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One day soon, little one

Head turkey Tammy Dillard explains the Turkey Trot to one of the youngest spectators at Friday's annual PTO fund-raiser.

Winchester KILLED



Mike Winchester

Area resident Mike Winchester, 52 of Washington was shot and killed at Will Rogers World Airport Tuesday afternoon in Oklahoma City, authorities said.

Winchester, who played football at The University of Oklahoma as a punter on the 1985 National Championship team, has lived in the Washington area for many years.

Originally from Marietta, Winchester is the father of former OU football player and current Kansas City Chief deep snapper James Winchester.

Several of Winchester's children played sports for the Sooners including Carolyn in basketball and Rebecca in rowing.

According to authorities, Winchester was employed by Southwest Airlines.

Funeral services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church in Purcell.

Last of the letter grades?

Purcell school board briefed on state report cards

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Forget what you may have heard that school district report cards are on the way out.

Purcell Public Schools Assistant Superintendent Jerry Swayze told the school board Monday evening the state won't let that happen.

In fact, it's a requirement by state law that school districts receive a report card ranking for each school from the State Department of Education.

A major glitch has been that

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New equipment

Lojack expands sheriff's arsenal

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The McClain County Sheriff's Department increased its crime-fighting arsenal last

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week with the installation of Lojack receivers in two units.

Sheriff Don Hewett said the receivers were furnished by Lojack at no cost to the county.

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Last call

Operation Christmas deadline Friday

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Would-be participants in McClain County Operation Christmas are reminded that Friday is the deadline to submit applications for the holiday assistance.

Applications must be turned in at Delta Community Action or the Department of Human Services no later than close of business that day.

No applications will be accepted after the deadline, said Peggy Christian.

Applications are available at DHS, Delta Community Action, local churches and the senior citizens center.

The program is open to McClain County residents only.

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Super moon

A **super moon** was visible Monday evening and was the brightest and biggest the moon has appeared to Earth in nearly 70 years. The next time the moon will appear like this will be in the year 2034.

Closings

Thanksgiving next week

Thanksgiving will have an earlier start next week for some people in McClain County.

Schools in Purcell, Lexington and Washington will be closed starting Monday and continuing through November 25.

Purcell Public Library will

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Small fire at junior high

No one injured

Purcell Superintendent Jason Midkiff said an isolated, small fire at the Purcell Junior High School at 8:07 a.m. last Thursday was quickly contained by the Purcell Fire Department and there

were no injuries. Students, although in no immediate danger, were evacuated along with faculty while the fire was

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Small fire contained

Purcell Firefighters quickly contained a fire early last Thursday morning using fire extinguishers after a heating unit caught on fire. No one was injured and class work continued as soon as smoke was cleared.

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Chamber Exec Resigns

Justina Reeves has turned in her letter of resignation.



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Deadlines

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

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Sharing laps

Not every participant in last week's Turkey Trot walked or ran alone. Some like this pair found the multiple laps less tiring with company. That his companion was also in the military seemed fitting as this year the Turkey Trot coincided with Veterans Day.

Pancakes with the stars

Reserve Deputies with the McClain County Sheriff's Dept.

Tickets are now on sale by any of the McClain County Sheriff Reserves for a pancake breakfast November 19. The all you can eat pancakes, along with sausage and bacon breakfast will be from 7 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Mc-

Clain County Expo Center at 2101 Hardcastle Blvd. Ticket prices are \$5 each. There will be raffle tickets for prizes that include a two night stay at Embassy Suites, one night stay at Riverwind Casino Hotel, a toy John

Deere dump truck, \$50 gift card to Tener's Western Wear, two \$50 VISA gift cards and two \$25 gift cards to Van's Pig Stand. Auction items include a smoker and a 48" Insignia Flat Screen TV.

Lexington election

The Board of Education of Lexington Public School District hereby announces that statutorily qualified individuals interested in running as a candidate for the #2 seat on the Lexington Board of Education may file to run as a candidate for this seat at the Cleveland County Election Board between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Dec. 5-7, 2015.

Car seat checkups

Event will be November 22

A limited number of child car seats will be offered for \$10 later this month at a car seat checkup event sponsored by Safe Kids Oklahoma. Parents and guardians will learn how to properly install their child's car seat or booster seat and will find out if it's time for a change. The event will run from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. November 22 at Delta Community Action Agency's Early Head Start, 715 S. 4th Avenue. The car seats will be avail-

able on a first-come, first served basis. Recipients are reminded the cost is \$10 cash. Recipients must show proof of government assistance (WIC, food stamps, Sooner-Care) and must arrive in the vehicle used most often to transport the child. They must also be legal guardians. The child must accompany the parent or guardian. Expectant mothers must be within six weeks of delivery.

7 day forecast from @PurcellRegister @OUNewsCrowd

Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
77°/54°	65°/36°	57°/35°	60°/35°	60°/47°	56°/49°	60°/44°
20% T-Storms	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Prtly Cloudy	Sunny	30% Rain

Cold front and first freeze?

An intense cold front will move through late tonight. This will give us a slight chance for T-Storms, but will impact our temps more than anything.

This weekend we will see our lows in the mid 30s bringing us a slight taste of winter. This could possibly be when we see our first freeze if temps drop

lower than expected. You will want to turn that heater on this weekend. We will rebound into the lower 60s for Monday.

- Ashley Pratt

Purcell Junior High Faculty and Students of the Month

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

The November faculty and students include:

Kerri Lynn Howell - Staff of the Month

Kerri Howell is married and has two married children. She has lived in Purcell her whole life and graduated from Purcell High School.

Mrs. Howell worked in the Purcell Middle School library and then moved to being the secretary for Danny Jacobs that same year.

She chose her favorite scripture, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

Her family includes her husband, Terry; her daughter and her husband, Tara and Kevin Turner; her grand-

daughter, Emerson Turner; her grandson, Holden Turner and her son and his wife, Justin and Ashley Howell.

Adam Christan Edelman - Sixth Grade Boy of the Month

Adam Christan Edelman is the son of William and Kristy Edelman. He lives with his big brother and his little brother.

Adam's favorite subject in school is math and he is involved in STUCO and academic team.

Adam's dad is his role model because he is a firefighter and he risks his life to save people.

He hopes to attend college at USAO.

His future plans are to become a doctor.

Katelyn Riley Eck - Sixth Grade Girl of the Month

Katelyn Riley Eck is the daughter of Jeff and Kelly Eck. She lives with her mom, dad and brother.

Katelyn's favorite subject in school is math and she is involved in Student Council

and Accelerated Learner.

Her role model is her mom because she stands up for what's right and is always there for her.

She hopes to attend college at the University of Oklahoma.

When she grows up she wants to be a physical therapist.

Dalton Holder - Seventh

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Kerry Howell



Adam Edelman



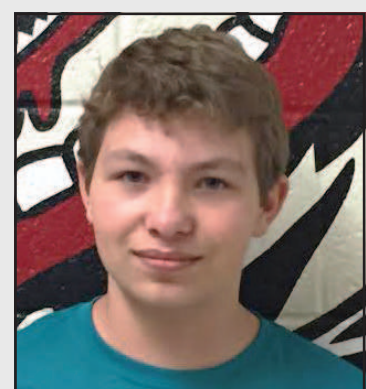
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Hailey Day



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NEWS In Brief

Early Deadlines

The Purcell Register will have early deadlines for the issue of November 24 because of the Thanksgiving holiday.

All ads, classified ads and news must be in the office by Monday, November 21, at 11 a.m.

The paper will be available Tuesday, November 22, at 2:30 p.m.

Leadership

Alumni Social

Join the Leadership Mid-America Board and alumni to meet and reconnect Thursday, November 17, at 5:30 p.m. at Mary Nelson Sutherland's home, 29350 Chloe Way, in the Cashot Creek Addition in Goldsby.

For more information check the LMA Alumni Facebook page.

Cost-Share

Assistance

The McClain County Conservation District has announced that funds are available for cost-share assistance on selected conservation practices benefiting Monarch Habitat Improvement.

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service working with the Oklahoma Conservation Commission have provided limited funds to our conservation district to help landowners implement measures that protect and enhance the Monarch Habitat.

The district will be accepting applications through November 18.

For more information contact the McClain County Conservation District at 527-3452. The district office is located at 1721 Hardcastle Blvd. in Purcell and office hours are 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Free Community Dinner

Truth Free Will Baptist

Church will host a free community dinner Sunday, November 20, from 6-6:45 p.m. The dinner is held each month.

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

Service times are Sunday at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m.

For more information call (417) 616-1606.

Museum News

The McClain County Museum and Historical Society will be open Thursday, November 17, and Friday, November 18, from 1-4 p.m.

Thursday, November 17, Gary Rice with the Purcell Public Library will be available to help individuals with genealogical research and McClain County historical questions at the museum, 203 W. Washington, from 2-4 p.m.

The museum will also be open from 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, November 22, and Wednesday November 23.

It will be closed Thursday, November 24, and Friday, November 25.

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.

Basketball

Fundraiser

The Lexington Basketball Boosters are hosting their Second Annual Bulldog Basketball 10K Giveaway.

Tickets are \$100 each and the first 50 donors receive two tickets to a predetermined OKC Thunder game just for entering.

The drawing, to be held December 19, will be for one of five \$1,000 prizes, and one \$5,000 grand prize.

For more information please contact Lexington High School, or you may email Coach Matt Lohn at mlohn@lexington.k12.ok.us.

Cops, Kids

Christmas

Shopping

Purcell Fraternal Order of Police will be holding the 9th Annual Cops & Kids Christmas Shopping Program December 10.

The program pairs local school-age children with Purcell Police officers to go Christmas shopping at Walmart.

Guidelines for eligibility include: children must live in the city limits of Purcell; the recommended age for participation is five-12; and previous participants should not apply.

Applications are available at the Purcell Police Department and must be turned in by November 30.

For more information about applying or making a donation, contact Sgt. Heather Kaluzny at 527-4691.

Foundation

Fundraiser

The Purcell Public School Foundation will be selling fundraiser tickets to benefit the foundation.

Tickets are \$100 and there will be five \$1,000 prizes and one \$5,000 prize awarded.

Tickets can be purchased from any foundation member or by contacting Kerry Wilhoit at McClain Bank or John D. Montgomery at The Purcell Register.

Senior Citizens

Music Project

Lexington Senior Citizens is sponsoring a music jam from 1-5 p.m. every Tuesday.

All traditional country, gospel, or bluegrass musicians and singers are invited to perform.

All live music, and admission is free and the public is invited.

For more information contact Hank Ivester at 527-7694.

Purcell

NA Group

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

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

For more information call Sarah W. at (405) 816-9233 or Cody C. at (405) 468-1732.



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Halloween fun

Staff from McClain-Garvin Youth and Family Center enjoyed a little break from serving children and families by having a fun Halloween potluck luncheon and costume contest. Decked out are (from left) Brandon Comer, Outreach Coordinator; Callie Caldwell, Outreach Coordinator; Dede Smith, Parents As Teachers Supervisor; Sharla Rivera, Parents As Teachers Parent Educator; Tania Nunez, Parents As Teachers Parent Educator; and Mindy Bellack, Executive Director. To contact the center for more information about family support services provided in McClain, Garvin and Grady counties, call 527-2424.



NEWS from the City of Purcell

Working together we can beautify our community! The City of Purcell may issue a citation in the amount of \$249 if you are in violation of any of the following:

1. Trash and or debris on your property.
 2. Tall weeds or grass.
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 6. Failure to trim trees, grass and weeds in the alley.
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ested in running as a candidate for the #2 seat on the Wayne Board of Education may file to run as a candidate for this

seat at the McClain County Election Board between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Dec. 5-7, 2016.

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Grade Boy of the Month

Dalton Holder is the son of Kathy and Shannon Holder. He lives with his mom, dad and brother, Brody.

Dalton's favorite subject in school is band and he is involved in Student Council, band and Accelerated Learner.

His role model is his mom because she pushes him to do his best always and loves him unconditionally.

Dalton hopes to attend college at the University of Oklahoma.

When he grows up he wants to do something in the public service sector, preferably political.

Hailey Day - Seventh Grade Girl of the Month

Hailey Day is the daughter of Wendy Day and Sean Day. She lives with her brother, Logan.

Her favorite subject in school is band and she is involved in band and karate.

Hailey's dad is her role model because she hopes to be very skilled and strong like he is.

She hopes to attend college at the University of Oklahoma.

When she grows up she hopes to become an author.

John Ross Taylor - Eighth Grade Boy of the Month

John Ross Taylor is the son of Shannon and Jon Taylor. He

lives with his mom and dad and his brother, Colt.

His favorite subject in school is reading and he is involved in track.

He hopes to attend college at Harvard.

When he grows up he wants to be an astronomer.

Kora Ann Keith - Eighth Grade Girl of the Month

Kora Ann Keith is the daughter of Krysta Matthews. She

lives with her mom and sister, Katy.

Her favorite subject in school is math and she is involved in STUCO, basketball, softball and track.

Kora's role model is her mom because she's a strong independent woman.

She is undecided on where she wants to attend college.

When she grows up she wants to be a doctor of some sort.

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Bon Voyage

As I have said from time to time, “Nothing is all good or all bad.”

With that said here are a few good things that are happening since Donald Trump has been elected president elect.

These folks have declared their intent to move out of the country if Trump won the presidency.

So here’s a great big Bon Voyage to Al Sharpton, Jessie Jackson, Cher, Bryan Cranston, Amy Schumer, Chelsea Handler and Barbara Streisand.

Also on the distinguished list are Lena Dunham, Ne Yo, Jon Stewart, Neve Campbell, Keegan-Michael Key, Chloe Sevigny and Spike Lee.

I guess Spike can cheer for the New York Knicks from cheap seats in another country.

Also, Ruth Bader Ginsburg is on the list. She’ll have to give up her gig as a Supreme Court Justice, something that will fit right into Trump’s plan on making the court a bit more

conservative.

Samuel L. Jackson will have to check his wallet in another country and Whoopi Goldberg can finally find out how the other half lives in her new country.

And if Miley Cyrus sticks by her guns (please do) to move away I can go back to watching “The Voice”.

I am a terrible prognosticator but I would have lost the farm if betting on the outcome of

Editor’s Notebook



John D.
Montgomery

the race.

We already had a layout for the front page put together late Tuesday afternoon saying, “Clinton Trumps The Donald” with her picture primed for full color.

We had to quickly change that bright and early Wednesday morning after the shocking outcome.

I figured Hillary would win fairly handily and for the next eight years run rough shod over the country.

Then, I figured, Michelle Obama would run and we’d have eight more years of Obama.

