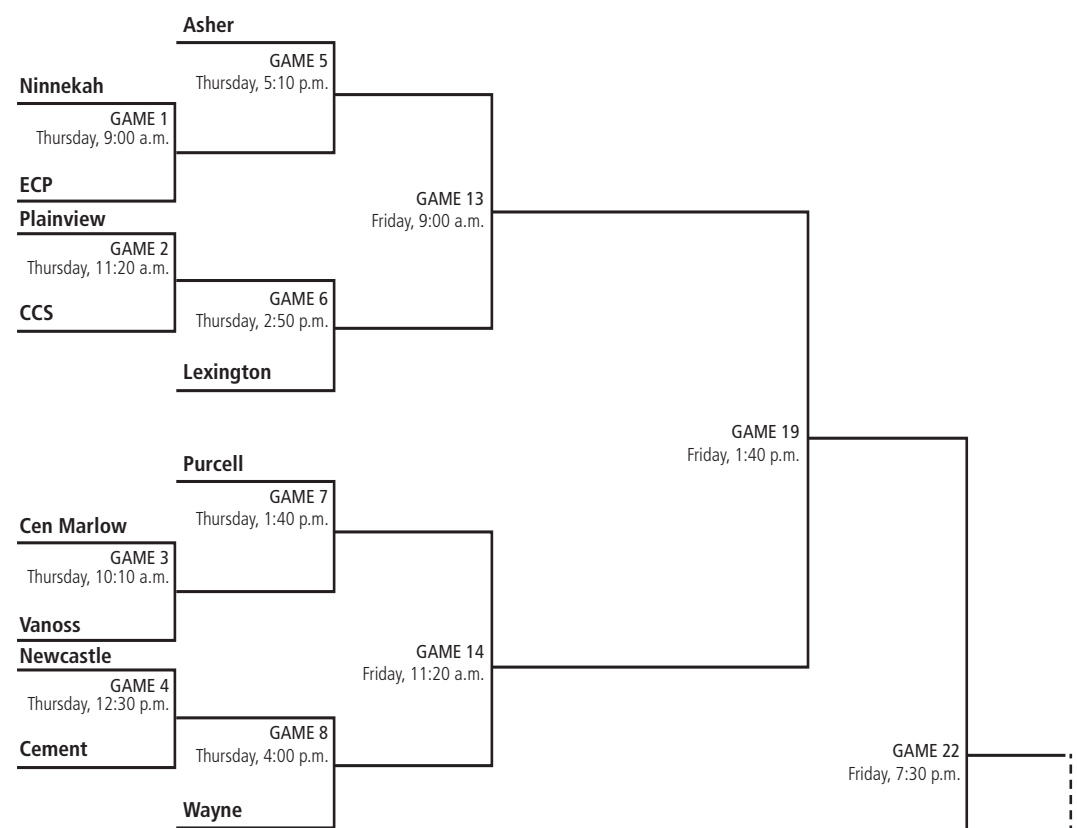
The Dragons were scheduled to play at Harrah against Harrah and Lexington Tuesday and in the Wayne Tournament Thursday and Friday.

Purcell hosts Blanchard and Little Axe next Monday.

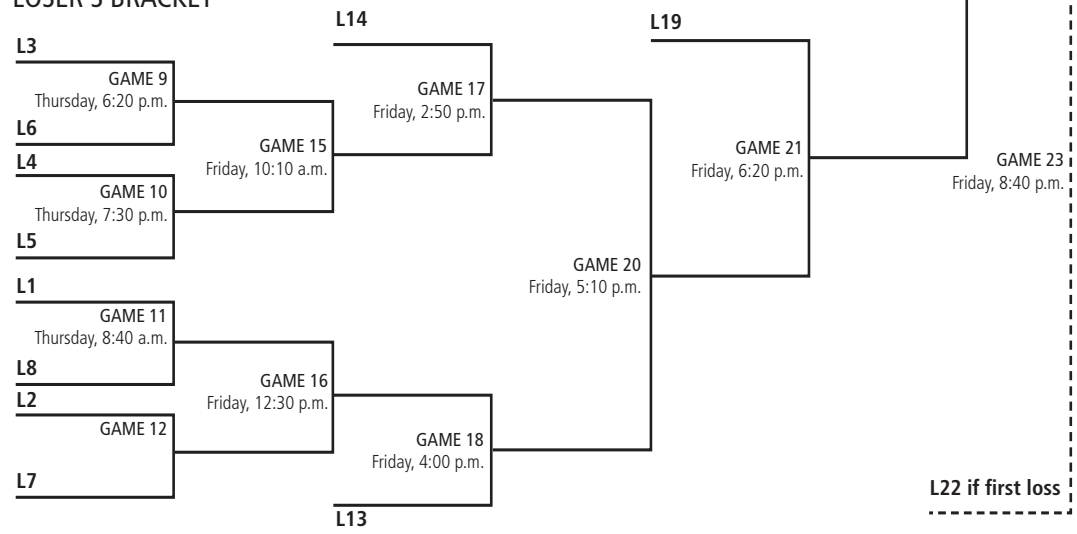
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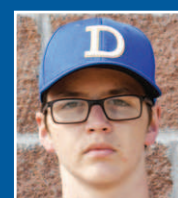
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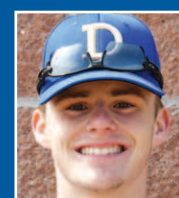
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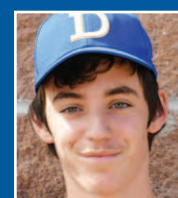
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Carson Bunce
16 Fr.



