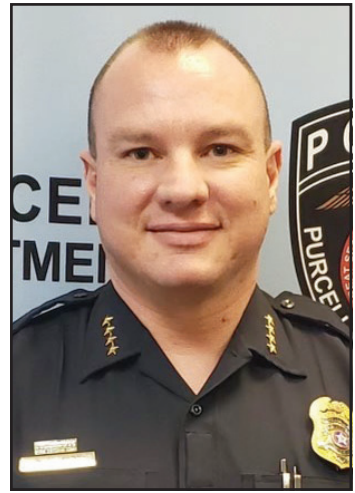


## 5 questions with Bobby Elmore



Bobby Elmore

Editor's note: *The Purcell Register* is continuing its feature in which civic leaders and others will answer five questions. The following were answered by Purcell Chief of Police Bobby Elmore.

**Q: How did you get into law enforcement?**

A: I was hired as a jailer for McClain County Jail in the mid 1990's when I was just 18-years-old. The sheriff at the time was Andy Anderson whom I very much looked up to. I don't remember any type of recruitment for deputies back in that day because Sheriff Anderson always pulled the hard workers from the jail. If you did your time in the jail, and were a highly motivated individual it was likely you'd get a chance to move up as a deputy sheriff. Sheriff Anderson removed me from the jail when I turned 21 years old where I started my career as a Deputy Sheriff/K-9 Unit.

**Q: What is the favorite part of your job?**

A: I would have to say the people that I've had the pleasure to work with throughout the years. These are the people

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## Quake felt in Purcell

Even though the 4.2 magnitude earthquake was about 190 miles north of Purcell last Friday at least one resident here felt it and heard it.

Dick Gray, who lives at 715 W. Washington, said he first thought snow had fallen off his roof when he heard a thud around 8 a.m.

The quake struck 3.5 miles southwest of Manchester, which is on the Oklahoma-Kansas state line officially at

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# STORM REPAIRS

### Demand high for plumbing, septic services

**Jeanne Grimes**  
**The Purcell Register**

The snow is gone and with it the sub-zero temperatures. But last week's record winter storm left residents with some costly reminders – things like broken water lines and stopped up sewers – creating a record demand for plumbers and septic tank services to restore the normal flow we take for granted.

Robert Bebout of Bebout Plumbing has never seen the like in 21 years as a plumber.

"It's been record," he said, estimating that 80 percent of calls now are for frozen water lines.

Bebout and his wife, Gina, are averaging 15 to 20 calls a day, more than triple their busiest day before the storm.

The couple usually averages three to five calls a day.

"Five calls is a really busy day," he added.

They worked 25 calls from Tuesday through Saturday and 40 calls in a week's time.

"We worked seven calls on Saturday and finally just had to stop. We needed a break,"

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### Busted pipe

A pipe in an old bathroom at the Lexington Gymnasium caused a flood in the recently remodeled field house causing damage. The pipe burst on February 18 when cleanup crews had to get rid of quite a bit of water, some of which seeped under the new court. Lexington Superintendent Chad Hall said he is waiting on insurance adjusters.

# Room TRASHED at Rubys



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Room number 165 total loss

**John D. Montgomery**  
**The Purcell Register**

A room at Rubys Inn & Restaurant reportedly rented by a Good Samaritan for a homeless person has been trashed.

Investigating Purcell Police Officer Jeffrey Hixon's report said the front window of room number 165 had a hole in it the size of a beach ball.

Hixon said when he walked into the room he noticed a wooden chair right next to the window with the right arm broken off.

The report stated it appeared the chair had been thrown into the window damaging both.

Hixon said Carrie Fielder listed all the damages reporting the total damage to be \$3,700

The air conditioning unit under the window was dam-

### Aftermath

Room 165 at Rubys Inn and Restaurant was destroyed including most all of its contents last week. Police have a suspect.

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Washington's cheer squad won the 3A title.



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Purcell's girls and boys head to Regionals in winner's bracket.



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### Semi-trouble

This semi trailer had a difficult time negotiating the hill on westbound Van Buren last Thursday in Purcell.

## Some precincts to be closed

McClain County Election Board Secretary Karen Haley has announced the Paoli I-00525 School District has opted to close the polling places in McClain County for its Board of Education/Municipal General Election scheduled on April 6.

Precincts to be closed include:

- Precinct 2—Rosedale First Baptist Church;

- Precinct 3—Mid-America Technology Center;
- Precinct 4—Wayne United Methodist Church, and
- Precinct 7—Unity Missionary Baptist Church.

State law allows a school district to close a precinct polling place if the entire precinct is not contained within the district's boundaries and if there are fewer than 100 registered voters in that part of the precinct

that is inside the school district.

There are approximately nine voters in the part of Precinct 2, approximately 11 voters in the part of Precinct 3, approximately one voter in the part of Precinct 4, and approximately seven voters in the part of Precinct 7 that are located in the Paoli I-0025 School District.

Voters who are registered in Precincts 2, 3, 4 and 7 at addresses located in the Paoli I-00525 School District will receive an application for absentee ballots from the McClain County Election Board. They can fill out, sign and return the application form to the McClain County Election Board to have a ballot mailed to them.

Applications for absentee ballots must be received by the McClain County Election Board no later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 30, for this election.

Voters who receive their absentee ballots by mail must return the voted ballot to the McClain County Election Board's hand by 7 p.m. on election day to be counted.

These voters have the opportunity to vote by mail or may vote by absentee ballot at the McClain County Election Board office from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. April 1, or April 2.

Any registered voter in Pre-

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7 day forecast from @PurcellRegister @OUNewsCrowd

| Thu      | Fri           | Sat         | Sun          | Mon          | Tue           | Wed           |
|----------|---------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
|          |               |             |              |              |               |               |
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| 40% Rain | Partly Cloudy | 30% PM Rain | 40% T-Storms | 40% T-Storms | Partly Cloudy | Partly Cloudy |

## Warmer temps very welcome

As we continue to recuperate from the arctic blast and winter storms, Oklahoma has seen some very nice and seasonal temperatures, even becoming seasonably warm at times.

As we approach the spring months, expect this pattern to

continue to have more moisture and precipitation, just as we are seeing an uptick in that this week.