We shall see about that in the future.

But for now they have been Trumped.

A totally shocking end to a very rocky 24 months of campaigning.

At least maybe we can shed several folks that can’t take defeat.

Bon Voyage!

NEWS FROM CAPITOL HILL

Protecting those who have protected us

Congressman Tom Cole

One of our most sacred, if not the most sacred American holiday is Veteran’s Day – the day we honor those who have served to protect our nation, and especially those who have paid the ultimate price to defend and preserve our freedoms. Veteran’s Day began as “Armistice Day” in 1919.

For decades it has drawn crowds to the many military memorials scattered across our nation. In a time of division and acrimony in our nation’s political discourse, I believe that there is one unifying sentiment that will always endure – the determination to honor and support our the men and women who have fought to defend our country and protect our liberty.

Our nation has experienced danger and threats throughout its history. Many wars have been fought, and sadly, many lives have been lost in

the defense of freedom. In recent years Americans have witnessed a challenging security environment. At the same time, the federal government has fallen short in keeping its commitments to many of our twenty five million veterans.

With growing threats around the world, reductions in our defense budget, and detrimental problems with our Veterans Affairs agency, Congress and the next administration face the task of repairing the broken parts of our military establishment and our veteran’s services.

I consider it a privilege and an honor to have two important military bases in my district. Fort Sill Army Post is home to the United States Army Field Artillery School, and Tinker Air Force Base is the most important maintenance and repair air depot in the world.

Meeting with many leaders and members of these military

installations has given me an in-depth perspective and insight on the issues and needs our military face. Providing substantial assistance to our men and women in uniform, both retired and currently serving, is the highest priority in my daily work.

Congress has made substantial strides in ensuring that our veterans are well taken care of, and that any pressing concerns are swiftly fixed. We have introduced many pieces of legislation that will help ease the accessibility for veterans to obtain care, and have just recently passed full funding for the Department of Veterans Affairs for Fiscal Year 2017.

Even more, House Leadership has introduced H.R. 5620, the VA Accountability First and Appeals Modernization Act of 2016, authored by Rep. Jeff

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Our Oklahoma • Gov. Mary Fallin •



State making progress recruiting, retaining great foster parents

This month marks a special anniversary. It’s been a year since I launched an initiative called Oklahoma Fosters, which renewed our efforts to find foster families for the hundreds of children in state custody and coming into state custody.

Its goal, simply put, is to recruit foster families.

There are nearly 9,800 children in state custody, and we desperately need the help of ALL Oklahomans.

Oklahoma Fosters is a state-wide initiative uniting state, tribal and local governments, businesses, nonprofits and the faith-based community

to end the foster care crisis in Oklahoma.

Since the launch of the Oklahoma Fosters initiative last November, we have seen wonderful spikes in both the inquiries into becoming a foster family as well as direct applicants to foster.

During the last fiscal year, which ended June 30, we recruited 1,080 new foster homes in just the first nine months of the initiative. The goal was 1,054.

We not only made the goal – we beat it.

We reached the goal because of the great partnership of my office, DHS, tribes, foster

care agencies, community partners and the mobilization of churches across our state.

The goal for this fiscal year is to recruit an additional 1,080 traditional homes, and 172 therapeutic foster homes as well as seeking permanent adoptive families for the 548 legally free children in state care.

In year two of the Oklahoma Fosters campaign, we must not solely focus the need on more foster families. We must also have the right mix. We need families specifically in the

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Letters to the Editor Policy

All letters to the editor must include the signature of the author and all those listed as signees. All letters must include the name, address and a daytime phone number for verification purposes. Addresses and phone numbers will not be published.

The Purcell Register does not print anonymous letters to the editor. Only two letters per month will be printed from the same author. Letters should be kept to a maximum of one (1) single spaced typed letter-sized page.

The Purcell Register reserves the right to edit any and all letters.

Letters to the editor during any campaign cycle which seek to endorse a candidate or discredit another will not be published during the campaign cycle. Letters to the editor published in The Purcell Register do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the newspaper.

Our Views

This and that

An old man walked up to the border and the border guard asked, “Do you have any I.D.?”

And the old man says, “About what?”

Did you know that a cow has two stomachs? That’s why she wishes she could say “Hey!” instead of “Moo.”

I gazed at the pretty fish in the aquarium and my imagination ran wild.

I pretended that the fish could talk and decided to have a conversation with them.

Me: “Hey, Fishy. How are you doing floating around in that nice warm water? It’s a nice environment with all those little pebbles, a few bigger rocks and the pretty green plants.”

Fish: “Yes. I have plenty of wiggle room.”

Me: “Little goldfish, how do you like swimming around with all those bubbles?”

Fish: “It’s cool! Fresh water and bubbles make my life exciting.”

Me: “Do you get plenty to eat?”

Fish: “Oh, yeah. It gives me enough energy to swish around

Potpourri



Joan
Parker

in here all day and night.”

Me: “I guess there’s not much going on in there. Do you get bored?”

Fish: “It’s not so bad. I can watch the television when you watch your favorite shows.”

Me: “I hadn’t thought about that. Which one do you like best?”

Fish: “I really liked Nemo and I gain a lot of knowledge watching Jeopardy. However, I detest one of the shows you watch.”

Me: “Sorry. Which one is that?”

Fish: “The one where the chef is often frying fish or making tuna casserole.”

Your Views

Placing the flags

Dear Editor,

I would like to publicly express my appreciation to everyone that helped place flags at the local cemeteries for Veterans Day.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 12103 and American Legion Post 301 placed flags at Lexington, St. John’s, Shiloh and Chapel Hill. They also assisted Jay Tate and John Hobbs at Hillside in Purcell.

It is my understanding Jay began assisting Bill McElderry a few years ago and assumed the responsibility when Bill could no longer perform the service. All of these gentlemen are to be commended for their devotion and service to our veteran’s memories and the community.

Special appreciation should also be given to Jason Baker and

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Amazing victory

To The Editor,

Tuesday night, November 8, will go down in history as one of the greatest of victories for any nation. It’s amazing the way God works out things and we all need to praise God for the miracle brought about.

When our new president takes office he will bring about change in many areas and many things. The slaughter of babies will cease, praise God, sins will no longer be licensed by our country.

We will stop financing countries who want to destroy the U.S.A. and Israel. We will use our own oil and Canadian oil to fuel our needs. Businesses will be brought back to our nation and our workers will have well paying jobs. We will cut back on immigration and raise our own children. The military will be reinforced, and young men and women who have committed minor crimes will have a separate place and helped instead of punishment. Many things will change under the new leadership.

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A redder and greener, Legislature faces steep challenges

Trevor Brown
Oklahoma Watch

Republicans built further on their dominance of the state Legislature on Tuesday by securing a net gain of four House seats and three Senate seats.

The change was relatively slight, but contrasted with intensive efforts this year by Democrats, educators and others pushing for more bipartisan influence over the budget and policies. Next session, the GOP will control 78.5 percent of the Legislature's 149 seats, instead of just under 74 percent.

Yet this new crop of legislators will represent a change: A total of 45 lawmakers, or 30 percent, will begin new terms when they are sworn in later this month. The freshman class will be one of the largest in recent history.

That is due to some incumbents being upset in the primary races and many more being barred from running by term limits.

Political observers, advocates and party officials say this will present challenges, but it also could open the doors to fresh ideas for addressing problems that have plagued the state for years.

"One of the biggest arguments of term limits is you've just ridden out all the people with the knowledge of the system and how things work," said Jeanette Mendez, a political science professor at Oklahoma State University. "On the flip side, it should give a nice chance for people to form new coalitions and be open-minded. But, given that, our partisan division will remain pretty deep."

New Frames for Old Problems

The 56th Legislature will convene next year with lawmakers facing similar problems they grappled with in the previous session.

Topping the list is another possible budget shortfall for next fiscal year. State leaders say it likely will be in the hundreds of millions of dollars. With the defeat of State Question 779, a proposed sales tax for education, lawmakers also may feel pressured to find extra

money for teacher raises and public schools. Other agencies will also be competing for funds, however.

How lawmakers respond to critical issues could depend on whether the nine Democrats and 36 Republicans in the freshman class start pushing for new approaches.

But Mendez said it will be a challenge for them to quickly grasp the complexity of the state budget and understand the



hundreds of other bills being filed for the session.

The challenge is so difficult that in the past, OSU's political science department has been asked to teach classes for new legislators on subjects as basic as how a bill becomes a law.

"It's just a lot of people are very new to this," Mendez said. "There is a very steep learning curve."

David Blatt, executive director of the Oklahoma Policy Institute, said if new lawmakers don't step up immediately, it could be up to legislative leaders to set the tone for the session. But he said he hopes both parties consider new ideas as well as older ones that failed to gain traction in past sessions.

"The conversation we are going to be having over the next session is what are the best revenue options for the state," he said. "I think people will be talking about the tobacco tax again, they'll be talking about the motor fuel tax, talking about taxing services – and we hope maybe talking about restoring some of the cuts to the income tax."

Jonathan Small, president of the Oklahoma Council of Public Affairs, similarly said

he believes the legislative turnover could inject new life into proposals that faced resistance before.

As examples, he said, wind-energy subsidies and spending on other "non-core government services" will have a better chance of being cut because many of the lawmakers who started the programs will have left.

"They are not going to have that emotional tie to continue those," Small said, "and I think it's good to relocate those dollars."

Pressure from Voters?

One question is whether the new Legislature will feel increased public pressure to look for new solutions or risk voters' revenge.

That risk appeared to loom this year after citizens, teachers and advocacy groups condemned the Legislature's handling of the \$1.3 billion budget shortfall, using one-time funds, and not finding enough money to cover teacher pay raises and prevent cuts at schools.

A record number of candidates filed to run for open spots or challenge incumbents who traditionally would run unopposed.

But just three sitting lawmakers – Rep. Dennis Johnson, R-Duncan; Rep. Ken Walker, R-Tulsa, and Sen. Corey Brooks, R-Washington – lost their re-election bids. And those were in primary races. On Tuesday, every incumbent on the ballot won.

Bill Shapard, who runs SoonerPoll, said this doesn't necessarily invalidate his firm's poll in July that found only 34 percent of likely voters held a favorable view of the Legislature.

Instead, it mirrors a trend at the federal level in which voters will criticize Congress but continue to support their own U.S. senator or representative.

This year, Shapard said, the public frustration didn't rise to a level where voters wanted widespread change in the Legislature.

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The Good Folks of Lennox Valley

When the good folks of Lennox Valley began to stir on Friday morning, many wondered if the events of Thursday evening had been a dream. Let's face it – most of the previous six months seemed like a nightmare, so why should election night have been any different?

As coffee began brewing and phones began ringing, it was soon apparent Thursday night had not been a dream, and there were more questions than there had been just 24 hours earlier.

Did Juliet Stoughton really keep Raymond Cooper from winning the election outright, forcing a run-off? Did Earl Goodman and Marvin Walsh really get arrested for disturbing the peace after rushing the stage following the mayoral election count while shouting at the election officials? Did anyone bail Goodman and Walsh out, or were they still sitting in the lone Lennox Valley jail cell?

Iris Long slept less than three hours, working past midnight in an unsuccessful attempt to get interviews with all three candidates. She also attempted to interview Chief Dibble, but he would have none of it. He had just prevented a riot from overtaking our peaceful Valley, arresting two of the town's leading citizens in the process.

The Hoffbrau opened at 6:30 a.m. for breakfast, and Iris was there when Sarah Hyden-Smith and Juliet Stoughton arrived at 6:35. All three were exhausted from the events of the previous evening, but none as tired as Iris. She was, after all, older than both her cohorts combined.

The run-off was a mere six days away. While it seemed reasonable to assume Stoughton could keep her voters, it was absurd to imagine all of "Silver Tongue" Dick Bland's supporters coming over to her side. Plus, there were the eight votes for Mickey Mouse, Ima Goose and Ronald Reagan with which to contend.

Other than the noon to 3 p.m. time slot, the 'Brau played music from the "three towers of country power" in Springfield. Jessie, 'Brau waitress, couldn't tolerate Raymond Cooper more than three hours each day, even if his voice was only heard during commercial breaks and during "Swap Shop" outside of his "Renderings with Raymond" time slot.

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The Perfect Scheme

Faith Hill unknowingly inspires underdog

As they contemplated Juliet's next move, they could hear Mark Chesnutt singing in the background:

"It's a little too late, she's a little too gone. She's a little too right, I'm a little too wrong. Now would be the time to change but it's a little too late."

It was then Jessie pulled up a chair from the adjoining table and placed it at the end of the trio's booth. Jessie was, after all, the first person to suggest Juliet run for office, so she felt she had a right to be a part of the election team.

"You know," Jessie began, "I wasn't always a waitress."

Juliet and her friends sipped coffee as they listened respectfully.

"I used to own the diner on Highway 11."

Iris, who had been editor of the Hometown News for as long as anyone could remember, spoke up. "That's right. I had forgotten that. It was so long ago."

"Yes, 27 years to be exact," offered Jessie.

"What happened?" asked Sarah.

"I had three children and a husband back then. I realized I could either own a diner, or I could be happy, but I couldn't do both."

"But don't you regret giving that up?" Juliet asked.

"Well," Jessie paused for a moment before continuing, "I realized some people are born to run businesses, and some people just don't have the stomach for it. That was me."

"What are you trying to say, Jessie?" Iris inquired. "That Juliet doesn't have the stomach to be mayor? That she should just give up and let Raymond Cooper win?"

"I'm not trying to say anything," Jessie offered with her local drawl. "I'm just telling a story."

At that moment, another song began playing:

"All my life I've been pleasin' everyone but me. Waking up in someone else's dream."

"Faith Hill," noted Jessie, "seems like the happiest person in the world. But when she sings a song like that, you realize it hasn't always been easy for her."

With that, the group stopped talking and listened as Faith finished her song. Juliet realized for much of her life, she had been living someone else's dream. She also knew those days were past.

"It's going to sound crazy," Juliet said, "but I know what I'm going to do."

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Cole:

Miller, Chairman of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee. This legislation both ensures employees at the Department of Veterans Affairs can be fired or demoted for misconduct or poor performance and also modernizes the disability appeals process to reduce the unacceptable backlog of claims.

It awaits consideration on the House floor, but in the midst of partisan times in our politics, surely we can all agree that everyone can support putting our veterans first. Just as our soldiers never leave their colleagues behind, we in our government can never leave them behind either. It is our duty to protect those who protect us.

The men and women who have taken the oath to serve and protect our nation are the heroes of the American people. They're never forgotten, nor are they neglected. We can never thank our veterans enough for what they have done to keep the United States the greatest and freest country on this Earth. They deserve our full gratitude each and every day.