Dominick Greco
12 Jr.



Hunter Conaway
1 So.



Josh Gardner
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Ty Sparks
7 So.



Derek Selman
20 Sr.



Hunter Corley
9 So.



Colton Hager
11 Fr.



Trey Ladlee
Asst. coach



Eddie Keeler
Coach



Kane Greco
Player/coach

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Hanna Brown Jr., 3



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Lyndie Ervin Jr., 5



Brooke Logan So., 6



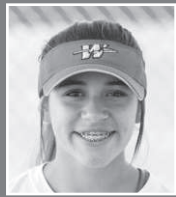
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Raegan Roten Sr., 10



Brynn Farmer Fr., 12



Jillian Blaire So., 13



Jillian Willige Jr., 14



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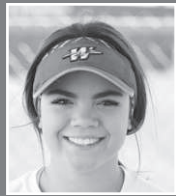
Ashleigh Gay Fr., 17



Hope Madden Fr., 20



Morgan Posey So., 21



Maddie Brown Jr., 22



Hailey Miller Sr., 23



Madelynn Luster Fr., 24



Beth Jones So., 7



Faith Andrews So., 19



Kassi Hyde So., 1



Jace Brewer Head coach



Shane Labeth Assistant coach

Washington Softball 2017

Date	Opponent	Site	Time	V/JV
03/20	Dale/Purcell	Washington	5/7	
03/21	Tecumseh/Blanchard	Blanchard	6/7	
03/23-25	Beast of the East	Stonewall	TBA	
03/27	Harrah/Newcastle	Harrah	5/6	
03/28	Little Axe/Lexington	Lexington	6/7	
03/31-04/01	Washington Tournament	Washington	TBA	
04/03	All Conference Game	Lexington	7	
04/04	Cache/Norman North	Washington	5/7	JV
04/06-07	Weatherford Tournament	Weatherford	TBA	
04/10	Moore	Moore	5	JV/V
04/11	Tushka/Davis	Davis	6/7	
04/13	Firelake Festival	Shawnee	3 gms	
04/17	Norman North	Norman North	4:30	JV
04/18	Chandler/Tecumseh	Tecumseh	5:30	
04/20	Districts	TBA	TBA	
04/24	Moore	Washington	6	JV/V
04/25	Southmoore	Washington	4	V
04/27	Regionals	TBA	TBA	
05/01	Westmoore	Westmoore	4:30	JV/V
05/03	State	TBA	TBA	

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LHS:

a pair of base runners. Tiffani Hinkle was 2-2 with an RBI and Jacie Jones went 2-3 with two RBIs. "Newcastle had four errors in the first and we did a good job of hitting and capitalizing on those mistakes," head coach Kayla Stewart said. "We stayed composed on defense and didn't let the four runs they scored in the fourth shake us." In the Blanchard victory Hinkle was 3-4 with a triple and had four RBIs. Lindsey Barber was 3-4 while Konnor McDonald and Sample both went 2-4. Sample was responsible for a trio of RBIs. Hannah Robbins and Rachel Beason were both 2-4. Beason lined a triple in the game and had one RBI. Lexington jumped out to a 3-2 lead in the third frame and stretched it to 4-2 before Blanchard clawed its way back into the contest in the fifth when

they deadlocked the score at four-all. Lexington edged ahead 7-6 in the sixth and blew the game wide open in the seventh padding their lead to 12-6 before Blanchard scored once in the bottom of the seventh. "It was a hard fought game and our girls did a good job of battling and making adjustments at the plate," Stewart said. "Bri Webster had a big catch in right field that kept runners from scoring followed by a great catch by Rachel Beason at first in the fourth inning," Stewart said. Lexington was scheduled to travel to Harrah to face Purcell and Harrah Tuesday and will play in the Wayne Tournament Thursday and Friday. Dale will host Lexington and Tecumseh next Monday. The Lady Bulldogs were 4-1 heading into the games at Harrah.