Chances for scattered showers exist across Oklahoma coming into this weekend, though since they are scattered, their

chances are only around 40 percent most times.

A rumble of thunder could happen this weekend, but this all is accompanied by some very spring-like temperatures!

— Colton Williams



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### Good Samaritan

A helpful Purcell resident was Johnny-on-the-spot being a good neighbor helping to clear roads in downtown Tuesday afternoon.

## Legal Aid offers help for enrolling in Marketplace Insurance

Fifteen certified navigators are on board at several legal aid offices across the state, ready to help Oklahomans understand the fine print of health insurance coverage and take advantage of the Healthcare Marketplace's current enrollment period.

This enrollment period is open to everyone and lasts through May 15, allowing new enrollments as well as changes to existing coverage.

Legal Aid has 15 Navigators on staff, all trained and certified both by the federal government and the Oklahoma Insurance Department. The Navigators are located in the cities of Altus, Ardmore, Bartlesville, Guyton, Hugo, Lawton, Oklahoma City, McAlester, Muskogee, Norman, Poteau, Stillwater, Tulsa, Weatherford and Woodward.

LASO is offering this Marketplace assistance as the result of a federal grant to help people

know what kinds of coverage are available in their areas and to enroll in such coverage if they so choose.\*

To find the nearest Navigator, call (405) 313-1780.

The Marketplace is the online platform created to help people enroll in health insurance through private companies with the benefit of a tax credit for most who enroll.

Companies offering health insurance through the Marketplace in Oklahoma are Blue Cross Blue Shield of Oklahoma, Bright Health, Community Care Oklahoma, Medica Insurance Co., Oscar Health and United HealthCare.

Tax credits offered through the Marketplace are based on income and can lower dramatically the cost of monthly premiums. In Oklahoma a family of four earning up to \$100,000 qualifies for the tax credit.

Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma is a not-for-profit law firm

providing free civil legal assistance to eligible low-income individuals and their families and to elderly persons in the areas of family, consumer, housing, health and employment.

Legal Aid attorneys and staff work through a network of fully-staffed law offices and satellite offices, serving eligible clients in all 77 counties of Oklahoma.

Funding for Legal Aid is from the Legal Services Corporation, the State of Oklahoma, the Oklahoma Bar Foundation, 16 United Way or United Fund organizations, aging agencies across the state and attorneys, law firms, foundations, businesses and individuals.


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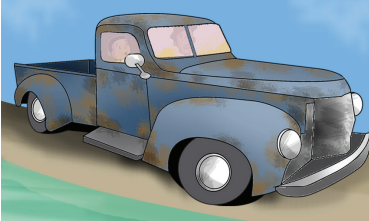
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# MILES & THE MONARCHS

By Carolyn Mueller | Illustrated by Philip Goudeau



Miles and the Monarchs centers on a father and son trip to see the final game of the 1942 Negro League World Series between the Kansas City Monarchs and the Washington-Homestead Grays. Follow along with Miles as he learns life lessons and discovers the stories behind some of the greatest Negro League Baseball players to ever play the game. The timing of this year's eight-chapter story is especially serendipitous. Major League Baseball has recently announced that players from the Negro Leagues will be considered Major Leaguers. All 3,400 players, from 1920 to 1948, will be elevated to MLB status. Andrew "Rube" Foster established the Negro National League in 1920 in Kansas City, Mo.

# NEWS In Brief

## Purcell Auction Rescheduled

The 31st Annual Purcell Livestock Show was cancelled and the Bonus Auction has been rescheduled, according to Jason Baker, Purcell High School agriculture instructor and FFA advisor.

The Purcell Bonus Auction is now set for Thursday, February 25, at 6 p.m. in the Purcell Ag Ed Building.

## Chili and Soup Dinner

The Washington Ma-

sonic Lodge #406 will host a benefit chili and soup dinner for the Washington senior citizens Sunday, February 28.

The dinner will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the senior Center.

The benefit is \$6 per plate and is dine in or take out.

## Museum News

At this time, the McClain County Museum and Historical Society board members have decided that due to the increased rise of covid cases in our state and county, they will resume volunteer applications and museum tours after the first of the year.



Bill Bruegan • The Purcell Register

## Snow blanket

A blanket of snow covers a damaged water line at the Memorial Assembly of God Church in Purcell at 7th and Monroe.

# Staff shortages at Oklahoma's relocated public health lab cause testing delays

Paul Monies  
Oklahoma Watch

Staff shortages and equipment transition for the relocated Public Health Lab in Stillwater have caused state health officials to outsource certain tests to private labs, and in some cases to a public health lab in Minnesota.

The move will cause delays between 24 to 48 hours for some microbiology tests, according to an email obtained by Oklahoma Watch and sent earlier this week by John Murray, the lab's acting administrative director.

Among the tests to be outsourced were those used for E.coli, meningitis and salmonella. The tests to be sent to Minnesota were those that involve infections that could be picked up in a healthcare setting.

It will not affect newborn screening, which is among the highest priorities for the public health lab because the early detection of some genetic disorders at birth can mean the difference between life and death for newborns. It also won't affect testing for COVID-19.

Dr. Michael Kayser, the lab's new director, said the outsourced testing was due

to the transition of equipment from the old lab in Oklahoma City.

"We are referencing out some of the PHL's microbiology testing while we move existing equipment from the current lab to the new lab and



have the equipment re-valued," Kayser said in a statement. "Referencing out tests to other labs is not uncommon and this move may actually result in quicker turnaround times on results as our current turnaround time on these tests is between 3-28 days."

Kayser said the outsourcing of testing was not due to the staff shortage mentioned in the email by Murray. He said any additional spending would be absorbed by the public health lab budget, "which has costs associated with referenced

testing built in because it is a common occurrence."

"This was not unforeseen, is not due to staff shortages and was planned all along to ensure no disruption occurs during the transition," he said in a later statement. "It is highly common for labs to reference out testing. We have said from the beginning Oklahomans will notice no disruption in testing services as the lab is moved in phases, and this maintains that commitment."