Justina resigns

To every business owner, chamber member, and citizen in The Heart of Oklahoma:

It is with a heavy heart that I tell you all it is time that I resign my position at the chamber. Seasons of life change along with personal priorities. My children are growing quickly and time seems to move faster with every day that passes. The time has come for me to be more available to my family.

I would like to say thank you to so many. So much has happened in my life since I started at The Heart of Oklahoma Chamber that I scarcely remember what it was like to be anywhere else. I wasn't very connected to my community back then. While being from this area I had been gone for 10 years. I had been a business owner and chamber member where we lived previously and knew I wanted to get involved here too. I knew the importance of being engaged in the community and the chamber seemed like a great place to start.

With the chamber I have gotten to know so many people, in many diverse fields, both locally and across the United States. I've learned from you, both about the non-profit world that is chambers; but also about small businesses and general entrepreneurship. Consequently, my respect for anyone involved in either has grown tremendously.

I am blessed to have been a part of promoting your businesses, helping some of you to start your businesses, and unfortunately mourning with some of you as you closed the doors on your businesses for the last time. I hope, in my time here, that I have met your expectations in my position and that I have given to you my very best effort each and every day that I came to work. Your businesses - our community - deserve nothing less.

This experience has improved me ... and it has improved my family. Being in this position has taught my kids the importance of being involved in the community. It has taught us that a lot of hard work and sacrifice go into making a community. For this, I thank you all. I pray that my children grow up and take pride and ownership in their communities.

I will miss working for the people and businesses of The Heart of Oklahoma. I will continue to pray that our leaders support our farmers, small business owners, and brilliant entrepreneurs - the job creators who have kept our towns moving forward. I will continue to pray for The Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce ... its members, board of directors, and staff as they continue in their mission to promote progress in this area through business and community development. May you know nothing but success going forward.

Sincerely,
Justina Reeves

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Flags:

the Purcell FFA for assisting at Hillside this year. They were extremely professional and efficient so the project was completed very quickly.

Purcell Schools and the community are fortunate to have such a fine group of young men and women, and Mr. Baker should be commended for his leadership.

If anyone knows of other local cemeteries needing flags in the future, they can contact the VFW and Legion at (405) 823-9051.

Sincerely,
Dale Haynes
Commander, VFW Post
12103
Adjutant, AL Post 301

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Fallin:

Tulsa area as well as additional tribal families – 30 percent of our children in custody identify as Native American. We also need families willing to take teens, sibling groups and kids with varying types of special needs such as medical needs or developmental disabilities.

We have to continue to find ways to facilitate high quality families becoming foster parents as well as truly supporting the foster families who have answered the call. It is not enough to merely recruit more foster homes, we have to retain the great foster parents we already have.

We have made progress in streamlining the application and approval process by eliminating unnecessary paperwork and getting background checks done faster to ease the burden on families applying to foster.

But we still have work to do. DHS is in the process of integrating the foster care and adoption programs.

This integration will further streamline processes and maximize efficient use of staff.

Once approved to foster or adopt, parents will be able to move between programs without reapplying or going through another home study.

This is the first time we have met the recruitment goals since the inception of the Pinnacle Plan, the result of a settlement

of a class-action lawsuit filed against DHS and its foster care system. We agreed to make improvements in targeted areas within that system.

The settlement agreement established an ambitious five-year plan to improve performance in critical areas such as reducing the use of emergency shelters for young children, increasing the numbers of foster families, increasing the numbers of caseworkers, reducing caseworker workloads and reducing the rate of maltreatment – abuse and neglect – in care.

The expert monitors overseeing implementation of the Pinnacle Plan agreed in September to a joint request to extend the timeline to fully implement DHS's reform efforts.

The success of these reforms is critical to ensuring the state can provide adequate protection and care to vulnerable Oklahoma children.

Oklahoma Fosters is just one part of our effort to improve our state's foster care system under the Pinnacle Plan.

Support of foster parents is truly everyone's job, not just that of DHS.

Can you help? We cannot do this important work without you! The Oklahoma Fosters Initiative needs everyone's help from business leaders to faith leaders to school teachers. There is a place for you!

Protestors

To The Editor,

Thankfully we are in America where the latest insane groups of protestors can take to the street and chant "Not my President" and even suggest "kill Trump" through the great anonymity of social media. In many other countries one could be in jail for such actions.

It is time to stop. For the last 8 years, President Obama was not my choice for president, and I believe there were at least a few others who felt the same. There was no destruction of property, riots or any of the rest of the trouble being caused by these people. Who are they anyway? Surely they don't work or they could not be out all night creating trouble. I have a feeling the majority are supported by the poor, dumb, uneducated people who voted for Trump, their parents.

We had many months of campaigning for them to get out and support their choice of candidate. The elections were open to all, even some questionable voters, and now one side won and the other lost. That is why it is called a race. If they are truly that upset they need to organize for the next election and convince everyone to their cause. I have to wonder how many of them even voted.

If any of these protestors are the college educated future leaders of our country, we are headed for disaster and anarchy. I still believe in "America, love it or leave it". Destruction for the sake of destruction is not the answer. And I would suggest that those who don't want to come together and work for a better America, are free to leave starting now.

Cathy Foshee

Society



It's a Small World

Gracie Montgomery

The Purcell Register will have early deadlines for the issue of November 26 because of the Thanksgiving Day holiday.

All ads, classified ads and news must be in the office by Monday, November 21, at 11 a.m.

The paper will be available Tuesday, November 22, at 2:30 p.m.

A special happy 51st wedding anniversary to Danny and Sharon Weaver.

Happy birthday to Brenda Smith, Kent Peck, Claire Brady, Marie Flanigan, Christopher Wade, Richard McConnell, Bobby Farrell, Richard Gray, Jack Pryor, Lendall Hays, Isaias Avila, Matthew Murray-Konrade, Victor Orta Jr., Bozena Jones, Janet King, Crystal Sheehy, Maurita Summers, Serretha Gruszka, Beth Brock, Gordon Ford Jr., Clare Wyndham, Jewel Moore, Krysta Matthews, Gary Tate and Frank Foshee.

The Friends of the Purcell Library invite avid readers to add to their personal collections through the group's Fall Friends Book Sale, set for November 18-21 at the library, 919 N. Ninth St.

The sale takes place during library hours: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, November 18; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, November 19; 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, November 20; and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, November 21.

The sale features books in a variety of interests and for all ages. A \$3 bag sale begins on Sunday afternoon.

Proceeds from the sale go to help the Friends group in its support of programs and services of the library.

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

The Purcell Public Library is presenting science, technology and the arts in a whole new way through an afternoon of Teen STEAM, at 3:30 p.m. Friday, November 18.

It's an introduction to sev-

eral of the Pioneer Library System's STEAM Power Maker Kits, including an EV3 Lego kit. There also will be several art projects available for teens. "STEAM" stands for the kits' focus on the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics.

Activities are for ages 12 through 18, and registration is not required in advance to attend.

The Purcell Public School Foundation will be selling fundraiser tickets to benefit the foundation.

Tickets are \$100 and there will be five \$1,000 prizes and one \$5,000 prize awarded.

Tickets can be purchased from any foundation member or by contacting Kerry Wilhoit at McClain Bank or John D. Montgomery at **The Purcell Register**.

The 28th Annual Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting "Christmas Magic—Miracle on Main Street" will be held Thursday, December 1, on Main Street in Purcell.

The Tree Lighting Ceremony will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the parade to start at 6 p.m.

To register your parade entry, contact the Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce with any questions at 527-3093.

This is my family's favorite dish for every holiday.

Cheese Potato Casserole
2 lb. frozen hash brown potatoes

1/2 cup melted margarine

1 tsp. salt

1/4 tsp. pepper

1 can cream of chicken soup

2 cups grated cheddar cheese

1/2 cup chopped onion

2 cups sour cream

2 cups crushed corn flakes

mixed with 1/4 cup melted margarine

Heat oven to 350°.

Thaw hash brown potatoes.

Combine with rest of ingredients except corn flakes with margarine.

Spread in large pyrex dish

and sprinkle buttered corn flakes on top. Bake for 30-40

minutes.



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Home tour

The home of Jeremy and Erin Klein, 22894 Quail Run Drive in Purcell, is one of the featured stops on the Okeyha Mothers Club Holiday Home Tour set for December 5.

Okeyha Mothers Club Holiday Home Tour set for December 4

The annual Okeyha Mothers Club Holiday Home Tour is scheduled for Sunday, December 4, from 2 to 4 p.m.

This year's tour will include four Heart of Oklahoma area homes.

Holiday Home Tour patrons will have the opportunity to view the homes of Modesto and Morgan Resendiz, Jeremy and Erin Klein, Eric and Monica Brown and Michael and Leanne Vanderburg.

The home of of Jeremy and Erin Klein will be featured in this issue of **The Purcell Register**.

The Kleins home is located at 22894 Quail Run Drive in Purcell.

"We bought our home two years ago and did a remodel" Mrs. Klein said. "We are only the second owners. It was a custom build."

"We love the area with larger lots and the layout of this house was perfect for our family," she

continued.

The Kleins are just finishing up an open timber back patio area.

Mrs. Klein described her home as a modern lodge.

"Our home is very natural with greys and stone and pops of color," she concluded.

A Country Kitchen will be stocked with home-baked goods available for sale. It will be located at the home of Modesto and Morgan Resendiz, 6564 S.E. 36th Ave., in Purcell.

The Holiday Home Tour is a yearly fundraiser for the Okeyha Mothers Club. The club uses funds raised to support community projects and give a scholarship to a graduating senior.

Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$10 from any Okeyha Mothers Club member or at Purcell Vision Clinic or may be purchased at the door for \$12.

Okeyha Mothers Club has meeting

The Okeyha Mothers Club met November 14, 2016 at the First Baptist Church in Purcell.

Present were Echo Tompkins, Betty Little, Sheila Barfield, Valerye Haley, Judy Moring, Kellie Cook, Kim Thompson, Kristi Brock, Jenny Hunter, Heather McGee, Sarah Rangel, Deanna Walker and Dede Page.

Hostess Echo Tompkins served 13 members dinner prior to the meeting.

Jenny Gowens, the "Okie Oil Lady" gave a very informative presentation on essential oils, their use and benefits.

The Fall Carnival was discussed and recommendations to improve it for next year were discussed.

President Kellie Cook shared plans for finalizing the the Holiday Home Tour which will be Sunday, December 4, from 2-4 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door and are available from any Okeyha member or at the Purcell Vision Clinic.

The State Constitution and By-Laws were read and explained to new members.

Future projects were mulled over and a joint project with the Lexington Bliss Mothers Club and the Mothers Entwined Club of Goldsby was approved. Roll call and door prizes concluded the evening.

The next meeting will be November 28.

First Christian Church annual stew, chili meal

First Christian Church, 117 W. Washington, in Purcell will be hosting its annual Stew and Chili Meal on Tuesday, November 22, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The menu will include stew, chili or red top with cornbread, dessert and beverage for \$6. Take-out orders are welcome by calling 527-3006 the day of or advance orders to (405) 863-3747 for evening meal pickup between 5:45-6:45 p.m.

There will also be a craft show and baked sale items for sale. A chance at a beautiful handmade quilt donated by Blanche Breatchel will be available also for a \$5 donation. All proceeds earned support the missions and ministries of the First Christian Church.



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Featured Home

Mothers Entwined Club will hold its Christmas Home Tour December 10. The home of Bronson and Amy Hyde, 2873 Potter Ave., in Goldsby is one of the featured homes.

Mothers Entwined Club Christmas Home Tour

Mark your calendars for the Mothers Entwined 2016 Christmas Home Tour which is scheduled for Saturday, December 10, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The home highlighted this week for the Mothers Entwined 2016 Christmas Home Tour is the home of Bronson and Amy Hyde. Bronson custom built their home in June of 2015 and the décor is Rustic Farmhouse. Their home is located at 2873 Potter Ave. in Goldsby.

The Hydes beautiful home is decorated in neutrals with pops of different shades of green. They love their open floor plan because they spend a lot of their time in the kitchen, dining room, living room and

the kid's TV room. It is perfect for watching games and hanging out with family and friends.

This is the second home on the Mothers Entwined Christmas Home Tour that will also have a Country Kitchen where visitors will be able to purchase homemade holiday baked goodies.

You can purchase your tickets for only \$12 from any Mothers Entwined club member, Goldsby Town Hall, or the office of Roger Cudd.

Please remember to bring a canned food item, that can be dropped off at any of the homes on our home tour, that will be donated to the food pantries at both Purcell and Washington Public Schools.

Butterfly art deadline set for November 28

Chickasaw young ladies are invited to free their creative spirit by entering the 2017 Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation Conference Butterfly Art Contest.

Symbolic of the beauty, inspiration and determination of Chickasaw women throughout history, the winning butterfly

serves as the artwork accompanying all materials promoting the event.

Artists must be female Chickasaw citizens and between the ages 14 to 18.

One piece of art in a me-

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Mothers Entwined Club

Mother's Entwined met November 9 at the home of Amy David.

With the Thanksgiving decorations and the delicious enchilada soup, fall was in the air!

Chaplain Kim McGregor gave a prayer honoring all veterans, past and present.

Attending were Amy David, Penny Berrey, Karla Chapman, Kim Croslin, Lori Cudd, Kristi Davey, Carol DiRienzo, Kim Fox, Becky Galyean, Angie Goldsby, Kristi Kilcrease, Brandi Kroth, Carrie Mayes Kim McGregor and Julie Wofford.

Karla Chapman read minutes from the last meeting and Penny Berrey collected money for the Sunshine bank.

President Lori Cudd said the business at hand was the Mothers Entwined upcoming

2016 Christmas Home Tour to be held Saturday, December 10, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Kristi Kilcrease told the ladies she had placed an article in the newspaper for the first home and will place a second article next week.

She said she will work on and print a map to assist those who will be attending the Christmas Home Tour and get copies to the ladies as soon as possible.

The remainder of the meeting included separating food and toiletries the ladies had collected to take to area schools and senior citizen centers.

Winner of the door prizes included Lori Cudd, Kristi Davey and Carol Di Rienzo.

The next meeting will be Monday, November 21, at the home of Karla Chapman.



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Gobbling encouragement

On any other day of the year Tammy Dillard is principal at Purcell Elementary School. Which isn't to say she can't be a turkey when the occasion demands as it did Friday at the annual Turkey Trot. Here she high fives a student for completing one of many laps.