Farm Credit Associations of Oklahoma aid wildfire victims

Farm Credit of Western Oklahoma, along with the other Oklahoma Farm Credit Associations, recently announced plans to aid those affected by the wildfires that have devastated many areas of northwestern Oklahoma and the Oklahoma panhandle. With help from other Farm Credit associations, CoBank and area individuals and companies, Farm Credit of Western Oklahoma has set up a fund to support fire victims and rural fire departments alike. Total donations to date, including fuel cards, are at \$35,500. "Our thoughts and prayers go out to these families. The four Farm Credit Associations in Oklahoma - Farm Credit of Western Oklahoma, Oklahoma Ag Credit, Farm Credit of Enid, and AgPreference along with CoBank, have come together and have taken

immediate action to assist with rural fire departments, hay haulers and farm families to hopefully give financial help," said John Grunewald, CEO of Farm Credit of Western Oklahoma. "We realize they have a long road ahead, but Oklahoma farmers and ranchers are resilient, hard-working people, and they will survive this," he continued. Donations to the fund can be made by anyone at any of Farm Credit of Western Oklahoma's seven branches - Woodward, Guymon, Alva, Elk City, Clinton, Anadarko and Tuttle. In addition to the fund for donations, Farm Credit of Western Oklahoma has also rolled out a loan program specifically for wildfire victims. With the idea in mind that operators affected by the fires may be in need of immediate

operating money, Farm Credit of Western Oklahoma has set up a loan program with zero percent interest for six months which will help provide quick, immediate funds for operating needs. "We understand there will most likely be government aid for those suffering losses of this tragedy; however, we also understand that, for many, operating funds are needed now. That is where we can help," said Grunewald. "The Farm Credit of Western Oklahoma Board of Directors approved this program and told us to do whatever it takes to help these farm families." Donations can be made payable to - 2017 Fire Loss Fund and mailed to Farm Credit of Western Oklahoma, c/o 2017 Fire Loss Fund, 3302 Williams Ave., Woodward, OK 73801.

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Dragons:

Washington battled back and tied the game the bottom of the fifth before the Dragons took the lead for good in their half of the sixth. Brady Barrett led off with a single followed by a Fink bunt single. Auz moved to third and scored on Cook's Sac fly. The Dragons added an insurance run in the seventh on a Barrett double off the left field wall. "It turned out that we needed it because they scored a run in the bottom of the seventh," Carriger said. "Washington is much improved," Carriger said. "They've added some good young talent and are definitely going to win a lot of games this season." Due to Spring Break and parent-teacher conferences, the Dragons haven't played as many games as some teams but face a daunting task of playing 18 games in the next 27 days. "If we can show up to the

park ready to play every day we will be okay. We're pretty confident right now. This will be a really good test for our pitching depth. We have to have some guys step up that we will need down the stretch," the coach said. "We have very tough competition coming up," Carriger said. "There are no cupcakes." Among the teams on the Dragons schedule are two top 10 teams in Marlow and Jones. "We hope to figure out where we are," he said. The Dragons are hitting .344 as a team and scoring nearly 10 runs an outing. "If we can get the pitching to match our offense we will be tough," Carriger said. The Dragons were to host their home opener Tuesday against Newcastle. Purcell will host Lindsay Thursday and travel to Marlow Saturday for games against the Outlaws and Elgin. Purcell will host Jones next Monday.

Warriors fall to Purcell

Washington was defeated by Purcell 6-5 in a Spring Break matchup last Tuesday. After trailing the whole game, Washington tied it up in the fifth inning. Brandon Reese started off the inning with a walk. He then advanced to score on a wild pitch, stolen base and passed ball. Harrison Keeler drew a walk next and he was knocked in by Dillon Sanders, who had a double. Next Gabe Williams doubled and knocked in Sanders and the game was tied. Washington allowed one run in both the sixth and seventh innings and only mustered one run of their own when Keeler scored again. Washington plays at Davis today (Thursday) and tomorrow. Washington is 4-3.

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Masons to host fundraiser breakfast

Angie Steele
Washington Correspondent

Washington's Masonic Lodge will host a fundraiser breakfast Saturday, March 25, from 7-10:30 a.m. Come on out and let the Masons serve you some yummy food. All you can eat for \$5.

Proceeds of this breakfast will support the Special Education Department at Washington School. The Masons and special education department are working to raise funds to purchase Kindle Fire tablets for students with special needs and a Tumble Book database e-book subscription which will benefit all Washington students.

If you can't make it to breakfast please see any Mason or a Special Education teacher to make a personal donation!

The lodge is selling raffle tickets for a Golden Boy 22 rifle to be given away at the Washington 4th of July celebration. They are also selling raffle ticket door prizes to be given away at the district meeting which anyone can attend.