Relocating the Public Health Lab and putting it under the umbrella of the new Oklahoma Pandemic Center for Innovation and Excellence has been a controversial move by Gov. Kevin Stitt and the Oklahoma State Department of Health. Critics in the Legislature, at medical organizations and at the Oklahoma Public Employees Association have said the timing was wrong to move the public health lab amid a global pandemic.

The health department was limited in its options when it moved from its aging headquarters on NE 10 Street in Oklahoma City to a former energy company building downtown that couldn't accommodate the lab.

Rep. Ryan Martinez, R-Edmond, filed a bill that

would require agencies to get the Legislature's approval to move public assets like the lab more than 10 miles away. House Bill 1921 has not yet had a hearing in the House Rules committee.

"I think all Oklahomans should be alarmed that this lab was unilaterally moved, and now the problems are coming to fruition that we predicted would come to fruition," Martinez said Thursday. "Oklahomans deserve to have a health lab that's providing accurate and timely results for important testing, but it sounds like that is problematic."

Tom Dunning, communications director for the public employees association, said the outsourcing of some lab testing wasn't a surprise.

More than a dozen out of 35 employees of the public health lab who were asked to relocate chose not to make the move to Stillwater, **The Oklahoman** reported earlier this week. Other staff reductions from the 50 employed by the lab came from retirements or attrition.

"The lab move has been rushed through during the biggest public health crisis this state has ever experienced, and

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## Teachers should be vaccinated

Here's my question... Why in the world have every teacher in Oklahoma not been vaccinated?

If you want to talk about front line professionals like our brave men and women in the medical field, then what about the brave men and women in the trenches at school?

I encourage boards of education in Purcell, Wayne, Washington and Lexington to work with the McClain and Cleveland County Health Departments to procure vaccines for every teacher in their district.

It's past time for that to happen.

Also, every person with a heart condition or lung condition should be fast tracked to vaccination.

Why wait?

jdm

### Editor's Notebook



John D. Montgomery

My great-grandmother Lena Straw of Hobart was way, way ahead of her time back in the early 1960s.

I remember back in the day when she would use a clothespin to seal potato chip bags.

I thought she was just being frugal.

Turns out she was on to something.

Now we have chip clips in every size, shape and color that you can imagine.

But you don't have to have a fancy one.

The clothespin still does the trick just as well as they did on Monroe Street in Hobart all those years ago.

jdm

City of Purcell employees graded Main Street to allow motorists the ability to get around after the two snow storms.

So one has to wonder how long it will take for the huge mountain of snow piled up at Santa Fe Plaza to completely melt.

I'm guessing it's going to be quite awhile.

jdm

## Hello from District 43

• Senator Jessica Garvin •



## Deadline for Senate bills

This week is the committee deadline for Senate bills. While we had been moving quickly, the historic winter brought work to a screeching halt.

The Senate had to shut down Monday through Wednesday last week putting 16 committees on hold along with all their bills. We did our best to move some of those meetings to Thursday and Friday, but we're still behind and will have to make up for lost time.

I hope everyone is doing well after the record cold and snowstorms. The weather was brutal, and I want to thank our utility workers, first responders, law enforcement and others who continued working to keep us safe.

Our prayers are also with our farmers and ranchers who worked tirelessly to protect their livestock, so our state and nation will have food.

Many have asked why we had rolling blackouts. Oklahoma is part of the Southwest Power Pool (SPP), a regional transmission operator that runs the electrical grid in parts of 14

states from the Dakotas south to Oklahoma.

When southern states were hit by this historic winter weather, the SPP didn't have enough electricity because the coal and natural gas plants couldn't keep up with the significant increase in customer demand.

Wind turbines also were frozen since in the south, they're rarely built with de-icing and integrated heating, which cut electricity production significantly. Solar energy was also of little help due to the overcast weather.

There are nine grid operators in the U.S., known as regional or independent grid operators (RTOs and ISOs). These nonprofits' members include utilities and other entities involved in power transmission, marketing and generation.

The grid operator for most of Texas is the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, or ERCOT, which experienced a massive failure that left most of the state without power for hours or days.

As the power demand exceeded the supply, the SPP was forced to declare a "Level 3" emergency event requiring rolling blackouts systemwide. This was necessary to protect the integrity of the entire grid. Had they not done the temporary blackouts, we would have been like Texas and had much longer, sustained outages.

I know we're all concerned over the extraordinary natural gas prices. These not only affect natural gas customers, but electric as well, being most of Oklahoma's electrical system runs on natural gas.

The governor, legislative leaders and other state officials have been working on a mitigation plan to protect Oklahomans from extreme utility bills.

The AG's office is investigating if the market prices fall under the state's Price Stabilization Act, which prohibits an increase of more than 10 percent on products and services

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## NEWS FROM CAPITOL HILL

### Tax filing tips for 2020

#### Congressman Tom Cole

Earlier this month on February 12, tax filing for the year 2020 officially opened with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

As you begin the process of gathering your tax documents and preparing to file your tax returns, I wanted to share some suggestions and resources to help facilitate a smooth and more timely filing process.

Due to many disruptions caused by the coronavirus pandemic, the IRS is predicting delays in both processing and returning tax refunds by mail. To speed things up, the IRS highly recommends electronically filing your taxes and selecting direct deposit to avoid paper processing delays.

Taxpayers can file electronically by using a tax professional, IRS Free File or other commercial tax preparation

software. To find out if you are eligible for IRS Free File and to get started, visit [irs.gov/freefile](http://irs.gov/freefile).

While most tax refunds are sent in less than 21 days, do not be surprised if you experience a delay this year. Since all tax returns are different, some may take longer to review and process.

Refund information will become available within 24 hours after the IRS acknowledges receipt of an electronically filed return. To check the status of your return, visit [irs.gov/refund](http://irs.gov/refund).

This year, because of the coronavirus pandemic, millions of Americans received unemployment benefits—many for the first time.

For tax filing purposes, it is important to know that the money received through this program is considered taxable income, including the extra

\$600 per week individuals might have received in 2020 under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

If you received unemployment compensation in 2020, you should receive a Form 1099-G by mail. This form will show the amount received in Box 1 and any federal income tax withheld in Box 4. This form should be filed along with your W-2.

For any questions about this form and how to access it online, visit [unemployment.state.ok.us](http://unemployment.state.ok.us).