Deadline approaching for Youth Leadership Oklahoma applications

Leadership Oklahoma, a statewide leadership program, is now accepting applications for its 2017 Youth Leadership Oklahoma (YLOK) class.

The application deadline is Thursday, December 1, by 5 p.m. Applicants must be high school juniors or home schooled equivalent with at least a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Youth Leadership Oklahoma accepts 50 class members each year. The program includes a weeklong journey across the state with purpose to introduce high school students between their junior and senior years to state leaders, issues, resources and cultural treasures of Oklahoma.

The program dates for YLOK Class 17 will be from June 4-9, 2017.

Participants are also considered on the basis of geographic, racial and cultural diversity.

Applications may be downloaded at www.leadershipoklahoma.com or requested by calling the LOK office at (405) 848-0001.

Completed applications must be received in the Leadership Oklahoma office, located at 5500 N. Western, Suite 142, Oklahoma City, OK 73118, no later than 5 p.m., Dec. 1, 2016.

Gingerbread house event

The Chickasaw Nation will host a gingerbread house make-and-take event from 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, November 22, at the Chickasaw White House, 6379 E. Mansion Drive, in Milburn.

The family-friendly event is open to the public at no charge, but seats are limited. Finished gingerbread houses will be displayed at the Chickasaw White House in the State Dining Room until the Christmas progressive dinner on December 10.

For more information, or to register, contact the Chickasaw White House at (580) 235-7343.

Great American Smokeout Challenge

Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline can help

Tobacco users are encouraged to participate in the Great American Smokeout (GASO) challenge today, November 17, and experience the benefits of a tobacco-free lifestyle, if only for a day. GASO is an annual event that supports a day-long cessation effort, which can be the first step toward a healthier life.

"GASO is the perfect time to learn more about the Helpline and get tips and tools that can help you quit tobacco your way," said Paola Klein, the Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline coordinator. "Many people plan a quit date around the New Year, and this is a great time to try out a mini-quit or just think about beginning your tobacco-free journey. The Helpline is here to offer nonjudgmental support to anyone thinking about quitting, whether it's for one day during GASO or if you're ready to quit for good."

This year, the Helpline will host a Facebook event, which will bring together an online community of those who choose to take on this personal challenge.

In the days leading up to the Great American Smokeout, preparation will start with mini-quits, training the body and mind to develop the skills needed to manage cravings and maintain the course for a tobacco-free life. Get additional tips and tools by virtually attending the event. Follow the Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline on Facebook to learn more.

According to the American Cancer Society, after just 20 minutes of being tobacco free, blood pressure decreases and pulse rates drop. Within 24 hours of quitting, the chance of a heart attack decreases.

Within one year of quitting, the risk of coronary heart disease is lowered to half that of a tobacco user. Plus, annual savings could total nearly \$2,700 by not purchasing tobacco products.

For many tobacco users, quitting — even for just a day — can feel impossible. But by quitting for an hour here and there, they can build up endurance. As hours, days and even weeks add up, quitting goes from feeling impossible to something quite possible.

The Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline, funded by the Oklahoma Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust, or TSET, provides FREE services to help tobacco users quit their own way. These services include free text and email support, patches, gum, lozenges and more for registered participants. Registrants can talk to personal Quit Coaches about their individual needs, choose from a variety of services and get started on the path toward a tobacco-free life.

There is no one-size-fits-all solution to quitting tobacco. However, the Helpline's evaluation results show that those who work with a Quit Coach™ and use the full range

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Students of the Week

Lexington Intermediate School Paw P.R.I.D.E. Students of the Week are (from left) fourth grade student Jace Johnson and fifth grade student Abby Sample.

WAYNE SCHOOL MENU

Week of November 21

MONDAY BREAKFAST

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

LUNCH

Pizza, corn, sliced peaches, juice, milk.

TUESDAY BREAKFAST

Cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Chicken patty sandwich, whole grain chips, red beans, orange, juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY

No School, Thanksgiving Break.

THURSDAY

No School, Thanksgiving Break.

FRIDAY

No School, Thanksgiving Break.

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Watch:

"Education, for example, was certainly on the radar screen this year," he said. "It's just that voters are not ready to change horses quite yet."

Another possible factor in Republican gains was the surge in registered voters.

As of November, Republicans represented 45.6 percent of the state's registered voters, compared with 42.4 percent in 2012. The Democratic share dropped from 45.6 percent in 2012 to 39.7 percent this year.

"It just goes to show you that Republicans in Oklahoma continue to do well," Shapard said. "It's a juggernaut that does not seem to be slowing."

Pam Pollard, chairwoman of the Oklahoma Republican Party, said the success of incumbents on Tuesday shows that voter unhappiness is not as widespread as believed.

"I think it is a sign that voters agree with what we are trying to do," she said. "They are electing the same people because

they believe in the Republican leadership."

Oklahoma Democratic Party spokeswoman Sarah Baker said voters will tolerate only so much of unchanging approaches to solving problems, such as the budget crisis and school funding. However, she said, voters must become more active if they want to see real change.

"If we go another legislative session just throwing buckets of water over the edge to keep us from drowning, I'm not entirely sure it'll make a difference in 2018 if people are not engaged," she said. "We can't fix these issues if people are not willing to go out and talk to their candidates and talk to their legislators about them."

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Butterfly:

dium of the artist's choice may be submitted on art paper, canvas or art board and must be between 10 and 20 inches in size.

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Call Heather Spray at Wayne Middle School at 449-3305.

Mrs. Mead's Third Grade Student of the Week

Mrs. Mead's Third Grade Student of the Week is Ben Fisher.

Ben's favorite school subject is math, snack is Ramen



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Math Hall of Fame

The newest Math Hall of Fame recipients are Jimmy Lockwood and Jaci McGowan.

was co-founded by Pizza Hut and the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress.

To celebrate National Young Readers Week, the Pizza Hut Book It Program challenged principals across the country to read one school day, from the first bell to the last, during that week.

Elementary Principal Donna Souttee accepted the challenge and enjoyed reading all day to the students. Mrs. Souttee was found reading in the cafeteria, hallways, classrooms, on the playground and even on the school bus!

The students had a great time hearing stories and spending time with Mrs. Souttee.

High School Band
The East Central Oklahoma Band Directors Association hosted the All-District Band Auditions at Ada Junior High School.

Auditioning from Wayne was Freshman, Jason Alvarado. Jason was selected first chair (the highest honor) in the junior high band. Jason plays the trumpet in the Wayne Marching Band as well as lead trumpet in the Wayne Jazz Band.

Congratulations Jason Alvarado!



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First chair

Jason Alvarado was named first chair in the All-District Band.

Upcoming Events:

November 18—District football game at Hollis.

November 22—School will be released at 12:50 p.m.; buses run at 1 p.m. for Thanksgiving Break.

November 23-25—No School, Thanksgiving Break.

December 8—Middle School Snowflake Ball, 6-8 p.m.

December 11—Fifth Grade, MS and HS Band Program, 2:30 p.m.

December 19—Elementary Christmas Program, 6:30 p.m.

December 22- January 3—No School.



Ben Fisher

Noodles and favorite thing to do at home is play basketball.

When Ben grows up he wants to be an OG&E worker because that's what his dad does.

If Ben could change one thing about the world it be the time.

Congratulations Ben Fisher!

Mrs. Keeler's Fourth Grade Student of the Week

Mrs. Keeler's Fourth Grade Student of the Week is Myleigh Caballero.

Myleigh's favorite color is purple, school subject is math



Myleigh Caballero

and food is penne pasta.

Myleigh enjoys smiling and laughing and when she grows up she wants to be a veterinarian.

Congratulations Myleigh Caballero!

Math Hall of Fame

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

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

Our newest members in the Math Hall of Fame are Jimmy Lockwood and Jaci McGowan.

Letters of Thanks to Our Veterans

In honor of Veterans Day, Mrs. Hosek's first grade class, Mrs. Burnett's second grade class, as well as Mrs. Anderson's second grade class made "Thank You" cards for veterans.

The students were very excited and honored to be able to make the cards for the men and women who served in efforts of keeping them safe and free.

The cards were given to veterans at the Veterans Care Center of Norman.

Principal Challenge

Since 1989, National Young Readers Week has been an annual event held during the second week of November to raise awareness around the importance of reading. The event



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Thank you note writers

Students in Mrs. Hosek's, Mrs. Burnett's and Mrs. Anderson's classes wrote thank you notes to veterans at the Veterans Care Center of Norman.



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Day long reader

Principal Donna Souttee read a book all day in recognition of National Young Readers Week.



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Keynote address

Leon Wilson delivered the keynote address during Purcell High School's Veterans Day Assembly on Friday. The annual assembly honors all who served and is sponsored by the National Honor Society.

OSU EXTENSION News

Is it turkey or ham for the family holiday meal?

Leilana McKindra Communications Specialist

For lots of Oklahomans, the question of turkey, ham, both or neither for the holiday feast is settled by tradition and long before the oven is set to pre-heat. But, for those less bound by family customs, there are a number of considerations that can help guide meal planning.

Doing a little comparison shopping is a good place to start, said Barbara Brown, Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension food specialist.

"Comparing prices will

usually push shoppers toward turkey," she said. "Fresh turkey generally is more expensive than frozen. However, there are deals to be had if you buy at the last minute, though bargains are more likely to be had on the Friday after Thanksgiving."

Shoppers also can compare alternatives on the basis of price per serving once they know the number of servings per pound.

"After doing that for two or more cuts, shoppers can figure out the less expensive option," Brown said. "For example, if turkey is \$1 per pound and you need 1 pound per person,

the price per serving is \$1. By contrast, if ham is \$2.50 per pound and 1 pound yields two servings, the cost per serving would be \$1.25."

Of course, it also is important to make sure there is enough

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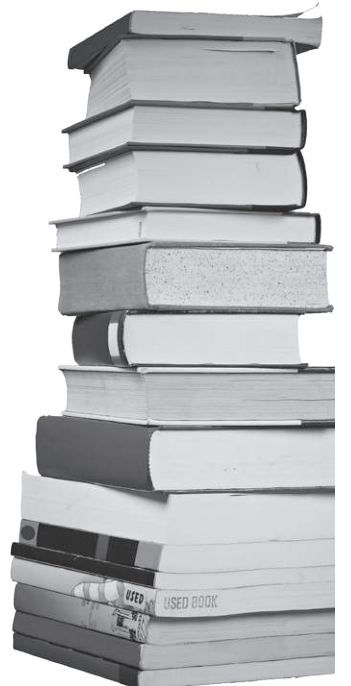
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Gordon Cooper Technology election

An annual election for the School District Electors of Gordon Cooper Technology Center School District No. 5 of Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma, will be held at the regular voting places with the School District Feb. 14, 2017, and the second election, if no candidate for the board member position receives more than 50 percent of the vote, will be held April 4, 2017, beginning at 7 a.m. and closing at 7 p.m. The Board of Education of Gordon Cooper Technol-

ogy Center School District hereby announces that statutorily qualified individuals interested in running as a candidate for the #4 seat on the Gordon Cooper Technology Center Board of Education may file to run as a candidate for these seats at the Pottawatomie County Election Board between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. December 5 through December 7.

Gordon Cooper Technology Center serves the following school districts: Asher, Bethel,

Bowlegs, Butner, Chandler, Dale, Earlsboro, Grove, Justice, Macomb, Maud, McLoud, Meeker, New Lima, North Rock Creek, Paden, Seminole, Shawnee, South Rock Creek, Strother, Tecumseh, Varnum, Wellston, Wewoka and White Rock.

Counties within the Cordon Cooper Technology Center district includes Cleveland, Creek, Hughes, Lincoln, Logan, McClain, Okfuskee, Oklahoma, Pontotoc, Pottawatomie and Seminole.



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Patriotic assembly

Students filled the bleachers at Purcell High School on Veterans Day while veterans were seated on the basketball court. The National Honor Society again sponsored a Veterans Day Assembly and presented a \$1,000 check to Folds of Honor.



John Denny Montgomery • The Purcell Register

Turkey Trot winners

The winners from the 2016 Turkey Trot at Purcell Elementary School were Haze Baker, Ashtyn Ward, Collier Goad, Alexis Swain, Aubrey Swain, Cannan Haynes, Cooper Selman, Grace VanOort, Adlee Croslin, Chance Midkiff, Josue Chavez, Taygan Winters, Tripp Eck, Jayden Polk, Karyss McReynolds and Halle Buchanan.

Donation drop off

Among places to drop off items for McClain County Operation Christmas is the Family Dollar at Wayne. Store manager Trisha Dungan, left, accepts the drop off box from Peggy Christian, toy chairman of the annual holiday gift drive. Other drop off sites in Purcell include **The Purcell Register**, Walgreens and Purcell Public Library. Gifts may be donated until December 11. The application period closes Friday.



Photo provided

Washington school election in February

An annual election for the School District Electors of Washington School District No. 1-5 of McClain County, Oklahoma, will be held at the regular voting places with the School District on the 14th day of February, 2017, and the second election, if no candidate for the board member position receives more than 50 percent of the vote, will be held on the 4th day of April, 2017, beginning at 7 a.m. and closing at 7

p.m. on said date. The Board of Education of Washington School District hereby announces that statutorily qualified individuals interested in running as a candidate for the #2 seat on the Washington School Board of Education may file to run as a candidate for these seats at the McClain County Election Board between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Dec. 5-7, 2016.

Coats for Warmth Program will benefit area children

McClain County 4-H and Choice Realty are teaming up for the second annual "Coats for Warmth" children's winter coat drive.

Organizers are seeking gently used children's coats of all sizes.

They will be collected November 11 through December 10.

The coats will be donated to the Operation Christmas program to benefit McClain

County residents.

Drop off locations in this part of the county are the McClain County OSU Extension Office and the Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce in Purcell, the Washington Elementary School, the Wayne Elementary School and the Dibble Library.

For more information contact Paula Irwin at (405) 229-7571 or Alex Cox at (405) 527-2174.

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Meal:

food for everyone dining.

"The general recommendation is to plan on 1 pound of raw turkey per person," Brown said. "This amount allows for extra helpings during the meal as well as accounts for some leftovers."

For ham, hosts can figure on a generous half pound per person since there will be limited bone and waste. That should still provide enough leftovers for a second meal.

Finally, if available cooking

time is a concern, precooked turkeys may only require reheating, while roasting a turkey could take several hours, depending on the size and whether it is stuffed or unstuffed.

A chart with cooking times for various types of hams is available at www.foodsafety.gov. Select the "Keep Food Safe" tab, choose "Charts: Food Safety at a Glance" and click on "Ham Cooking Chart."