Come by Saturday for breakfast and see what your local lodge has in store for our community and school. Enjoy pancakes, French toast, bacon, sausage, eggs, biscuits and gravy, hashbrowns, milk juice and coffee. One block North of First Baptist Church in Washington, turn left on Sharp Street. 208 Sharp Street in Washington, Oklahoma. Come hungry!

Washington Elementary Students of the Week

Washington Elementary Students of the Week for the week of March 20-24 are second graders Elden Roach, Maddix Smith, and Caiden Riehl.

Mrs. Giltner's class is represented by Caiden Riehl. He likes to learn math at school and his favorite sport is football. He enjoys eating pizza. Caiden would like to be a vet when he grows up.

Elden Roach represents Mrs. Sibert's class. He enjoys eating pasta salad and reading Fly Guy books. His favorite sport is soccer and he is good at playing the guitar. He plans to be an archaeologist when he grows up.

Maddix Smith is in Mrs. Tolley's class. His favorite color is green and his favorite sport is baseball. He is good at drawing and his favorite pet is a dog. He would like to be an artist when he grows up.

Washington Masons Cooking Burgers

Washington Lodge 406 is teaming up with the Washington Band to host the 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament this Saturday.

The lodge will be cooking hamburgers and working the tournament. They will also have raffle tickets for sale.

Stop in and grab a burger this Saturday at the Washington Gym. Tip off is at 10 a.m.

Washington 15th Annual 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

Washington's 15th Annual 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

will be held Saturday, March 25, at the Washington High School Gym. Check in is at 9:30 a.m. Tip off will be at 10 a.m.

The entry fee for each team is \$80. Players must be 16 or older to enter. If under 19 you must have a signed waiver from a parent or guardian. Entry forms and waiver forms can be picked up at Sid's Easy Shop at 109 North Main or downloaded at www.washingtonwarriorband.com.

Trophies will be given for first and second place. There will also be a trophy for the 3-point contest. Every team member will receive a T-shirt.

All proceeds benefit the Washington High School Band program.

Washington School Events
April 10-13—Camp Goddard.

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

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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

Easter Candy Donations—Please leave any candy donations in the box in the foyer.

Easter Services will be Sunday, April 16, at 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 15, at 10 a.m.

VBS—We are looking for volunteers. If you plan to help, please sign up on the sheet in the hall way.

Flower Bed Clean up—April 1 at 10 a.m. We will be clearing out debris and planting new flowers. Lunch provided. Please contact Autumn Belling or Vincent Andrews for more details.

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 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.

Today we I would like to tell you about an organization that has done a lot for the surviving spouses and the families of veterans. I'm referring to the Gold Star Wives of America. Members are widows/widowers whose spouses died while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, or as result of service-connected disabilities. The Oklahoma City Chapter recently invited us to speak at their annual meeting.

During the meeting, I asked their members to consider sending two of their members to meet with some of the surviving spouses who we see each week.

These ladies are well aware of the support that surviving spouses of veterans will need after losing their veteran. We believe they will be able to help us to provide more services to all surviving spouses of veterans. We are looking forward to having them on-site each Tuesday and Thursday morning from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

One of the ladies who volunteered with us for several years knows and understands the plight that some veterans and their families are in called last week. She recently purchased a newer vehicle and wanted to know if we had a veteran who could use her older car. As always, we are very thankful when people offer to help us to improve the lives of our veterans and their families.

Some of those who we see do not have transportation of their own and must rely on friends or relatives to have a way to visit us or to go to their jobs. I told her we always have folks who are in need of transportation and that we would do our best to select the veteran with the most need.

She will accomplish several things when the truck is donated; one is she will have helped with a hand up to a veteran's family in need. Another thing is the tax deduction for her donation, and the biggest for all of us is the warm fuzzy you get when you make a difference in a person's life. We take care of the donations of cars and trucks that can be



• Photo provided

Veterans Foundation speaker

Dale K. Graham of the Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation was invited to speak and attend the Annual Meeting of the Oklahoma City Chapter of the Gold Star Wives of America.

given to a veteran and their families or sold to raise funds to pay for the unmet needs of veterans and their families. We also accept handicap items that can be recycled back to veterans and their families. Currently, we have walkers, wheelchairs and a lift chair available.

While we are talking about donations, we wanted to share our "wish list." We have an ongoing need for coffee and cups. We also use lots of copy paper and toner. The toners we use are HP 85A (CE285D) Black and Black Brother Printer TN660. We also accept cash or check donations mailed to P.O. Box 592 Washington, OK 73093 or you can make an online donation on our website at dalekgrahmveteransfoundation.org.

There were 214 veterans and surviving spouses who were assisted with their VA claims and questions last week. Some of them traveled hundreds of miles for us to review their VA claims folder to determine what they may be eligible to receive.