Last year, many Americans also received Economic Impact Payments based on their 2018 or 2019 tax year information. However, if you were eligible but did not receive an Economic Impact Payment for

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## Your Views

### Dittoheads

When my family lived in North Carolina in the 90s, one of our favorite things to do was visit amusement parks in surrounding states. At one particular park, as we stood in line for a roller coaster, there were children acting up, running in and out of the line as the parents repeatedly yelled for them to get back in line over and over and over.

A gentleman turned to us and said "I knew those kids weren't yours, Dittoheads wouldn't have kids that behaved that way." We had on our Dittohead T-shirts.

What is a Dittohead? When you called into the Rush Limbaugh radio show, you could say "ditto's Rush." It was a way of saying I agree with what you are saying Rush.

Since 1991, we have been Dittoheads. Our kids are considered "Rush babies." Children who grew up with Mom and Dad listening to Rush.

February 17, 2021, was a sad day for 30 plus millions of Dittoheads. We lost a trailblazer, a maverick, and as Rush would say, "the pioneers take the arrows." He was a pioneer in his field. And boy did he take the arrows, and sadly, today, a day after his death, cruel, happy dancing on his grave.

But those of us who listened to Rush 11 to 2, Monday through Friday, have an enormous void in our heart and day. We will remember him as a "lovable little fuzzi-ball," an educator of conservative values, teaching why America was a great nation, the Founders, a champion for the unborn, his great love for an America that is becoming unrecognizable. I didn't agree with everything he said over 30 years of tuning in. He was a flawed and imperfect man, like us all.

But what Rush said resonated with me and millions of others. We lost a family member. Rush is irreplaceable. His era is over.

In the last year, I heard him speak of his love for his Savior, Jesus Christ, a comfort to those of us who know physical death is not the end.

And in an ironic twist. I am almost relieved that Rush won't be around to see his beloved America fall, although he saw the surety of that January 20, 2021.

Rest in Peace Mah Ha Rushie, you will be missed...

**Robin Ham**

## News from District 42

• Rep. Cindy Roe •



## Oklahoma battles winter weather

This week's winter weather has shut down most of the state, but lawmakers continued to meet at the State Capitol in Oklahoma City to develop legislation.

Thursday, February 25, is the deadline to pass bills out of their House committee, so it was urgent that we returned safely to the Capitol to continue our work. Any bill that does not pass out of committee by the deadline is considered dead for the legislative session.

We developed a schedule for this week around the snowfall; committee meetings that would have taken place during the snowfall were rescheduled for later times to ensure we were able to hear as many bills as possible before next week's deadline.

In response to the inclement weather, the Governor declared a disaster emergency in all 77 counties across the state. On Tuesday, the Oklahoma Corporation Commission approved an emergency order to help gas suppliers and power generators stabilize the electric grid and

natural gas infrastructure.

The order gave suppliers the ability to reduce gas service to certain large customers in order to maintain infrastructure and meet the demand for natural gas for such essential services as power generation and residential heating. The action ensures essential service for public safety and welfare during this ongoing weather crisis.

I hope that soon this winter weather is behind us, but for now, I hope you will consider reducing your use of natural gas and electricity to ensure our natural gas infrastructure and electric grid are not overwhelmed.

If there's any need I can assist with, or if you'd like to share an opinion on a specific piece of legislation, please call my office at (405) 557-7365.

Thank you for allowing me to represent House District 42 at the State Capitol!

Rep. Cynthia Roe, a Republican, represents District 42 in the Oklahoma House of Representatives, which includes Garvin and McClain Counties.

# News from District 20

• Rep. Sherrie Conley •



## Oklahoma's excellence... You know who you are

Let's talk about the "Oklahoma Standard."

When the phrase was coined, it meant going above and beyond was "standard" for Oklahomans. Over the last year, I have witnessed Oklahomans going above and beyond, and for me now it's become "Oklahoma's Excellence." I want to share some of that excellence with you.

A senior at a local high school hid the fact he was living in his car. Once this was discovered, many community partners came together with food, clothing, shelter, auto repairs and emotional support to stabilize this young man and get him back home.

Without all the efforts of the wonderful people involved, including those at a local community organization, he might have dropped out of high school, be living on the street or worse. I applaud those who helped or offered. You know who are!

Several local families in need of heating and air service during last fall's ice storm and this week's subzero temps have been helped by local family-owned businesses. Again, I applaud you for your service to families. You know who you are!!

There's also the story of a local family whose father had

lost his job and without warning found out his three children from a previous marriage were being taken from their mother.

The father and his new wife – with a baby and already struggling – took them in not knowing how they would feed or take care of them. Someone at a local butcher figured out a way, with the help of a few others, to get them food and groceries until they could come up with a plan to care for their now larger family.

A local counseling organization provided the family with counseling to navigate this new life. Thank you to those who intervened. You know who you are!

Thank you to our front line workers: all types of law enforcement officers who keep us safe; fire fighters, EMTs, nurses, doctors who keep us well; teachers, school staff and administrators who keep educating our kids; restaurant owners and staff, food delivery, grocery store workers who help us keep food on the table.

Also to pastors and church staff who worked to figure out how to get God's word to us even when churches were closed; truck drivers, delivery drivers, post office personnel, and others who ensure we receive our mail and packages.

And to mothers and fathers,

grandparents, brothers, sisters and other family members who took care of those suffering or unable to care for themselves; neighbors and friends who have checked on each other, propped each other up, listened, mourned, wept, delivered food to those who were sick. I know I've missed some, but you get the idea. We are all essential!

This last year has been challenging, but together, no matter what our political views, we know we can continue to get through the valleys by looking at the summits we already have scaled and by encouraging, pushing or pulling each other with every step.

Helping one another and showing compassion, teaching our children kindness and philanthropy, and having and sharing HOPE builds resilience. Resilient humans come through the hard places stronger and are willing to help others through their hard places.

These are some of my examples of "Oklahoma's Excellence!" I know you will each have your own. And for those who are out there demonstrating it... You know who you are!

*Sherrie Conley serves House District 20 in the Oklahoma House of Representatives, which includes parts of Cleveland, Garvin, McClain and Pottawatomie counties.*



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### No to snow

**Jerry and Elaine Butler** at Butler's Antiques had snow removed from the roof of the Love Hotel as a precautionary measure after an estimated 8-10" of snow fell in two separate storms.