Connie Ann Chastain

Memorial services for Connie Ann Chastain, 71, of Norman will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, 2016 at the First Christian Church in Norman. Arrangements will be under the direction of Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Mrs. Chastain died Nov. 13, 2016 in Norman.

She was born Oct. 6, 1945 in Pueblo, Colo., the oldest of three girls of Preston Conway Hurt and Bobbie (Holmes) Hurt.

Survivors include her husband, David Chastain of the home; daughter, Meredith McClean and husband, Robert, of Dacula, Ga.; son, Alan Chastain and wife, Sabrina, of Albuquerque, N.M.; two sisters, Amanda Betason of Australia, and Pattie Mays and husband, Don, of Norman and three grandchildren.

Online condolences may be made at wilsonlittle.com.

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Glen Allen Bearden

Funeral services for Glen Allen Bearden, 63, were held Nov. 15, 2016 at Wadley's Funeral Chapel. Interment was at Hillside Cemetery. Services were entrusted to the care of Wadley's Funeral Service. Online condolences may be made at www.wadleysfuneralservice.com.

Mr. Bearden died Nov. 9, 2016 in Purcell.

He was born June 8, 1953 in Oklahoma City, the son of Leo and Lillie (Stills) Bearden.

Survivors include his wife, Susan; daughter, Ann Bearden; sons, Alan Bearden and Adam Bearden and 11 grandchildren.

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Kannon Isham Manis

Funeral services for Kannon Isham Manis, 22, of Oklahoma City, formerly of Newcastle, will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17, 2016 at the First Baptist Church in Newcastle. Interment will be at the Newcastle Memorial Gardens under the direction of Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Mr. Manis died Nov. 12, 2016.

He was born Oct. 6, 1994 in Oklahoma City, the oldest of four children of Dustin Keith Manis and Michelle Christian (Sims) Manis.

Survivors include his parents, Dustin and Michelle Manis of Newcastle; sister, Katherine Manis of Stillwater; two brothers, Koal Manis and Jack Manis of Newcastle and his grandparents, Ben and Linda Manis of Newcastle and Charles and Jeanette Sims of Oklahoma City.

In lieu of flowers, the family ask that memorials be sent to the Kannon Manis Scholarship Fund at Pride Mixed Martial Arts. The scholarships will allow disadvantaged kids to train at Pride. Please make checks payable to Pride MMA, note Kannon Manis Scholarship Fund, and send to P.O. Box 6864, Edmond, OK 73083.

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Roy Lee Baird

Memorial services for Roy Lee Baird, were held Nov. 14, 2016 at Wadley's Funeral Chapel. Services were entrusted to the care of Wadley's Funeral Service. Online condolences may be made at www.wadleysfuneralservice.com.

Mr. Baird died Nov. 8, 2016 in Norman.

He was born May 22, 1942 in Amarillo, Texas, the son of Leroy and Regina (Herrmann) Baird.

Survivors include his wife, Pauline; a son, Travis Baird; daughters, Lisa Fincher, Tamara Baird, Kelly Walck and Amy Baird; 13 grandchildren; one great-granddaughter and brothers, Larry Coward Baird and George Frederick Baird of Tucson, Ariz.

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Ruby Opal Elizabeth Harper

Funeral services for Ruby Opal Elizabeth Harper, 94, of Purcell were held Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at Union Hill Baptist Church, west of Purcell. Interment was at Hillside Cemetery in Purcell under the direction of Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Mrs. Harper passed away on Saturday, November 12, 2016 at Sunset Estates Nursing Home in Purcell.

Ruby was born on March 18, 1922 in Mena, Arkansas. She was the third child of five children born to John Rufus Brown and Ada Elizabeth (Thompson) Brown. Ruby grew up on a farm south of Purcell and attended Purcell Schools.

She stayed in school until she met and married the love of her life, Dee J. Harper. They were married on March 4, 1938 in Purcell and together raised three daughters, Anita Louise, Ruby Marie and Patricia Elaine.

Ruby worked as a wife and homemaker most of her life. While her children were growing up she worked outside of the home for various businesses in Purcell including Curt's IGA, Hicks Western Wear and Wells Cleaners. After Dee retired, they enjoyed going to swap meets, flea markets and garage sales all over country. Their new hobby was buying and selling yard and farm tools and all kinds of household items.

Ruby loved quilting, crocheting, going to family reunions and spending time with her family during the holidays. Ruby was a faithful Christian and for the past 60 years she had been a member of Union Hill Baptist Church, west of Purcell.

She was preceded in death by her parents, J.R. and Ada Brown; husband, Dee Harper on Nov. 2, 2010; one daughter, Anita Louise Smith in 1998; two sisters, Dorcas Thompson and Odessa Shelton and two brothers, J. W. Brown and Tommy Brown.

She is survived by two daughters, Marie Huddleston and husband, Bob, of Purcell and Elaine Webster and husband, Howell, of Lexington; one son-in-law, Lloyd Smith of Purcell; seven grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; 21 great-great-grandchildren; several nieces, nephews and a host of other loving relatives and friends.

Memorials may be made to the Union Hill Baptist Church. Online condolences may be made at wilsonlittle.com.

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Purcell sees sales tax gains

The November distribution of sales tax collections by the Oklahoma Tax Commission amounted to \$135,005,747 returned to 514 municipalities in November.

\$2,872,373 those cities and towns received a year ago. In addition, 399 towns and cities shared the use tax disbursement of \$11,168,972. Seventy-six counties got back a total of \$28,343,158 in

sales tax monies. The use tax disbursement of \$2,613,671 was shared by 74 counties.

The sales and use tax revenue represents sales from September 16-30 and estimated sales from October 1-15.



• Photo by The American Quarter Horse Journal

Junior Reining World Champion

Trevor Dare of Purcell captured the world championship title in junior reining at the 2016 Lucas Oil American Quarter Horse Association World Championship Show on November 11 in Oklahoma City. Dare showed the American Quarter Xtra Black Magic, owned by Xtra Quarter Horses LLC of Purcell, Oklahoma. The 2012 black mare, sired by Shiners Voodoo Dr and out of Always Steppin Smart by Wimpys Little Step, was bred by M. Kauffman and E. Ribeiro of Joliet, Mont. In the junior reining class, 28 entries competed for world champion honors and a purse of \$26,489.96. World champions received a prize package.

OSU EXTENSION News

Watch your wallet during the shopping season

Leilana McKindra
Communications Specialist

Unfortunately, thieves and fraudsters are as much a part of the holidays as brightly colored packages, sweet treats and warm family gatherings.

That means shoppers need to keep a sharp eye out for those less interested in hunting up the perfect gift and more intent on stalking wallets and purses.

With a constant flow of new technologies designed to steal consumer information, particularly during the holidays, shoppers should put some common sense precautions in place, said Cindy Clampet, Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension resource management specialist.

“Memorizing the PIN to your

debit card, shielding others from watching as you input your PIN and making a habit of putting away your debit or credit card immediately after every transaction are a few simple ways you can protect your personal information,” Clampet said. “If you’re shopping with cash, get a receipt for each purchase and try not to openly flash bills while you’re in public.”

Meanwhile, online shoppers should make sure they are on a secure site.

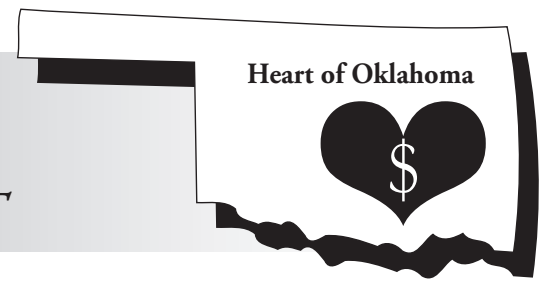
Sticking exclusively to better-known online retailers also can boost consumers’ chances of a safe and authentic shopping experience.

Websites such as www.re-sellerratings.com allow users

to verify online retailers, even if they have changed names, and search for the best prices for products across multiple online outlets.

“Other easy safeguards include checking your wallet each evening for your debit and credit cards and regularly reviewing bank statements online to confirm you made all the listed purchases. Immediately report a lost or stolen card and dispute any charges you believe aren’t yours,” Clampet said.

Finally, after the holidays, consumers should check their credit report. Everyone is entitled to one free report every year from each of the three major credit agencies. Visit www.annualcreditreport.com to request a report and download it.



NOVEMBER SALES TAX REPORT

CITY	RATE	2016	2015	DIFFERENCE
Blanchard	.04	\$177,656.53	\$209,038.72	-\$31,382.19
Byars	.04	\$2,258.37	\$3,485.04	-\$1,226.67
Cole	.04	\$1,870.13	\$1,408.31	+\$461.82
Dibble	.05	\$17,979.15	\$16,841.90	+\$1,137.25
Goldsby	.035	\$116,755.86	\$103,294.73	+\$13,461.13
Lexington	.04	\$33,867.25	\$35,175.04	-\$1,307.79
Lindsay	.04	\$163,636.98	\$259,663.66	-\$96,026.68
Maysville	.04	\$26,214.40	\$28,746.72	-\$2,532.32
Newcastle	.04	\$466,387.97	\$423,971.12	+\$42,416.85
Noble	.04	\$117,856.72	\$106,740.40	+\$11,116.32
Norman	.04	\$6,182,632.16	\$5,468,015.99	+\$714,616.17
Paoli	.03	\$3,285.11	\$3,035.37	+\$249.74
Pauls Valley	.045	\$463,206.16	\$487,881.46	-\$24,675.30
Purcell	.04	\$386,423.91	\$354,607.70	+\$31,816.21
Slaughterville	.02	\$11,077.01	\$12,643.95	-\$1,566.94
Wanette	.035	\$2,197.00	\$2,054.18	+\$142.82
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Wayne	.035	\$11,831.71	\$13,158.00	-\$1,325.29
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Eager to patrol

McClain County Deputy Sheriff Brandon Wheeler looks forward to patrolling roads in the county now that his unit is equipped with a Lojack receiver that will pick up signals from stolen vehicles and other items that have one of the company's transmitters. Sheriff Don Hewett said the company furnished the receivers at no cost to the county. The second receiver was installed in the car driven by Deputy Chris Grace.

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Sheriff:

They will detect vehicles and equipment equipped with Lojack modules that are activated when those items are stolen.

Hewett described the module as a "little black box" that can be secreted on items ranging from road graders and farm implements to cars, trucks, trailers and even riding lawn mowers.

The module works on a radio frequency that Hewett said is

"much stronger than GPS."

When a receiver comes within range of an activated module, it emits an audible beep.

Beeps become closer together and louder as the receiver draws closer to the stolen item. Eventually the beeps change to a single tone.

Recently, an Oklahoma Highway Patrol trooper was alerted by his Lojack receiver while working in the north end of the county.

He followed the signal to a barn and alerted the sheriff's department.

Authorities obtained a search warrant for the barn and once inside recovered construction equipment valued at more than \$160,000.

Some of the equipment had been stolen four years ago.

The suspect in the theft shot and killed himself before he could be taken into custody.

Hewett chose the units that received the Lojack receivers to provide maximum coverage in McClain County.

One is the unit of a deputy assigned to the day shift, Chris Grace, and the other to deputy Brandon Wheeler on night shift.

Wheeler watched as the receiver was installed in his unit. "I am very excited about it," he said.

With four directional antennae, the working range is 1 to 10 miles depending on atmospheric conditions.

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Christmas:

she added.

The annual event is accepting donations of toys, hats, coloring books, canned food and other Christmas gifts.

These items may be dropped off at Walgreens in Purcell, **The Purcell Register**, Purcell Public Library and Family Dollar in Wayne.

Monetary donations should

be mailed to Darrell Ford, McClain County Operation Christmas chairman, at P.O. Box 756, Purcell, Okla., 73080.

Christian is asking for volunteers to help with sorting all the donations and filling food baskets.

Those tasks will be done December 12-15 at the Multi-Purpose Building on Chandler

Road.

"We can work around schedules," Christian said.

Prospective volunteers or persons wanting more information about McClain County Operation Christmas are asked to call Christian at 405-990-4001.

The gifts and food baskets will be distributed on December 16.

From page 1A

Fire:

contained.

The cause of the fire was a heating unit in a classroom.

Firefighters were able to extinguish the fire with fire extinguishers.

Students were able to continue class shortly afterward once the room and hallway were ventilated.

"The Purcell maintenance

staff, along with Oklahoma Natural Gas officials, were to conduct checks on all gas lines and other units at the junior high," Midkiff said.

He expressed his appreciation to the fire and police departments for their rapid and professional response to the matter.

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Closings:

be closed November 24 and 25.

Wayne Schools will be closed starting Wednesday.

The Purcell Register will be closed November 24 and 25, as will state, county and city offices.

Federal offices, including the Post Office, will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, November 24.



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Anti-theft technology

It looks unobtrusive on the dash, but this small box is a powerful law enforcement tool with its ability to detect stolen items equipped with Lojack transmitters. The receiver is one of two installed last week in McClain County Sheriff's vehicles.

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Grades:

growth, which accounts for 50 percent of a school's score, is measured only in math and reading.

"To put a grade on a school on only two courses, I'm not sure that represents all the work being done," Swayze said. "When not all growth is measured, there's no credit for all student achievement."

Purcell High School, Intermediate School and Elementary School each received B's and the Junior High School received a C.

Statewide, the distribution of grades was as follows: A, 196; B, 455; C, 582; D, 319; F, 213. A year ago there were 212 A's, 497 B's, 536 C's, 333 D's and 183 F's.

A news release from the SDE noted that the report cards released last month are likely to be the last using the A-F calculations that have drawn criticism since they were implemented in 2012-13.

Under the federal Every Student Succeeds Act and a new state law, House Bill 3218, the state is developing a new school accountability calculation to take effect in the 2017-2018 school year.

"Our sights are fixed on a stronger school accountability system that will be a more meaningful and accurate measure for Oklahoma schools and districts, one that will better provide contextual information that educators, families, and communities need to know about our schools, their academic performance, student growth and progress especially for high-need and at-risk student groups," state school superintendent Joy Hofmeister said.

The board was also told during Monday's meeting that Purcell High School tries to track drop outs, but it isn't always possible.

That was the report by principal Bret Petty

The high school's graduation rate was 92 percent three years ago and dropped to 87 percent the next year.

It rose slightly to 88 percent at the close of the 2015-16 school year.

Petty said it appears the trend among drop outs are most are students who have transferred into the district.

"Some get behind (with credits)," he explained. "That's what happens."

Sometimes drop outs will return to complete diploma requirements through the district's alternative education program.

Petty said three students in that program are currently on track to graduate in December.