One of the most common disabilities we see in disabled veterans is depression. Some of these men and women veterans had mental or physical injuries in the military that prevent them from enjoying the things they did before being disabled. If the veteran is diagnosed with that condition, we may file a request for service connection of depression secondary to their service-connected disabilities.

Last week as a VA Accredited Claims Agent I received the following rating decisions on some of the veterans I represent. Six veterans received a 100 percent rating for their service-connected disabilities. These men and women will receive the Oklahoma State property tax relief, sales tax exemption on all purchases, reduced auto tags, state hunting and fishing license along with other federal and state benefits. Thirty-six veterans received a VA rating ranging from 10-90 percent for their service-connected disabilities. The combined annual income for both of these groups will be \$747,707.16.

Remember if you need a ride to visit us, call Clayton at (405) 550-8806, extension 105 or Louie at (405) 642-7100. Clayton and Louie spent 59 hours last week transporting 16 veterans 973 miles.

Each week I receive calls from military members and veterans from all over the world. I had a call last week from an Oklahoma soldier who was on duty in Kosovo. He was asking questions about a disability claim he wanted to file when he returned this fall. With everyone having cell phones along with email addresses this world has indeed become smaller.

Today the men and women serving in the military have an opportunity to document their injuries much easier than when some of us were on active duty. Where we had only a small folder of medical records when we were in, today some of the veterans serving will have

medical records several inches thick. These records make it much easier to service connect an injury that occurred while in the military.

When I first started assisting veterans in the early 1990s almost everything we filed was denied because of the lack of evidence or a diagnosis of a disability. Since that time things have certainly changed for the men and women we assist. Today most of the veteran's disability claims that we file will be approved by VA. I usually send in evidence to support their claim at least three times before going to the VA appeal process. The only reason I don't use the appeals more often is the fact that some of the veterans will die before the Board of Veterans Appeals can make a decision. Those in the appeal process may take four or five years to make it through B.V.A. in Washington DC.

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 morn-

ings. A DD-214 or military discharge will be necessary to apply. Please contact Rhonda at (405) 550-8806 Extension 103 to request a food box.

Contact Dale with any questions at 405-550-8806 Extension 101 or dale@dalekgrahmveteransfoundation.org or Shirley Clark-Cowdin for spouse benefits at Extension 104. Visit our website at www.dalekgrahmveteransfoundation.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

Washington Senior Citizens

By Rowena Scott-Johnson

There is so much going on in both the State Legislature and Congress that can have a huge effect on many issues that effect seniors, that I strongly encourage you to check your news sources, whether by newspaper, computer or TV news. Believe it or not, your calls or letters to legislators and congressmen can make a difference in how they vote. They have so many bills presented, it is not possible to read through and understand what is being asked for in each one.

There are several State legislative bills that are being pushed in our legislature that could effect people who have to be in Long Term Care facilities and Assisted Living homes as far as the educational requirements of anyone hired to manage and supervise what happens to residents. HB 1551 and SB 709 prohibits the State Board of Examiners from including requirements for a higher level of education and test to be considered to manage these facilities.

This should be of great concern to anyone who has family or friends who are residents of these type of facilities. We don't need any more dumbing down of those in charge of some of our most vulnerable, whether it is the aged or disabled.

On the National level, in the U.S. House of Representatives there is a proposal to change the Medicaid program into a per capita caps system that could be voted on this week. If passed, they would only give states a fixed amount of money per Medicaid beneficiary. The amount would not change over time, so the result is a massive cut in Medicaid funding.

For long-term care consumers, this means; Services/coverage would be drastically reduced or eliminated; Eligibility standards would be tightened, making it harder to get into a nursing home or receive home and community-based services; the personal needs allowance for nursing home residents could be slashed to the federally required minimum of \$30 per month, leaving residents with even less money for items like clothing or hair cuts; Nursing home equality of care would decline because nursing homes would cut staff and there would be fewer nursing home inspectors.

For nursing home residents and other long-term care consumers, this could mean little to no care/service and poor nursing home care.

Please tell your members of Congress to oppose this proposal. They all have local offices where you can call and voice your concerns.

Back to the center, we had several folks gone last week on Spring Break, but they are coming back now. The music with the "Just Jammin'" group was great, as usual. There are so many talented musicians around this area, and they do enjoy playing and singing together. And, those of us who get to listen thoroughly enjoy it too. So, come Friday morning and enjoy.

Next Tuesday evening they will be back for the once a month evening gathering. Not only do you get to enjoy lots of good music, but we also have a pot-luck dinner to enjoy. So, come and bring your favorite dish and join in for an evening of good music and food, and good company, too.