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### Delays:

we're now seeing the consequences in delays in obtaining results and higher costs due to outsourcing to other labs," Dunning said Thursday in an email. "There has been little oversight of this whole move outside of the health department, and it's likely not the last delays we will see."

Stitt and health department officials last month opened the temporary lab space and pandemic center at a former Devon Energy Corp. office complex in Stillwater.

In a ribbon-cutting ceremony, Stitt said the combination of the lab and research at OSU would help attract additional scientific talent to the state. The lab's relocation and a permanent space is being funded mostly by the federal CARES Act.

"This facility won't just help our public health, it will help our economy as a whole," Stitt said. "By partnering with the private sector, we're going to be able to bring more research and development jobs to our state, Tulsa, Oklahoma City and of course, here in Stillwater. We're going to compete in new ways for federal research dollars."

The relocated public health lab will be managed by Prairie One Solutions, a newly formed nonprofit organized by the Oklahoma State University Research Foundation and the

health department.

The management contract gives Prairie One Solutions a 15 percent fee based off the annual appropriations of the public health lab, as well as a 15 percent cut of any insurance-reimbursed costs and new income brought by the Oklahoma Pandemic Center for Innovation and Excellence.

The health department has not yet fulfilled Open Records Act requests made by Okla-

homa Watch in December to gather more details about the financial impact of the move of the public health lab or the management by Prairie One Solutions.

*Oklahoma Watch is a non-profit, nonpartisan media organization that produces in-depth and investigative content on a range of public-policy issues facing the state. For more Oklahoma Watch content, go to [www.oklahomawatch.org](http://www.oklahomawatch.org).*



Tracy Tompkins • The Purcell Register

### Waiting for the thaw

**Several Canada geese** walk across the frozen waters of Purcell Lake after a frigid air mass completely froze over the body of water.

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### Cole:

some reason, you can claim the Recovery Rebate Credit on your 2020 tax return to increase the amount of a tax refund or decrease the amount of taxes owed.

If you received the full amount for both rounds of Economic Impact Payments, you should not include information about them in your 2020 tax return.

To claim the Recovery Rebate Credit, you must file a 2020 tax return, even if you are not normally required to file.

You can find more information about the Recovery Rebate Credit at [irs.gov/RRC](http://irs.gov/RRC).

Finally, do not forget that the last day to file taxes for 2020 is April 15, 2021. It is important to file before this date to avoid late-filing or late-payment penalties.

Even if you cannot pay the full amount of anything owed, the IRS offers payment plans, temporary delays and in some cases, penalties can be waived. To learn more about those options, visit [irs.gov/payments](http://irs.gov/payments).

If you have a tax filing question or need help getting answers from the IRS, my office is here to help direct you or potentially open an inquiry on your behalf.

Although we cannot guarantee an outcome, members of my staff always do their best to help constituents of the Fourth District of Oklahoma receive a timely response.

For more information, call (405) 329-6500 or visit [cole.house.gov/services/help-with-a-federal-agency](http://cole.house.gov/services/help-with-a-federal-agency).

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### Garvin:

after a disaster is declared. The legislature is also working to see how they may be able to help citizens and businesses.

Our federal disaster declaration was approved for all 77 counties, allowing Oklahoma's various levels of government to seek reimbursement for costs incurred by their disaster response efforts. However, this declaration doesn't include assistance for individuals or businesses that sustained damages from the winter storms.

They're working with FEMA to secure more assistance and asking all citizens to report any damages incurred to [damages.ok.gov](http://damages.ok.gov). This includes home or business flooding; power surges that damaged appliances or electrical systems; number of days without water, electricity, or gas; any injuries sustained; and time displaced from one's home or business due to damages or lack of utilities.

Fortunately, the State Board of Equalization certified revenues higher than expected for the FY'22 budget. We'll have just over \$9.6 billion to spend.

We must be careful, though, as over \$1 billion of that is one-time funds that won't be available for the following budget year. We'll need to use part of that additional money to help cover the voter-approved

estimated \$200 million Medicaid expansion, \$115 million for property tax reimbursements and another \$600 million in one-time funds that were used to balance the FY'21 budget.

We may also be able to use some of this funding to help address the issues related to the high natural gas prices and consumer bills.

In closing, suspected price gouging can be reported to the

AG's office at [consumerprotection@oag.ok.gov](mailto:consumerprotection@oag.ok.gov) or (405) 521-2029..

If you have any questions or concerns on legislative matters, please contact me at the Capitol. Please write to Senator Jessica Garvin, State Capitol, 2300 N. Lincoln Blvd. Room 237, Oklahoma City, OK, 73105, email me at [Jessica.Garvin@oksenate.gov](mailto:Jessica.Garvin@oksenate.gov) or call (405) 521-5522.

## Kindness of a stranger

Dear Editor:

Last week I was attempting to shovel my long, wide driveway, to get to the main road (Highway 74.) Normally, I would just stay home until the snow melted, but I had an appointment to get my first COVID-19 shot, being over 65, nothing like a little snow (OK, a lot of snow) was going to stop me.

I had been working about an hour, with little progress, when a red Ford truck pulled in, and Sheila Phipps from Washington offered to help. Between the two of us, mostly her using her heavy truck driving back and forth to pat the two feet of snow down, clearing a path for my tiny Honda Fit to drive to Mercy Hospital.

After refusing to take any money for her kindness, I said with a smile, "I have heard if you help a schoolteacher, you get closer to Heaven."

She smiled back, and said, "We all need to help each other." I nodded in agreement, and headed out to get my vaccine.

With so much sadness and negativity in this world, this brought warm feelings to me, I hope my story brings warm feelings, to your readers.

Respectfully,  
**Mary Brannon**  
Retired teacher

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### Closings:

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## Lake time

Ethan, Harper and Grayson Savage enjoy some sunshine at the Purcell City Lake. The trio are the children of Suni and Adam Savage of Ardmore and the grandchildren of Tina and Lee Reimer and Rhonda and Mike Savage, all of Purcell.