In other business, the board:

- approved the audit for the fiscal year which ended June 30;
- voted to employ Stephen H. McDonald & Associates Inc., as the district's financial advisor;
- authorized the board's president and clerk, together with superintendent Jason Midkiff, to execute equipment lease and purchase agreements; and
- hired Ashley Howell as a library assistant.

In his comments, Midkiff touched on several topics ranging from congratulating athletes to the failure at the polls of a proposed penny sales tax for education.

"There is some obvious disappointment with the failed passage of SQ 779," he said. "I certainly understand the objections of not raising the state sales tax. Hopefully, the legislature will do what they have failed to do in recent years."

"I sure fear what will happen if they don't."

Midkiff noted local and chargeable funds are coming into the district behind last year's totals.

"We're definitely feeling the drain of a weak economy," he said. "We are coming up to important mid-term numbers. Should we see reduced funding the second half from the state aid formula and revenue cuts, it will make for some very difficult times."

The district will be closed all next week for Thanksgiving.

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Squaring off

Nathan Ladlee locks on to a Stratford ball carrier Friday night. Washing defeated the Bulldogs and face Chisholm in the next round.



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Pavers

The Wayne offensive line, including Zach Madden (72), Martine Flores (50), Colton Smith (53), Jordan Esparza (52), Gabe Lebanc (78) and Cole Mills (33), has been exerting its will on opposing defenses this season.

Washington is bound for the second round

Next up is date back at Chisholm Friday at 7:30

John D. Montgomery
The Purcell Register

Washington Head Coach Brad Beller said any time you win a playoff game it's a big deal.

"Around here people may be a little spoiled but any time you win a playoff game it's a big deal," Beller said.

And that's exactly what the Warriors pulled off at home last Friday night when they knocked off the defending Class A State Champion Stratford Bulldogs, 35-14.

Washington started off like their pants were on fire on both sides of the ball.

Tyler Stuever bolted to a 91 yard touchdown cross-country jaunt to open the scoring followed by a 26 yard touchdown strike off the arm of quarterback Kylan Lanham to Stuever.

"We started out really well on defense, also," Beller said. "We even forced a fumble on their opening drive.

"But in the second quarter the wheels came off," Beller said. "We went flat and missed some open opportunities through the air and had some drops."

The end result was a deadlocked game at halftime 14-14 after the Bulldogs mounted a comeback.

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Ron Ladlee • The Purcell Register

Put it in the Bank

Josh Banks receives the handoff from Kylan Lanham Friday night during Washington's 35-14 win against Stratford. Washington plays Chisholm in the next round of the State playoffs.

Survive and advance

Wayne gets by Healdton and travels to Hollis Friday

JohnDennyMontgomery
The Purcell Register

The old saying goes, "defense wins championships" and Wayne depended on theirs Friday night to pull out a 13-6 win over Healdton in the first round of the 2016 State Playoffs.

The Wayne D didn't give up any points to Healdton, with their lone score coming off a 62-yard scoop and score with 1:20 to go in the first half.

"The defense played really well," Wayne head football coach Brandon Sharp confirmed.

Wayne gave up 99 yards of offense to Healdton in the first half - 39 rushing yards and 60 through the air.

"They did a good job of hitting us with stuff we hadn't seen," Sharp said.

Wayne was on their heels a little after Healdton scored on the fumble return late in the half.

But after halftime the defense put the game in lockdown mode for the final two quarters.

The Healdton offense was shut down for negative six yards of offense in the sec-

ond half.

"I'm really proud of our kids and their resilience," Sharp said. "They could have laid down at halftime and let it snow ball but they came back and dominated the second half."

Jace Elliott continued his monster year with a 16 tackles outing which included a sack.

I'm really proud of our kids and their resilience. They could have laid down at halftime ... but they came back and dominated the second half.

— **Brandon Sharp**, head coach

"Jace is having a phenomenal year, he's really playing well," Sharp said.

Jordan Esparza and Colton Smith both played well along the defensive line, according to Sharp.

They each had three tackles and a sack.

Justin Montanez had a tackle and recovered a fumble.

"Everyone did their assignment," Sharp said.

Offense

The Wayne offense was

kept mostly under control by the Healdton defense - who also had a good game, according to Sharp.

Wayne was without the ball much of the first half, having it for three series.

"They kept it away from us and had good defense," Sharp said.

Sharp said even though his team was able to move

the ball at times, they shot themselves in the foot with penalties to prevent scores in the first half.

Wayne got on the score board in the third quarter with a two-yard run by Braden Smith.

The point after attempt was no good.

The Bulldogs scored again in the fourth quarter on a 10-yard pass from Smith to

Please see **Wayne**, page 2B



Janet Moore • The Purcell Register

Determination

Jarrett Sweeney pulls a group of Panther defenders with him Friday night. Purcell was defeated 21-20, ending their season in the first round of the State playoffs.

Blocked PAT ousts Dragons

Pauls Valley wins 21-20 in overtime

John D. Montgomery
The Purcell Register

Purcell closed out the 2016 football season on a blocked PAT at Conger Field Friday, losing to the Pauls Valley Panthers, 21-20 in the first round of the State Class 3A playoffs.

Panther outside linebacker Ryann Evetts knifed in from the left side of the line and blocked the kick attempt by Jake Berrey.

Purcell and Pauls Valley battled back and fourth and eventually ended the regulation play deadlocked at 14-14.

The Panthers got the ball

first in overtime and punched their ticket with a touchdown and successful PAT.

Pauls Valley actually led 14-7 before senior quarterback Jarrett Sweeney hit fellow senior Dillon Cook on a slant route for the tying score with 2:15 left in regulation.

Coach John Higbee had called a stop route but Sweeney audible out of it and the play worked.

Cook also scored a touchdown on a bootleg play.

Sweeney scored the touchdown in overtime, a one yard plunge after he had run the option down to the one.

"I thought everyone played

well since we were so banged up it made it tough," Higbee said. We lost our starting tailback on the first play and lost the other one the week before."

Isaiah Couch suffered a shoulder separation on the games' first play.

"He tried to come back in but he wasn't able to be effective," Higbee said.

So after that it was tailback by committee with Omar Brown, Brett Webb and Ethan Wayland all getting carries.

The Dragons turned the ball over three times but still held

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Austin Nation



Masheli Lewis



Riley Hamilton

Senior All Stars

Several Purcell Dragons were named Class 3A Senior Cross Country All Stars. Cross country coach Randy Belicek said Riley Hamilton, Austin Nation, Daniel Carter, Masheli Lewis and Brenda Diaz were all named to the squad.



Daniel Carter



Brenda Diaz



• Photo provided

SWOSU bound

Daytin Christian signed with Southwestern Oklahoma State University to play softball. Pictured at the signing are, seated from left to right, her brother Dillon, mom Kerri, Daytin, dad John and standing is Purcell head softball coach Sarah Jones.

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Wayne:

Brock Walck. This time Elliott made the extra point and Wayne would take the win. Smith went for 151 yards on 36 carries and a rushing touchdown. It put him over the 2,000 yard rushing mark for the season. He also had 44 yards passing with a touchdown in the game. Sharp said his offensive line played better in the second half. It proved to be just what Wayne needed.

Friday night for the second round of the 2016 Oklahoma State Playoffs. The Tigers are a tough football team who won their district this year, according to Sharp. "They're extremely talented," he said. He said they've made deep Playoff runs the last four years. "They won a title a couple years ago (2013) and still have kids on the team from that season," he said. "They know how to win." Offensively Hollis runs the flexbone and will mix in

some I formation with a wing, Sharp said. "They run it right at you with a talented running back and are good up front," he said. "We'll have to play sound defense." On defense they show multiple fronts, sometimes going from a 40 front look to a 50 front, he said. "Their back end runs well and the defensive line is physical," he said. And they move guys around. "It will be a tremendous battle. Our kids are ready to play and excited about it. It should be a fun night."

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Warriors:

Washington came out of the locker room chat and lit things up both on offense and defense in the final two periods. The stingy Warrior defense posted a shutout the remainder of the game while the offense was clicking to the tune of 21 second half points. "We came out in the third and fourth quarters and played great," Beller said. Lanham got his range back through the air and hit Trevor Stuever for an 18 yard touchdown pass. Lanham burst for 75 yards down to the one before finishing the job on a one yard plunge. Tyler Stuever went off tackle untouched for a 15 yard touchdown for the final tally of the night. He finished the night with 11 carries for 160 yards and two scores while hauling in three Lanham aerials for 32 yards and a touchdown. "He had a big night but a lot of that credit goes to the offensive line paving the way," Beller said. Beller was talking about the

stellar play of Justin McKay, Tyler Beller, Tanner Thompson, Hudson Horton and Cale Winton. On the defensive side of the ball, Washington's linebacking corps stood tall in the saddle. Justin McKay and Tyler Stuever combined for 32 tackles, 16 each at the inside linebacker slots while outside linebacker Nick Foster registered 10 stops. "You've got to give credit to our defensive line for clogging up the middle and not allowing people to get on our backers. They did a great job." Beller was talking about the splendid line play on defense of Thompson, Horton, Logan Lile and Andrew Landers. "We felt like that game gave us momentum heading into this week's game at Chisholm. It was a great game to rebound from our loss the previous week," he said. With full knowledge they might find each other in the second round of the playoffs, the Warriors traveled to Ch-

isholm September 2 and came away with a 23-7 loss. "It was a 15-7 game until the last three or four minutes," Beller said. "We had our chances and we will have our chances Friday night." "We will be all right if we go out and play like we're capable of," Beller said. The Longhorns run a spread option offense and base out of a 4-3 on defense. "The key for us is controlling the front line," Beller confirmed. "We have not been consistent at that. We did some things to them last time but we just weren't consistent enough." A big key on defense is getting lined up correctly. "They try to use so many different formations you have trouble lining up. We've got to get properly aligned and run to the ball." Chisholm, who was the District Champion, is 11-0. They knocked off Meeker in the first round, 43-19. Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m.

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Dragons:

the Panthers to 14 points in regulation. "That says a lot right there," Higbee said. "That's not bad. It's just frustrating not to get where we wanted. I didn't feel like it should have gone into overtime. Our guys never let down. "I remember the very first game when Sulphur scored. You could see by the looks on our kids faces Uh-Oh!," the coach recalled. "Slowly but surely we never saw that look on their faces again, not even in the John Marshall game when things were going awry. "That has to be our number one improvement. That's the look you want to see on the other team's faces," Higbee said. "We made some key mistakes that hurt us," he concluded. Purcell finished the season 5-6 while the 6-5 Panthers travel to 10-1 Kingfisher this Friday.



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Brady bait

Brady Barrett stops a Pauls Valley ball carrier Friday night in the first round of the State playoffs. The Dragons fell to the Panthers 21-20.



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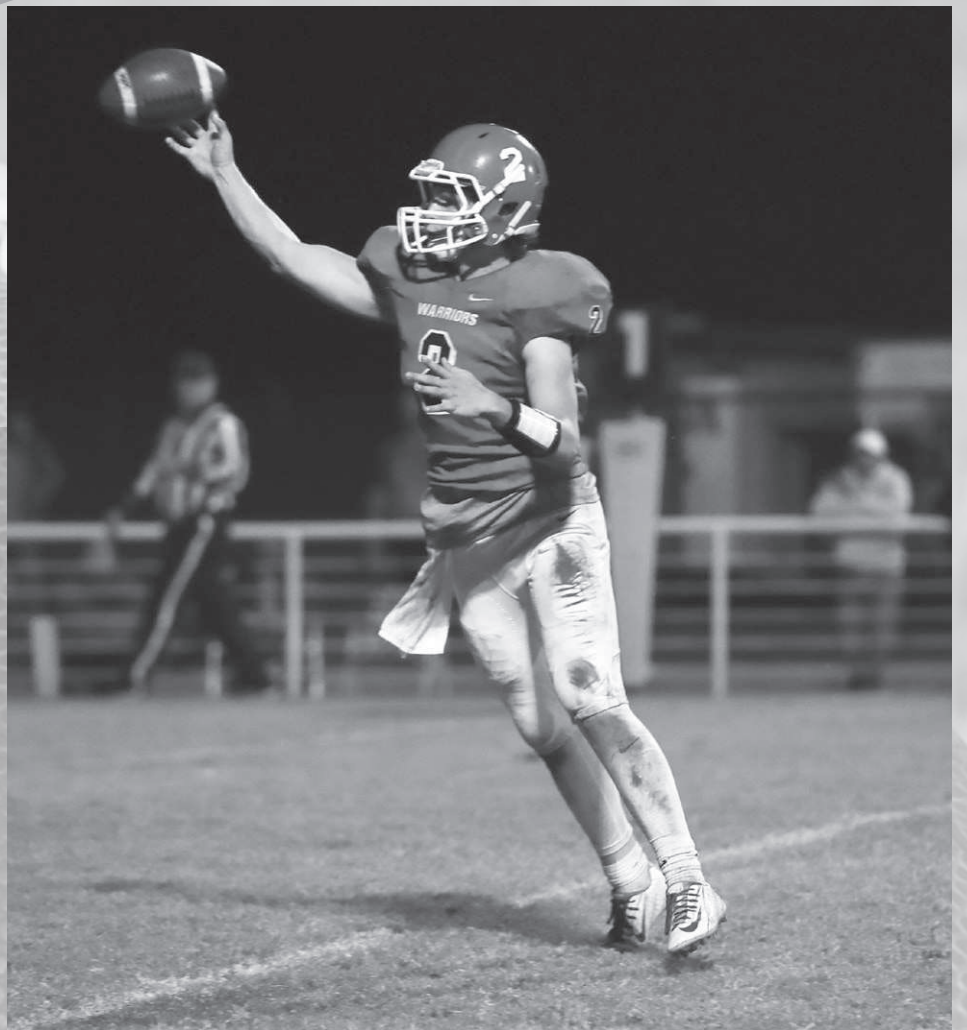
Swallowed

Dylan Kimbrell (84) wraps up a Pauls Valley ball carrier as Ethan Wayland (24) zeros in during the first round of the playoff at Purcell. Pauls Valley defeated the Dragons 21-20.

Good Luck!

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God bless you all this week! Welcome to the "front porch." By the time you read this, Lord willing, we will be home from our second trip in two weeks to the beautiful leaf-changing views of the mountains, this one to West Virginia. If West Virginia can measure up to the Tennessee's Smokies, then it will offer quite a treat, for sure!

On both trips in our gospel meetings, we decided to examine the theme, "My God is Real," as we've gone back to examine some of the great scenes in the Old Testament as well as many New Testament applications. You've noticed, I am sure, that God becomes more real and greater in our lives every year! It's hard for the human tongue to express the power of the Lord's working. We are so thankful for His presence and His blessings. In the words of the psalmist, our "cup runs over" with the Lord's goodness!