• Photo by Vonne Giltner

Students of the Week

Elden Roach, Maddix Smith and Caiden Riehl were chosen to represent their second grade classes as Students of the Week for March 20-24

Wayne School News

Heather Spray Wayne School

Call With Your News
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 449-3305.
Mrs. Keeler's Fourth Grade Student of the Week
Mrs. Keeler's Fourth Grade Student of the Week is Brysten Shephard. Brysten's favorite

school subject is reading and food is deer steak.

In Brysten's free time she enjoys playing sports, fishing,

and cooking. When Brysten grows up she wants to be a veterinarian.

Congratulations Brysten

Shephard!
Mrs. Boles Fourth Grade Student of the Week

Mrs. Boles Fourth Grade

Student of the Week is Peyton Price. Peyton's favorite color is green, school subject is science and food is spaghetti.

In Peyton's free time he enjoys playing football with his family, playing baseball, helping his mom cook, and spending time with family and friends. When Peyton grows up he wants to be a doctor.
Congratulations Peyton Price!

Mrs. Mead's Third Grade Student of the Week
Mrs. Mead's Third Grade Student of the Week is Jimmy Lockwood. Jimmy's favorite color is green, animal is dog,



Brysten Shephard



Peyton Price



Jimmy Lockwood



Cylie Jones

Please see **Wayne**, page 12B

NOTICE OF PERSONS APPEARING TO BE OWNERS OF ABANDONED PROPERTY



LOOKING FOR LOST TREASURE?

Common types of unclaimed property include:
Cash | Royalties | Life Insurance Proceeds
Rebates | Paychecks | Stocks and Bonds

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401 W. Broadway
Lexington

Sunday Morning 10:30 am
Sunday Evening 3:00 pm
Wednesday Evening 7:30 pm

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Sundays
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
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Age Group Bible Study 6:30 pm

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Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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6:00 p.m. Sunday Night
7:00 p.m. Wednesday Night
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Sunday - 11 am (English)
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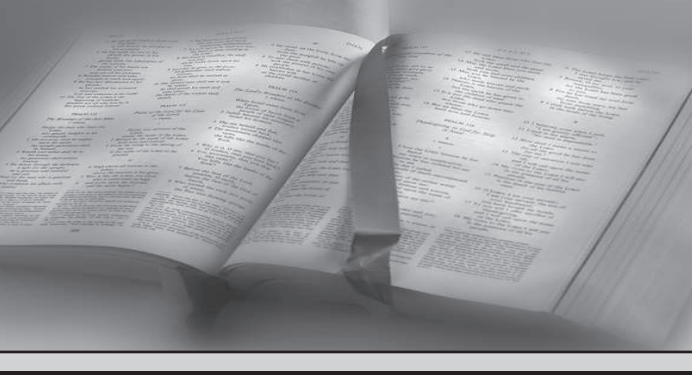
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Sunday Evening 6:00 pm
Wednesday 7:00 pm



Special services

The public is invited to attend special services at the Fountains of Faith Church, located at 122 N. 6th in Purcell.

Evangelists Gary and Galilee Guess will be the featured speakers for the April 9-12 event.

Sunday morning services will begin at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday night services starting at 6 p.m.

Monday through Wednesday services will begin at 7 p.m. each night.

For more information or a ride to the church call 405 740-5163.



Galilee and Gary Guess

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

By Fr. Jim Chamberlain

Exactly 500 years ago, Martin Luther started a revolution that changed the Christian Church forever. In 1517 he published a series of statements, known as the Ninety-Five Theses, that protested against practices in the Church that confused fund-raising with the need for real sorrow and penance for our sins. Until that time, the Church was “one, holy (or striving to be), catholic, and apostolic,” as we profess each week in the Creed. But after that event, many groups separated to form their own denominations based on the Gospel itself directly, rather than on mediation by successors to the Apostles.

We Christians today are not responsible for the revolution, but we inherit its effects. All major Christian faiths adhere to the same set of beliefs about Jesus, His Father and the Spirit, as expressed in the Apostle’s Creed. One clear difference that has emerged between the apostolic Catholic Church and the Protestant denominations is in the manner in which we “practice” our faith.

Whereas Protestant Christianity might be described as a “religion of the Book” (the Bible), Catholic Christian-

ity could be described as a “religion of the Word (made Flesh).” Catholics understand the revelation of God not only in the written word (the Bible), but in every act of Jesus Himself while he was on the earth. And so these actions are to be imitated, sometimes literally, in order to be the hands and feet of Jesus today.

By using this “sacramental imagination” Catholics imagine that everything that God has created is graced with the potential to lead us to God, including the most ordinary things – bread, wine, water, and oil. As the poet-priest Gerard Manley Hopkins wrote: “The world is charged with the grandeur of God.”