## It's a Small World

Gracie Montgomery

Happy birthday to Claudus Branam, Denise Davis, Ronnie Maynard, Kathy Johnston, Addison Keeler, Ronnie Paulus, Parker Bay, Mayer Stone, Seth Brady, Bobby Elmore, Ralph Wall, Boston Knowles, Chris Hayes, Matt Baker, Kristin Wollenberg Gonzalez, Meegan Moore Rooker, Katherine Hooper, Raul Martinez Ramos, Debra Murphy, Aracely Ceballos, Rigoberto Carrillo and Eric McGowen.

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The 31st Annual Purcell Livestock Show was cancelled and the Bonus Auction has been rescheduled, according to Jason Baker, Purcell High School ag instructor and FFA advisor.

The Purcell Bonus Auction is now set for Thursday, February 25, at 6 p.m. in the Purcell Ag Ed Building.

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The Lil' Dragon Food Pantry is in need of your help.

Professionally managed by Pam and John Hobbs, the food ministry is one of the most important in town.

The pantry was completely depleted at Christmas and with the pandemic the usual food drives were not held.

Items needed by the pantry include canned vegetables, individual fruit cups or applesauce, beef jerky, mac and cheese, chunky soups, canned meals like SpaghettiOs, oatmeal, cereals and Vienna sausages.

The pantry is currently located in the old junior high school at Green and Apache.

For persons wishing to make a monetary donation they may be mailed to Trinity United Methodist Church at 211 N. Second Avenue, Purcell, OK 73080.

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Now is your last chance to participate in the Delta Community Action Foundation, Inc. "Spread the Love" during the month of February.

Delta is having a peanut butter and jelly food drive to help "Spread the Love" to local citizens in need of food.

The agency's 2020 Community Needs Assessment revealed the need for food ranked eighth in overall need.

The Spread the Love Peanut Butter and Jelly Drive, sponsored by Delta Community Action Foundation, Inc., will continue through the end of February.

Donations can be dropped off at the Delta office at 122 W. Main in Purcell.

For more information about services provided by Delta Community Action Foundation, Inc., visit [deltacommunityaction.org](http://deltacommunityaction.org).

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For those who have read comic books for decades, or those just interested in learning more about the perhaps unexpected depth of the genre, the Pioneer Library System is offering a discussion group centered on the genre.

Sacred Panels: A Comics Book Club will continue into the future with monthly meetings generally scheduled on the third Thursday of each month. Access to the Zoom presentation is available by signing up in advance at <http://pioneer.libnet.info/event/4766766>. A valid email address is required.

Topics and dates for the next two discussions are:

March 18 – Naomi: Season 1, by Brian Michael Bendis and David F. Walker;

April 15 – Invincible, Vol. 1: Family Matters, by Robert Kirkman (author of The Walking Dead series).

Copies of each of these titles and each future discussion title will be available through the Hoopla downloadable service.

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This is one our favorites around my house!

**Buffalo Chicken Crock Pot Sandwiches**

4 chicken breasts  
12 oz. Frank's Buffalo Sauce  
1 block cream cheese  
1 packet Hidden Valley Ranch Seasoning  
Hamburger buns

Lay chicken breasts in bottom of crock pot. Pour buffalo sauce on top of chicken breasts.

Lay cream cheese on top of chicken and sprinkle with Hidden Valley Ranch.

Cook on high 3-4 hours or low 6-7 hours.

Shred chicken with two forks and spread buffalo mixture on buns.

\*\*Blue cheese crumbles ranch dressing, celery, other sides like that go great with and on top of these sandwiches!



• Photo provided

## Tons of snow

Snow removal at the McClain County Courthouse proved to be a monumental task after the two rounds of winter precipitation that blasted the area.

## Wayne School Menu

Week of March 1

**MONDAY BREAKFAST**

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

**LUNCH**

Sausage roll, roasted potato, spinach, peaches, juice, milk.

**TUESDAY BREAKFAST**

Cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

**LUNCH**

Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, green beans, applesauce, juice, milk.

**WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST**

Bagel topper, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

**LUNCH**

Barbecue sandwich, chips, pickle, pork and beans, tropical fruit, juice, milk.

**THURSDAY BREAKFAST**

Cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

**LUNCH**

Chicken Alfredo, carrots, breadsticks, mandarin oranges, juice, milk.

**FRIDAY BREAKFAST**

Muffin, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

**LUNCH**

Goulash, corn, carrots, garlic bread, banana, juice, milk.

## Lexington School Menu

Week of March 1

**MONDAY BREAKFAST**

Whole grain cereal kit, fruit juice, milk.

**LUNCH**

Corndogs, steamed carrots, blackeyed peas, mandarin oranges, milk.

**TUESDAY BREAKFAST**

Muffins, apple wedges, fruit juice, milk.

**LUNCH**

Spaghetti with meat sauce, steamed broccoli, green beans, garlic roll, pineapple tidbits, milk.

**WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST**

Doughnuts, orange smiles,

fruit juice, milk.

**LUNCH**

Chicken burrito, Mexican corn, chili beans, pears, milk.

**THURSDAY BREAKFAST**

Egg and cheese sandwich, raisins, fruit juice, milk.

**LUNCH**

Southwest stew, chips and salsa, pickle spears, peaches, milk.

**FRIDAY BREAKFAST**

Whole grain cereal kit, fruit juice, milk.

**LUNCH**

Chicken sandwich, Sunchips, lettuce and tomatoes, spiced apples, raisins, milk.

## Purcell School Menu

Week of March 1

**MONDAY BREAKFAST**

Grab N Go—Pancake bites or pop tarts, fruit, juice, milk.

**LUNCH**

Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic knot, Italian salad, fruit, milk.

**TUESDAY BREAKFAST**

Grab N Go—Sausage biscuit or Ubr bar, fruit, juice, milk.

**LUNCH**

Beef and bean enchilada, refried beans, tortilla chips and salsa, fruit, milk.

**WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST**

Grab N Go—Muffin and

cheese stick or rice krispie granola bar, fruit, juice, milk.

**LUNCH**

Corn dog, macaroni and cheese, green beans, fruit, milk.

**THURSDAY BREAKFAST**

Grab N Go—Yogurt parfait or pop tarts, fruit, juice, milk.