We'll use a song we've discussed through the years as a backdrop to our studies, an old song performed around 1958 by country singer, Don Gibson. I was pretty young back then, as you were, I suspect. Its message, though, is new, and it has been ringing in my mind for some time now. Listen to it: "There are some things that I may not know, and there are places I can't go. But I am sure of this one thing: My God is real

for I can feel Him in my soul. Yes, our God is real. He's real in my soul. My God is real for he has washed and made me whole. His love for me is like pure gold. My God is real for I can feel Him in my soul.

"I cannot tell just how it felt when Jesus washed my sins away. But since that day - yes, since that hour, God has been real for I can feel His mighty power. Yes, my God is real - He's real in my soul. My God is real for He has washed and made me whole. His love for me is like pure gold. My God is real for I can feel Him in my soul."

So many biblical accounts come to mind as I think of the words of that great song. One is the well-known account of "doubting Thomas." Remember, Thomas meets the Savior on His second visit with the disciples after His resurrection. On Jesus' first appearance Thomas is a no-show. He had said, "Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe" (John 20:25).

Eight days after uttering those dubious words, the Lord appears again to the eleven. This time, though, Thomas is there. The moment the Lord appears, He turns straight to Thomas and says to him: "Reach hither thy finger, and

behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless but believing" (John 20:27).

Immediately, Thomas - convicted and ashamed - cries out, "My Lord and my God."

Thomas is a changed man, utterly changed "since that hour," as Mr. Gibson sang. He has seen something he has never seen before. He realizes who Jesus is, and He realizes His great power. If Thomas had known Mr. Gibson's song, He could've trumpeted its message with a rare and powerful vigor: "Oh, my God is real. He's real in my soul."

What a powerful thing it is when our eyes are opened and we feel God deep in our soul! It's a great hour when we decide to fall in step with His Word and obey the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (Romans 6:17). It is then that God becomes real in our souls, unlike anything we could imagine!

There is no doubt, either, that these beautiful trips to Tennessee and West Virginia to consider God's "handiwork" from close view will make the Lord seem closer and more real to us than ever before. I am sure we will come home inspired, and our God will feel so real, real deep in our souls!

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Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

By Fr. Jim Chamberlain

Our parish celebrated a beautiful Thanksgiving dinner on Sunday after the 11 a.m. bilingual Mass. We also congratulated Deacon Jose Ortiz on the 10th Anniversary of his diaconate ordination. Thank you, Jose, for 10 years of good and faithful service to the Church. Our middle school youth attended a Conference in Oklahoma City at McGuiness Catholic High School.

On Sunday, Fr. Jim played the banjo and gave a children's homily. He began by showing them a picture of a tree alone in a field. "Have you ever seen a tree, all alone, out in a field? Do you know why a farmer would leave a tree standing all alone out in the field?" Many years ago, farmers would plow their land with an animal - a mule or a horse. They would work all day in the hot sun. The tree was a place where they could stop and rest.

They would find shade from the sun. They would find shelter from the wind and the rain. So, the tree was a shelter for the farmer and his animal. And the tree was a place where they could stop and rest. This is what God is for us also.

Psalm 91 says: "God will shelter you under the shadow

of his wings. God's faithfulness is a protecting shield" (vs. 4) God is a shelter for us. How does God give us shelter? - by giving us laws that lead us in the right path. These are God's commands: to love God, and to love our brother and sister. We love God by being faithful in our Church.

We love our brother and sister by being kind, by being generous, by playing with them. We love our parents by being obedient to them. We love other people by following the Ten Commandments - thou shalt not kill, thou shalt not tell a lie, thou shalt not steal. We love other people by treating them in the same way that we want others to treat us.

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus said to the crowd "Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy burdened, and I will give you rest." (Mt. 11:28) How does God give us rest? We rest with God in prayer. In the silence of prayer, we rest with God. In the middle of the storms and noise and chaos of

life, we rest with God in prayer with him.

At the beginning of Mass, the priest always says a big opening prayer - it is called the Collect. It is prayer for us to gather all our thoughts into one prayer. Sunday's prayer was very beautiful. The priest prayed on our behalf. He prayed this prayer: "Grant us, O Lord, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is with full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the Author - you God - of all that is good." Following God's laws make us happy, it makes us glad. Following God's laws will give us shelter from the storms and chaos of life.

The Church Year ends next Sunday with the Feast of Christ the King.

Our weekly Mass schedule is Saturday at 5 p.m. (English), Sunday at 11 a.m. (English) and 1 p.m. (Spanish). For more information visit our website at ourladyofvictorypurcell.org. or call the church office at 527-3077.

Green Avenue Church of Christ

The Wednesday evening adult class looked at the eighth and ninth verses of Jude where Jude discusses the subject of respect for authority.

The Sunday morning adult Bible class covered the first thirteen chapters of Acts which record the ascension of Jesus, the important events which occurred on the day of Pentecost and the beginning of the apostles and other evangelists spreading the gospel.

During the Sunday morning assembly Keith Shackelford brought a lesson on God's design for His three divine institutions, the family (Matthew 19:4-6), government (Romans 13:1-7) and the church (Ephesians 3:9-11).

The Sunday evening message was on the power of the resurrection and it's effects on the apostles, Christians and the public in general, beginning with the reading of Acts 4:1-7.

The church is located at 407 Jackson Street in Purcell. Bible classes begin at 9:45 Sunday morning and 7 Wednesday evening, with worship at 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday. Bible study correspondence courses are available. You can call the office at 527-4052.

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Bible Study- 9:30 am
Morning Worship- 10:30 am
Evening Worship- 6:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Study- 7:00 pm

Johnson Road Baptist Church

Last Tuesday's election marked the end of bitter campaigning for elected offices and proposed changes in the law. It also marked the beginning of cries of foul play by the losers. Stand clear of hollering and weeping; keep praying for America the Beautiful.

Herb Weidman was blessed this past week by a visit from his younger brother and niece from the Boston, Massachusetts area. It was a wonderful sight to see the Weidman brothers sit together in church on Sunday morning. Ann Gilman is home after having received a knee replacement at the Norman Regional Hospital last Tuesday.

There were two big weddings last week. Weltha Tooley attended the wedding of her granddaughter Kathy at the Thunderbird Chapel Saturday evening. Weltha was honored to participate in the wedding by giving her granddaughter Kathy in marriage to Bobby Gray. James and Sandra Mayo have a new son-in-law. Casey and Tony Fredrick were united in marriage Friday afternoon. They will make their home in Harrah. The three children of Casey and Bobby provided special music Sunday morning.

We want to thank the faculty and students at Purcell High

School for honoring our military heroes on Veterans Day. Our veterans of World War II, Vietnam, and Korean wars have moved into the sunset years of their life. For some of our heroes, Veterans Day 2016 may be the final occasion for our communities to say thanks for a job well done.

Gynean Gentry sang "In the Garden" as the morning special. Scripture passages for the morning sermon were taken from the books of Proverbs and Psalms. The first day in the chemistry lab at the University of Oklahoma, the instructor lectured the students on how to handle the acid containers in the laboratory. He told the students how to remove the bottle stopper, hold it between their fingers, while pouring it into a test tube or beaker. He also explained the dangerous effects of spillage. A bottle of acid is useful to the work of a chemist when handled properly.

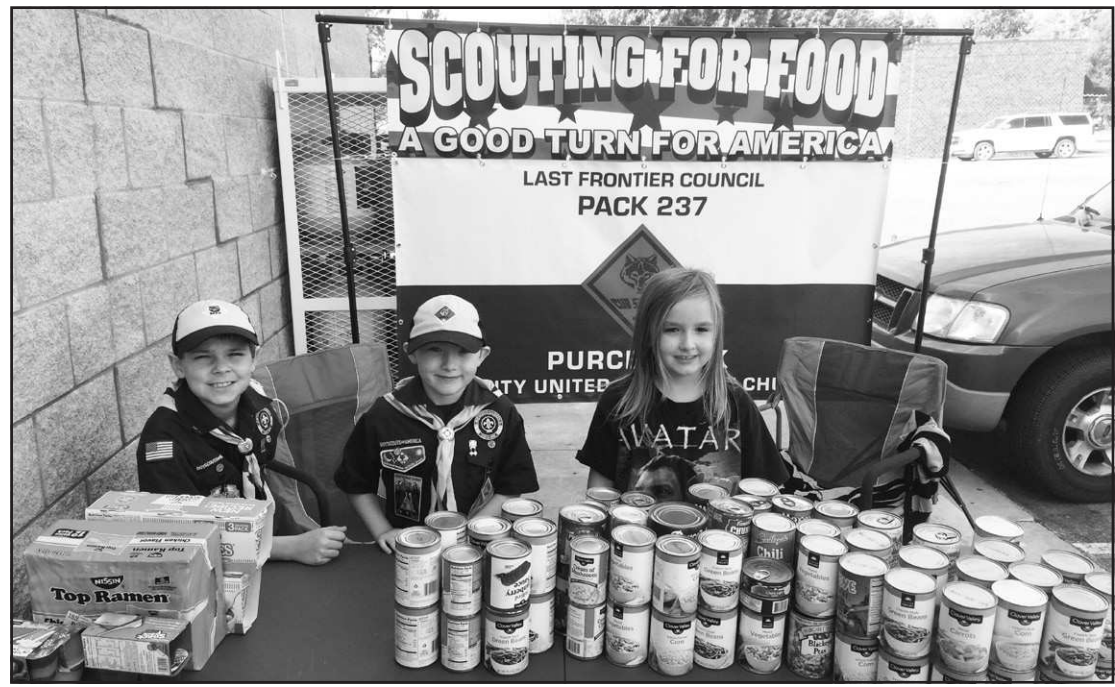
The bible tells us how to handle the explosive and beneficial effects of the tongue. Our tongue is the audio system of mainframe, our brain. What's upstairs in our brain is revealed downstairs in our tongue.

The writer of Proverbs said: Watch your tongue and stay out of trouble; an angry tongue

makes tempers flares; a wise tongue brings healing; a silent tongue makes you look smart; a sensible tongue seals your mouth; and a wagging tongue leads to sin. The Palmist's prayer was, "Guard my tongue, O Lord".

Sunday evening the topic for discussion was found in the fourth chapter of Exodus. As an old man of 80 years, Moses was hesitant to undertake the assignment of leading thousands of Israelites out of Egyptian slavery. God proved to Moses that the staff he held in his hand was a tool to be used in leading his people to freedom. God had the ability to turn a wooden staff into a snake then reverse the order and turn the snake to a wooden staff. What Moses possessed was a wooden staff. What Christians possess in their hand is the power of the Holy Spirit to lead others to eternal salvation. Moses and Christians possess an equal power to free the people from sin.

The current bible study on Wednesday evening is the Book of Daniel. Sermon titles for this Sunday are: "Don't Stop Praying" and "A Banquet for All People". Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. Morning worship begins at 11 a.m.



• Photos provided

Scouting for Food

Purcell Area Cub Scout Pack 237 went Scouting for Food on November 5 at Purcell Walmart, Cash Saver and Dollar General in Lexington. The scouts collected \$456.71 in cash donations and two pickup truck beds of food and non-perishable items. All donations were given to Delta Community Action in Purcell. Scouting for Food is a long standing food drive that started in 1985. The local Boy Scouts would like to express their appreciation to the community for all the donations that were received.

Veteran's Corner SH 9

Help for Surviving Spouses

Recently a veteran contacted Veterans Corner concerning a friend of his who is also a veteran. The friend had a terminal condition that appears to be service connected. The veteran was concerned that when he died his wife won't have enough to live on. One of the Veterans Corner volunteers contacted the veteran to begin his paperwork to submit a claim to the VA for a service-related disability. The veteran was exposed to harmful chemicals while on active duty. The first thing the volunteer did was talk to the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA) to find out the right approach for submitting the claim. Currently, the veteran is working with his doctors to obtain statements in support of his claim. After all the paperwork is complete, Veterans Corner will submit the claim through ODVA to the VA in Muskogee. Since the veteran has a terminal condition, his claim will be processed in an expedited fashion.

Veterans Corner works with the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs to help the veterans get the benefits they need. Come by Veterans Corner and find out what benefits may be available to you.

JSOTS Training

Veterans Corner will be closed on November 16, 17 and 18 for volunteers to attend Joint Service Officer Training sponsored by the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Af-

airs. The training will help the Veterans Corner team have a better understanding of what the VA is looking for when a claim is submitted. JSOTS training will give Veterans Corner an opportunity to meet the VA decision makers and find out what information is needed and not needed to support a claim.

Thanksgiving

Veterans Corner will be closed November 24 and 25 for Thanksgiving. As a country we have many things to be thankful for because we truly live in The land of the free and the home of the brave. Veterans Corner is thankful to be a part of a generous and giving community and for all the volunteers that continue to assist our veterans every day.

Newcastle PTO

The Newcastle Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) has chosen Veterans Corner to receive half of their annual food drive. Every year over 300 food items are donated by the students in Newcastle Pre-K through 5th grade. The class that collects the most will be treated to a cookie party. Veterans Corner will use the donated food to fill the food boxes prepared especially for veterans and their families. We appreciate the Newcastle PTO and Newcastle Elementary for honoring Veterans Corner with this generous donation. Shown from left to right.

Veterans Corner Happenings

Improvements to the Veterans Corner facilities are on-going.

John Carter and Carlos Bromlow have been putting the finishing touches on the base for a new flagpole. Here is the story in their own words. "Two dedicated volunteers worked in the rain to pour the footing for our new American Flag pole. Mark Word and Devon Earl mixed the mud in an old ice cream mixer using a hand crank. The job took longer than planned but after the concrete was in place there was still enough time to churn some fruit ice cream... it was a peach. Mark was on the level and Devon played shovel. And a good time was had by all..."

Recently volunteers completed the brickwork for the new fire pit on the north patio. Hector and his wife Hanna mixed the mortar by hand and then laid the block frame, the fire brick line, brick facing and capstone top. It will be available for cook outs, making s'mores, roasting hot dogs or just sitting around visiting. Crushed stone has recently been added to the north parking area. This will serve as temporary parking until the monies can be raised to pave it.

We appreciate all who helped make these improvements either through donated labor, materials or monies. It makes the facility a wonderful place for veterans and their families to visit.

Jim Waldrop Wins Gift Card

Jim Waldrop recently won a \$50 gift card presented by Hope Isokrari of the USE Credit

Union. The gift was given in honor of Veterans Day and the sacrifice and service of all the veterans and their families. Hope is at Veterans Corner every Thursday morning to help veterans apply for a VA home loan.