So when Jesus smeared mud and spittle into the blind man’s eyes (John 9:6), so Catholics anoint the sick by smearing precious oil onto the forehead and hands of the sick person. Jesus turned water into wine at a wedding feast (John 2) in order to show us that life is to be celebrated with variety and gusto. Jesus washed the feet of his disciples in order to give them a powerful symbol of servant ministry (John 13). This is re-enacted each year on the night of Holy Thursday.

And, most powerfully, Jesus took ordinary bread and wine, blessed it, and gave it to his disciples saying “Take this and eat of it. For this is my body which will be given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” (Luke 22:19-20). And when Jesus had a long encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well (John 4), the Catholic imagination sees an image of the Eucharist – acknowledgment of failure, forgiveness of sin, sharing in the Living Water of Jesus, and being sent forth to evangelize the world. All of these elements are part of our Sunday worship. The woman was changed by the encounter with Jesus. So we hope to be. We are no longer ashamed of our sin and failures. We can be joyful when we drink of the living water of our faith.

Each Friday during Lent we share a meager meal at 6 p.m. followed by Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m. We welcome visitors to all of our liturgies.

Our weekend 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.

Lexington Westside Church of Christ

Good week to all, and welcome to the very first Spring ‘17 “front porch” visit. It is good to have Spring here on us, and what a good time to work on helping our faith bloom a bit more! I guess faith is a little bit like a Spring garden. The first step we have to take is to make a decision to plant one. Somebody has to say, “Let’s plant a garden this year!”

So it is with faith. I don’t guess we say, “Let’s plant some faith!” but we could. It wouldn’t hurt a bit, would it! Faith sure isn’t going to grow if we don’t make a decision to reach into the bag, grab a

little bit of faith seed, and start sowing it down the hill on that plowed field.

So one of the first things we need to know about faith is this: Faith is a decision. At some point in our lives, we have to step up to the line and decide if we really want to have faith or not. We are not talking, of course, about a simple mental consent that we believe in Jesus. The devils, says James, believe and tremble (James 2:19).

But real faith is one that walks with the Lord, a life that “walks by faith” (2 Corinthians 5:7). True faith repents and obeys the gospel of our Lord (Acts 2:38). It is the difference between the young man who says, “I love you and one day we might even get married” (but “one day” seldom comes, of course) and the young man who gets down on a knee, puts a ring on her finger, and begs her to be his wife.

The Lord wants the “ring,” as it were. He wants a commitment, and that is the only way we can have a relationship with Him. I believe the biggest wall men and women run into is a fear of commitment. They somehow cannot make a

decision to have faith, to have a deep and abiding, lifelong, every-hour-of-every-day faith. No, faith is not always an easy thing. Sometimes we just have to do what Peter does in that rocking, wind-tossed boat on the stormy sea: We have to step out into the choppy waters of Galilee.

We are so blessed – in our study of John’s gospel – to cross paths with so many men and women who choose the way of faith. No, it’s not that there is not another choice, sometimes even a compelling one. The world’s call is not a mere whimper. Its call is loud, for sure, and its promises appear as wide and grand as the ocean. But we know the call is just a clanking noise and its promises an empty well.

But we are thankful that John’s gospel is filled with those men and women who listen to “the Spirit’s gentle call” (Revelation 22:17) and lend a deaf ear to the world’s blustering, noisy invitation.

We are not sure – not at first, at least – if Nicodemus from the third chapter comes to the

Wayne:

food is pizza, sport is basketball, tv show is "Octonauts," and holiday is Christmas.

Jimmy enjoys school because he likes math, pe, and recess. In Jimmy's free time he enjoys riding his four wheeler.

Congratulations Jimmy Lockwood!

Mrs. Moreno's Third Grade Student of the Week

Mrs. Moreno's Third Grade Student of the Week is, Cylie Jones. Cylie Jones favorite color is light blue, animal is cat, food is chicken, book is "Goosebumps," sport is softball, tv show is "Saving Hope," and holiday is Christmas.

Cylie enjoys coming to school to learn new things. In Cylie's free time she enjoys playing cards. When Cylie grows up she wants to be a doctor.

Mrs. Mead's Third Grade Class

In November 2016, Mrs. Mead's third grade class wrote letters to the military men and women serving overseas. One of our class members, Adrian Hancock's father is currently deployed with the squadron where we sent the letters of support. Jeremy E. Hancock, MSgt, USAF has been deployed overseas since the beginning of the school year.

On Feb. 28, 2017, Mrs. Mead's class received an unexpected package with letters from various military personnel thanking each student personally for their cards and letters. Adrian and his classmates were thrilled to hear back from MSgt. Jeremy Hancock and his

squadron.

Mrs. Mead's package also included patches and stickers, along with our very own United States Flag that was flown on a mission over Iraq on a KC-10A Extender flight by the 908th Expeditionary Air Squadron operating from the United Arab Emirates.