**LUNCH**

Cheeseburger, french fries, fruit, milk.

**FRIDAY BREAKFAST**

Grab N Go—Doughnut or Ubr bar, fruit, juice, milk.

**LUNCH**

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

## By Kimberly Burk

Sylvia Papitos admits she is a bit homesick for her restaurant patrons, but she's loving her new pandemic-induced venture as a vendor at the Arcadia Farmers Market General Store.



Papitos

Papitos, who temporarily closed her restaurant in Dibble in September and now delivers packaged meals to farm-to-table stores in Goldsby, Edmond and Oklahoma City as well as Arcadia.

Papitos Restaurant enchiladas are sold by the dozen,

with options such as red beef, green chicken, red cheese, vegan poblano pepper and spinach and vegan squash and bell pepper.

Salsa, chile con queso and rice and beans are sold in 16-ounce tubs, and homemade flour tortillas and corn tortilla chips are also available.

Papitos, who lives in Purcell, opened her restaurant in July 2019 after spotting an empty building in Dibble while visiting a friend.

"My mother owns a restaurant in Texas," she said. "I was an accountant, but that is not my gift. I decided to use my talent wisely. I had worked at corporate accounting jobs and didn't really care for it."

Papitos said she does all the cooking, and employs a crew

Please see **Pandemic**, page 14A

# MILES & THE MONARCHS

By Carolyn Mueller | Illustrated by Philip Goudeau

### CHAPTER ONE

Miles tied his shoelaces and skipped out the front door of his family's brick home. The sun was shining. Today was going to be a good day.

BEEP! BEEP! BEEP!

A rusty blue truck pulled up in front of the house. Miles' dad was at the wheel.

"Ready?" his dad asked him.

"Sure am!" Miles answered, swinging the door open and sliding in next to his father.

The truck belonged to Miles' uncle. His dad had borrowed it for a special trip. Miles and his dad were driving all the way to Philadelphia to see the Kansas City Monarchs baseball team play in the 1942 Negro League World Series!

Miles could hardly wait. Miles loved baseball and often played in the sandlot with his friends. Sometimes he pretended to be Joe DiMaggio or maybe Ted Williams. Miles adjusted his tie as his father put the truck in gear. He and his dad had dressed in their Sunday best (even on a Tuesday!). It was a crisp September day. The pair pulled out onto the road for their trip.

"You know, my dad and I used to take trips like this when I was your age," Miles' dad told him. "To see the games in the Negro Leagues. It was incredible. I saw all the stars."

Miles cradled his worn, leather baseball glove against his chest, trying to imagine his father as a little boy, going to a baseball game with Grandpa. It was hard to picture.

"We loved seeing the games," Miles' dad said. "But he showed me other things on that trip too."

"Like what, Dad?" Miles asked.

"You'll see, Miles," his dad said.

Miles nodded, sticking his head out the window to enjoy the bright, fall day. The truck bumped along a dirt road with farm fields passing on either side.

"How come we're not taking the highway?" Miles asked. "Isn't that faster?"

"We've got plenty of time, Miles," his dad said. "This is the best way."

Miles figured his dad knew what to do—his dad seemed to know everything—so he just sat back and relaxed, enjoying the drive.

"You're going to love seeing the Monarchs," Miles'

dad told him. "It's a different kind of feeling, watching their games."

Miles was born in Washington D.C. and had lived there his whole life. And he'd always loved baseball, especially the town's major league team, the Washington Nationals. But Miles never felt welcome at the Nationals games. Miles and his dad had to sit in a separate section, and they had to use different restrooms and drinking fountains. Miles tried to imagine stands full of fans cheering for baseball players that looked like him. He turned to his dad.

"Dad?" he asked. "How did the Negro League even start?"

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**Sports**

# Double District Champs

Both Dragons teams advance to Regionals in winner's bracket

Purcell's girls and boys both advanced to the Regional Tournament in the winner's bracket posting District Championships over Davis Monday night at The Reimer Center.

Coach Roger Raper's Dragons smothered the Wolves, 58-30 behind the game high scoring of sophomore Lincoln Eubank with 19 points.

The three point machine torched the nylons for four from downtown, scoring 17 of his 19 in the first half. He was the only Dragon to score in the third quarter.

time lead.

Purcell cooled off in the third period before coming back in the fourth to score 14.

"We came out with great energy to start the game and did what we needed to do to win," Raper said.

"It's been such a strange year and our guys have had many obstacles to overcome. I'm very proud of them.

Coach David Sikes' Dragons squeezed by the Lady Wolves, 33-32 with senior

2/22  
**Davis 32**  
**Purcell 33**

Davis ..... 13 7 7 5—32  
 Purcell ..... 8 10 11 4—33

| Player        | Points |
|---------------|--------|
| Emily Madden  | 19     |
| Kora Keith    | 7      |
| Lauren Holmes | 3      |
| KK Eck        | 3      |
| Kayla Skinner | 1      |

2/22  
**Davis 30**  
**Purcell 58**

Davis ..... 6 4 8 12—30  
 Purcell ..... 21 21 2 14—58

| Player         | Points |
|----------------|--------|
| Lincoln Eubank | 19     |
| Nate Willis    | 17     |
| Mojo Browning  | 10     |
| Noah Mason     | 5      |
| Misael Duque   | 5      |
| Jorge Munoz    | 2      |

Emily Madden leading the way with 19 points.

Madden found the bottom of the bucket four times from beyond the arc in her final game at The Reimer Center.

"I'm proud of the way we fought," Sikes said. "We struggled shooting but played tough on defense the entire 32 minutes.

"These seniors deserved to go out with a win on their last home game.

"With this team there is no

quit. I love that about them," he concluded.

Both the boys and girls will travel to Kingston tonight (Thursday) to play the winner

Related photos  
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of Kingston and Marietta in the sub-Regional.

The main Regional Tournament site is at Lindsay Friday and Saturday.

**Dragon notes:**  
 The District Champion-

We came out with great energy to start the game and did what we needed to do to get the win.

— Roger Raper, head coach

Eubank was joined in double figures by Nate Willis with 17 and Mojo Browning with 10.