Transportation Available

Veterans Corner has three vans available to transport veterans to their medical appointments. If you need help getting to or from a medical appointment please contact one of our drivers. They are: Greg Kelsch (405) 255-2208; Sam Knight (405) 808-5096; or Richard Judd (405) 693-2755. There is never a charge for these service but donations are always appreciated

About Veterans Corner

Veterans Corner is located just south of Norman, 2 miles west of I-35 Exit 106 on the north side of Highway 9. From the southwest go four miles north of Blanchard on Highway 62 to Highway 9. Travel east 4 miles to Western Avenue and make a U-turn. Veterans Corner is 1/4 mile west on the north side. The facility is open from 7 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 7 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

Gift card

Jim Waldrop, left, recently received a gift card from the USE Credit Union, represented by Hope Isokrari.



• Photo provided

John Carter and Carlos Bromlow



• Photo provided

Newcastle PTO

A generous donation was made to Veteran's Corner by the Newcastle PTO and Elementary. From left are Ed Loyer of Veteran's Corner, Valerie Dobbs Newcastle PTO, Jim Pratt of Veteran's Corner and Sarah Bordwine of the Newcastle PTO.

Canadian Valley Technology election

The Board of Education of the Canadian Valley Technology Center School District No. 6 hereby announces that statutorily qualified individuals interested in running as a candidate for the board positions #4 seat and #2 on the Canadian Valley Technology Center School District Board of Education may file to run as a candidate for this seat at the Canadian County Election Board between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday, December 5 through Wednesday, December 7, 2015.

The Board of Education of the Canadian Valley

Technology Center School District has approved the resolution calling for an election to be submitted to the voters of the district.

Candidates for the Board of Education Office #4, Zone #4, must reside within one of the following school districts: El Reno, Union City, Minco, Calumet, Maple, Darlington and Banner School districts.

Candidates for the Board of Education Office #2, Zone 2, must reside within one of the following school districts: Yukon, southeast tip of Piedmont and northwest part of Mustang's school district and Bethany.

Warriors travel to Cowboys Stadium

Angie Steele
Washington Correspondent

Washington Warriors 10-and-under football team and Washington youth cheerleaders participated November 12 in the Red Zone games at the Dallas Cowboys stadium.

Prior to the games, the football and cheer teams enjoyed a large tailgate party outside the stadium and then enjoyed a tour of AT&T Cowboys stadium including both the locker rooms of the Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders and Dallas Cowboys Football team.

Once on the field the cheerleaders rocked the house as they performed their cheer routine at midfield of AT&T Cowboys Stadium as well as cheering on the sideline during the four games played by the Warriors Football team.

The Warriors football team has performed well as they went 3-1 with tough wins over teams from San Angelo, Texas, Hutchinson, Kan., and Odessa, Texas, and their only loss coming to Woodville, Texas, who scored as time expired to win 12-8.

Players include Aj Cline,

Baylor Haynes, Ben Johnson, Blake Lindert, Breanna Lindert, Buddy Krinar, Cage Morris, Canyon Alcorta, Cole Beller, David Castanon, Dax McCaskill, Ethan Clark, Evan Peters, Gavin Davidson, Jake Coles, Jakob Shea, Jeremiah Tontz, Jordan Kilmer, Slick Fullingim, Kameron Keese, Kinser Scott, Landon Barnes, Major Cantrell, Mason Singletary, Rhett Castle, Tatum Wilk, Tristin Babbitt and Waylon Briscoe. Coaches are Travis Scott and Michael Coles.

Washington, Elementary Students of the Week

Congratulations to Luke Hager, Layne Cannon and Nate Steele for being selected to represent their second grade classes as Students of the Week for November 14-18.

Layne Cannon is in Mrs. Giltner's class. Layne likes to play basketball, and when he grows up, he would like to be a famous basketball player.

His favorite class in school is P.E., and his favorite color is blue. He enjoys reading "Phineas and Ferb."

Mrs. Seibert's class is represented by Luke Hager. He enjoys reading Elephant and Piggie books, and his favorite sport is soccer. He is good at playing the drums and plans to be a veterinarian when he grows up. Luke has a cat named Pepper.

Nate Steele is in Mrs. Talley's class. His favorite food is shrimp. He enjoys reading reptile books and playing basketball. He likes P.E. class at school, and his favorite pet is his cat named Turtle. When Nate grows up, he plans to be an inventor.

Warrior Football Food Drive

Washington's Warrior Football Team will host a food drive for the Washington/Goldsby community this Saturday from 12-2 p.m. at the FBC Washington.

Baskets will be made and handed out for the Thanksgiving.

The team is collecting non-perishable items and will make freezer room for turkeys or hams!

Let's help make this a great Thanksgiving for all.

Washington Town Hall Meeting

Washington's Town Hall monthly meeting will be held at Town Hall on Main Street in Washington at 1 p.m. on Monday, December 5. Community members are encouraged to attend.

Meetings are held the first Monday of the month at 1 pm.

Washington School Events
Thursday, November 17—Thanksgiving Dinner in the cafeteria. Adults: \$3.55 Children: \$2.20.

Monday, November 21—7th/8th/9th Basketball, 5 p.m., Lindsay, Girls, Home; Boys, Away.

Monday, November 21—Friday, November 25—Thanksgiving Break.

First Baptist Church of Cole

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

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

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

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

Washington United Methodist Church

We are a friendly, Bible based church where everyone is welcome. Our Sunday worship service begins at 11 a.m. We have a Bible Study group that meets at 4:30 on Sunday afternoons.

Also, Loretta Dodson teaches children to sew on alternate Saturday mornings. Please call her at 288-2478 for more information.

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.

Announcements:

Operation Christmas Child—Our church is participating in this ministry through Samaritans Purse. It provides gift filled shoeboxes to children in more than 150 countries. We have shoeboxes and instructions at the front of the church. Please return the boxes by Sunday, November 20.

No Church Activities on Wednesday, November 23.

Sunday, December 4—Children's Christmas Program.

Follow Me Bible Study—Sundays at 5 p.m.

Men's Bible Study, "Experiencing God." Thursdays at 6:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

If you are not receiving the Baptist Messenger and would

like to, please contact Skyler in the church office and give her your mailing address.

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

Dale K. Graham Norman Veteran's Corner

Dale K. Graham Veteran's Corner 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.

We will be closed on Thursday, November 24, to celebrate Thanksgiving.

We would like to recognize World War II Veteran Victor Nagel as our Veteran of the Week this week. Mr. Nagel, who is 94, served in the United States Army from September 1942 to February 1946 as a Military Policeman. He was based at Fort McPherson in East Point, Ga., during World War II.

After his years in the service, Nagel spent his life farming in Iowa and Arkansas until his retirement. He and his late wife, Yvonne had two daughters and one son. He currently lives in Tuckerman, Ark. We appreciate your service to our country.

Many of us from Dale K. Graham Veteran's Corner organization were involved in several local Veterans Day programs last Friday and Saturday. We were honored to have been chosen to be the Master of Ceremonies for our Norman Veterans Day Celebration held at the Cleveland County Veterans Memorial Friday, November 11.

The speakers were Norman Mayor Lynne Miller, Father James Goins, Veteran Earnest Martin and Veteran Jim Barger. Major General Gregory L. Ferguson was the keynote speaker. We appreciate each of these individuals for taking the time from their busy schedules to be a part of this Veterans Day Celebration.

The following organizations hosted booths at the event to provide information for veterans and their families: Marine Corps League, Dale K. Graham Veterans Corner, American Legion and the Highway 9 Veterans Corner. We appreciate the City of Norman and the Parks and Recreation Department for their assistance in making the Veterans Day Celebration a success.

We also had several representatives who participated in the Veterans Day program at Texas Roadhouse in Oklahoma City. The non-profit organization Casualties of War and Texas Roadhouse hosted the event. We were able to witness the helicopter fly-in and meet with the many Veterans and families who attended this fantastic event. Everyone enjoyed a steak dinner including our volunteers Rarchar Tortorello,

Please see **Washington**, page 7B



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Red Zone games

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Students of the Week

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Election Results 2016	Byers Community Center	Rosedale First Baptist Church	Mid-America Technology Center	Wayne High School Library	Banner Baptist Church	McClain County Community Center	Unity Missionary Baptist Church	Washington First Baptist Church	Horizon Pointe Baptist Church	Criner Baptist Church	Dibble Freewill Baptist Church	Blanchard Public Library	Newcastle First Baptist	Newcastle Disciple Christian Church	Woodland Hills Baptist Church	Blanchard First Baptist Church	Newcastle Christian Church	Pleasant Hill Baptist Church	Cole Community Center	Goldsbey Community Center	Purcell First Baptist Church	Purcell Emmanuel Baptist Church	Purcell Memorial Assembly of God Church	New Mission Holiness Church	Newcastle Freewill Baptist Church	Goldsbey Baptist Church	Absentee	TOTAL
PRESIDENT																												
Donald J. Trump (R)	237	160	129	243	478	537	233	618	500	198	311	865	1,338	435	716	723	154	432	545	425	343	388	426	158	310	310	1,957	13,169
Gary Johnson (L)	9	12	16	17	23	29	11	37	37	9	16	45	109	21	42	35	10	22	37	19	32	22	32	9	18	25	101	795
Hillary Clinton (D)	28	42	25	81	60	104	51	110	172	24	57	162	308	65	140	158	27	73	101	74	117	97	150	25	58	91	494	2,894
U.S. SENATOR																												
James Lankford (R)	248	163	133	264	463	532	226	626	525	192	310	879	1,359	442	741	728	155	447	546	432	345	405	455	161	316	329	2,012	13,434
Robert T. Murphy (L)	2	7	7	3	21	14	6	20	26	2	13	27	56	7	26	20	4	9	25	13	20	13	11	8	14	20	47	441
Mike Workman (D)	22	35	25	62	53	104	52	95	131	26	47	133	267	51	105	138	23	56	80	57	104	72	115	17	42	67	370	2,388
Mark T. Beard (I)	2	5	4	4	11	10	6	7	8	5	3	15	26	6	11	10	0	5	16	5	5	6	13	3	9	4	39	238
Sean Braddy (I)	4	1	2	10	11	8	3	17	18	4	6	21	45	11	17	21	8	14	17	10	13	10	13	5	5	15	42	361
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE (DISTRICT 4)																												
Tom Cole (R)	241	162	134	260	469	542	215	627	531	198	314	862	1,369	445	726	724	156	437	540	434	339	410	465	156	318	334	1,992	13,400
Sevier White (L)	4	10	9	7	28	17	19	31	34	6	12	50	67	14	50	39	8	18	35	25	31	21	13	11	18	21	79	677
Christina Owen (D)	31	39	27	76	65	109	56	104	143	23	54	160	310	60	119	153	26	73	108	62	118	77	127	25	50	80	475	2,752
STATE SENATOR (DISTRICT 43)																												
Paul Scott (R)	217	157	118	228	444	485	207	570	488	186	294	809	1,267	420	701	652	145	425	510	406	297	350	391	151	302	313	1,843	12,376
Leah Pollan (D)	56	54	53	113	110	174	85	185	214	41	80	256	457	92	179	257	43	104	165	105	191	155	209	40	80	117	675	4,290
STATE REPRESENTATIVE (DISTRICT 20)																												
Bobby Cleveland (D)	225	160	114						520				1,313	426			143	418		419		372			305	307	811	5,533
Matt Failing (D)	47	51	56					184					412	84			44	105		95		127			75	121	270	1,650
STATE REPRESENTATIVE (DISTRICT 42)																												
Tim Downing (R)				238	434	495	209	559		179	293	686				509			502		288		388	158			964	5,902
Liz George (D)				104	123	166	82	197		49	83	383				407			177		199		210	35			405	2,620
STATE REPRESENTATIVE (DISTRICT 51)																												
Scott R Biggs (R)															706												77	783
Charles L. Murdock (D)															171												33	204
STATE QUESTION NO. 776																												
Yes	222	173	120	250	412	500	216	578	517	173	281	810	1,261	384	658	629	151	406	478	385	347	377	435	145	286	314	1,885	12,393
No	49	36	48	84	143	152	70	174	191	49	90	261	458	127	232	276	39	114	191	127	136	126	165	47	95	119	609	4,208
STATE QUESTION NO. 777																												
Yes	169	137	103	161	325	315	167	425	252	122	176	406	746	217	341	309	89	201	295	276	194	219	260	114	163	166	1,189	7,537
No	106	76	68	173	232	356	126	339	453	106	205	673	995	301	554	604	100	325	387	245	293	290	345	80	221	265	1,295	9,243
STATE QUESTION NO. 779																												
Yes	99	87	50	111	186	234	106	253	268	66	101	355	557	140	249	313	45	166	205	179	184	188	219	61	113	169	1,025	5,729
No	176	126	121	225	368	438	185	512	448	161	278	724	1,188	374	644	599	146	362	478	340	304	320	388	133	271	265	1,484	11,058
STATE QUESTION NO. 780																												
Yes	115	112	92	175	251	337	133	354	427	105	192	595	932	291	466	473	101	247	344	224	301	255	329	90	213	241	1,293	8,688
No	153	97	79	157	302	323	157	401	283	118	181	474	804	224	422	437	87	275	335	293	183	247	275	104	169	190	1,178	7,968
STATE QUESTION NO. 781																												
Yes	115	108	92	175	256	331	131	349	387	106	178	548	887	264	449	426	94	245	334	222	264	250	322	87	202	233	1,273	8,338
No	151	98	78	150	295	333	155	400	313	115	190	512	825	246	433	473	92	272	337	288	218	249	276	107	176	195	1,183	8,160
STATE QUESTION NO. 790																												
Yes	145	129	81	151	261	297	139	339	333	111	172	463	753	254	416	367	72	233	319	238	227	227	273	87	169	174	1,206	7,636
No	123	81	88	177	291	362	147	411	369	113	195	607	972	255	473	538	115	290	351	271	256	277	323	105	211	254	1,270	8,925
STATE QUESTION NO. 792																												
Yes	146	111	105	191	336	406	181	460	481	129	224	674	1,064	337	569	548	122	341	414	307	319	317	374	112	239	308	1,523	10,338
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Blue and gold threads
All-State jackets were awarded to Cheyenne Fulks (left) and Daytin Christian (right) by Purcell head softball coach Sarah Jones (middle) during halftime of the Purcell-Pauls Valley football game.



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Get rowdy
Wayne Bulldog fans cheered their team on to a 13-6 win over Healdton Friday night. Wayne travels to Hollis this week in the second round of the Oklahoma State Playoffs.

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