"The flag represents the unwavering commitment of the men and women of the Armed Forces, their families and friends, and the citizens of the United States of America. It honors the thousands who died in the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and the fields of Pennsylvania on Sept. 11, 2001. Let all who look upon the flag be reminded of our Airmen and their steadfast devotion to protecting the freedoms it represents."

The students also learned all about the meaning and symbolism of the 380th ESFS Patch. Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The sand represents the desert environment, home, to the fiercest of scorpions. The scorpion symbolizes the ability to strike and defend the mission of freedom. The aircraft represents the teamwork of the personnel to accomplish the mission.

Here are some responses when asked, "What does freedom mean to you?" Addie Hamit: We have the right to attend church. Adrian Hancock:

We can be creative. Allie Wooten: Everyone can be equal. Bella Hall: All people are free from slavery. Ben Fisher: We have protection from people that do wrong. Conner Maggart: We have the choice to do whatever we want (within reason). Haven Cheatwood: All people should be free. Jaci McGowen: We can be anything we want to be.

Jimmy Lockwood: We can farm and eat the food we grow. Joey Wilson: Freedom means we should help others find freedom. Kylie Richardson: Freedom means love and happiness. Lily Whitaker: It means We Pledge Allegiance to the Flag. Presley Lucas: We have the right to be free and live in peace. Raedyn Saunders: We have the right to read and educate ourselves. Ryanne Dial: It means people can explore and enjoy things with their family.

Elementary State Testing
Elementary State Testing window is April 3-20. It is very important that students are well rested, have a hearty breakfast and arrive on time every day. We would like the students to be able to do their very best on the test.

Pre-K Early Enrollment
We are trying to locate children who will be old enough for our Wayne Pre-Kindergarten for 2017-2018 school year. Children must be four years old before September 1 for Wayne Pre-Kindergarten.

If you have a child or know of a child this age, please come by the elementary office to pick up a form, if you do not have a child currently enrolled in the

elementary. Forms will be sent out with our current students after Spring Break and all forms need to be turned in as soon as possible.

Please refine potty training habits over the summer. If the student is not completely potty trained they will be asked to come back when they can use the bathroom independently.

For enrollment of your child please bring the following items with you. Copy of Certified Birth Certificate, Social Security Card, current shot record, proof of address, and CDIB card if applicable.

Zoo Art Entries
Happy spring! The OKC Zoo has exciting news to share with you -- there's still time for our talented students to get creative for conservation!

That's right, the Zoo's annual Dr Pepper Vending Machine Art Contest is underway! This year's contest celebrates the significance of endangered giraffes with the theme, "Heads Up for Conservation: Saving Giraffes."

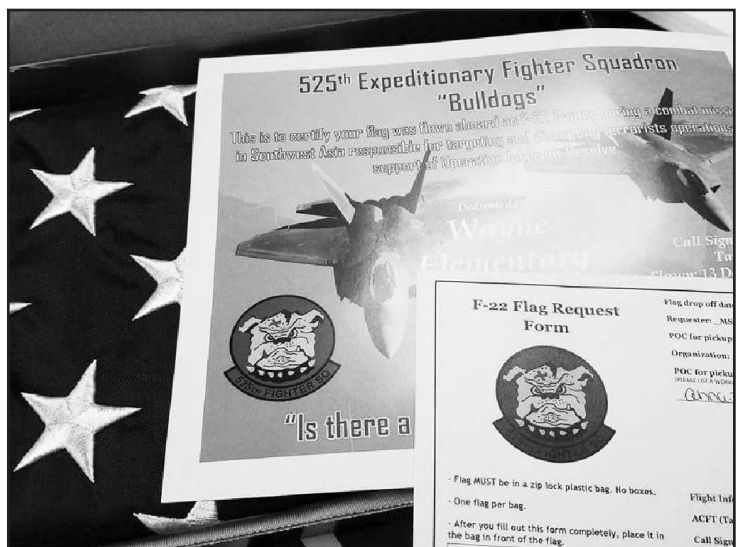
Participating Oklahoma students in grades K-12 are eligible to win wild prizes and the chance to have their original art design on a Dr Pepper machine at the Zoo. Participants who submit a design on an official contest entry form will also be entered in a drawing to win \$1,529 toward an Oklahoma 529 College Savings Plan (OCSP) account. All submissions must be postmarked by March 31.

Everything you need to know about the contest can be found on the Zoo's website including

a link to the official entry form. All designs must be created on an entry form. And yes, photo copies of the entry form are acceptable. Help us spread the word about this great contest and share this email with

your colleagues, friends and families.

Upcoming Events:
March 24—No School.
April 3-14—Elementary State Testing.
April 14—No School.



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Military souvenirs

Mrs. Mead's class received patches, stickers and a United States flag that was flown on a mission over Iraq from military men and women serving overseas.

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