The Dragons came out on fire knocking down 21 points in both the first and second quarters to post a 42-10 half-



## District champions

The Purcell girls claimed a District championship Monday after defeating Davis 33-32 at the Reimer Center. They advanced to Regionals where they play the winner of the Kingston-Marietta game at 6 p.m. today (Thursday) in Kingston.

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I'm proud of the way we fought. We struggled shooting, but played tough on defense the entire 32 minutes.

— David Sikes, head coach

ship for the boys is their 46th overall, according to historian Kelly Nemecek.

The girls record for the season is 13-7 while the boys are 13-6.



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## Total concentration

**Washington junior** Luke Hendrix maintains his balance while he attempts a shot against Bridge Creek. Washington played Comanche in the District tournament Tuesday night.



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## Past the defender

**Washington junior** Madisson Myers dribbles past her Marlow defender. Washington played Comanche Tuesday in the District tournament.

## Savage hits 500th



**Mark Savage**

Former Purcell and Lexington girls' basketball coach Mark Savage, who currently is coaching at Stratford, has passed 500 victories as a high school head coach.

Savage began his coaching career at his Alma Mater Stratford from 1983-88.

He coached at Purcell from 1988 to 2007, then a year at Wynnewood and at Lexington from 2009 to 2014.

Since 2018 Savage has been back at Stratford.



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## Move it around

**Lexington senior** Teagin Pruitt passes the ball around on the perimeter. The Bulldogs fell 79-36 to Jones to open the State playoffs. They play again today (Thursday) at 3 p.m. at Christian Heritage.

## Lex loses at Jones

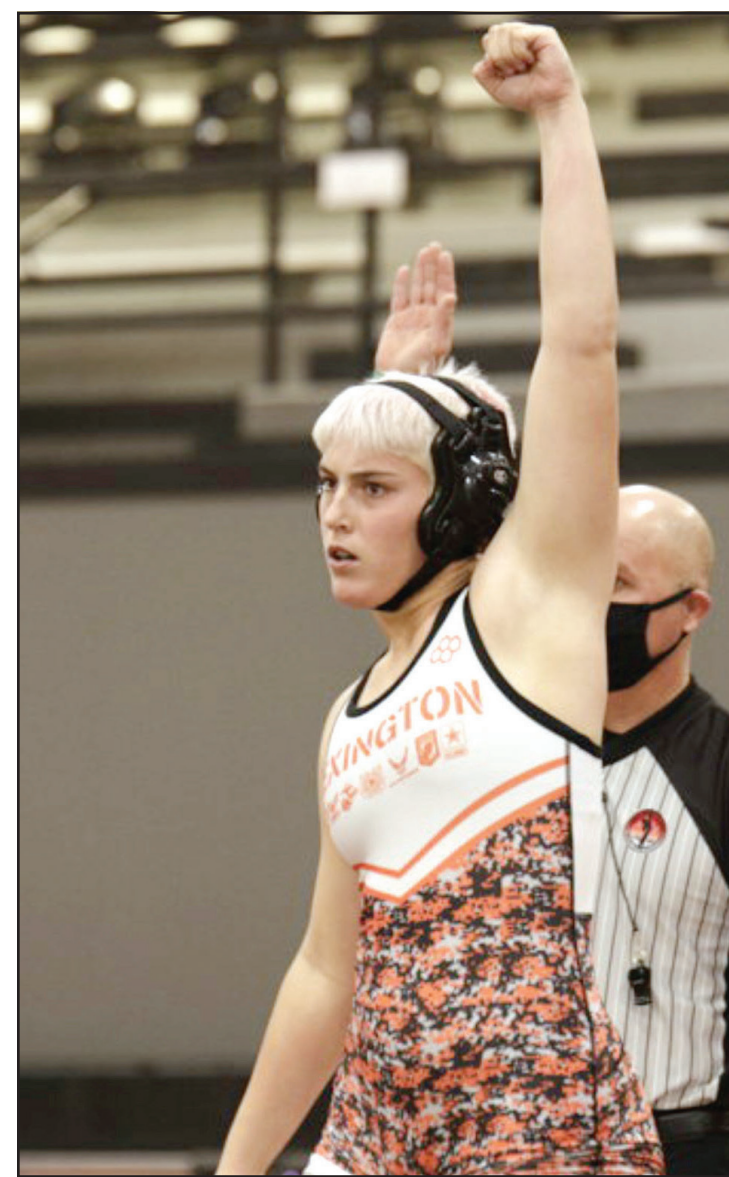
Lexington's boys and girls will travel to CHA today (Thursday) for the sub-Regional Tournament.

The Lady Bulldogs will play at 1 p.m. and the boys play at 3 p.m.

Washington will host the rest of the Regional Tournament.

Both clubs took it on the chin at Jones Monday in the District Tournament.

Please see **Lex**, page 8A



• everydaymom photography

## State qualifier

In the first season for girls wrestling in Oklahoma, Lexington's Izzy Pack finished as a Regional Runner-up and is the first girl from Lexington to qualify for State. She will compete at the State Fairgrounds today (Thursday). Coach Jared Garrett reports he is very proud of Izzy.



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### 3A State champions

The Washington cheer squad claimed the Class 3A State Championship with an overall score of 240, besting runners-up Eufaula by five points.



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### Tough play

Emily Madden power dribbles during Purcell's 33-32 win over Davis in the District tournament. Madden led the Dragons to the title with 19 points.



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### Dribble it out

Wayne senior Allie Walck looks over the floor. Wayne was defeated by Quinton 37-36 to end their season.



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### Serving it up, Dragon style

Purcell junior Jorge Munoz and the Dragons defeated Davis Monday night, 58-30, for District title No. 46 for the school. Munoz scored two points.

## Wayne seasons end

Lady Bulldogs beat out by Quinton

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The Purcell Register

Head coach Josh Trent's Lady Bulldogs faced the Quinton Lady Savages on Monday afternoon. Though the game was close through four quarters, Wayne ended their season with a 37-36 loss.

"The girls played hard and battled through, but couldn't pull out the win," Trent said.

The two teams went four rounds and Wayne held the lead the majority of the game. But, in the end, Quinton outscored Wayne in the final quarter to move on in post-season play.

"The girls always play hard as a team and give their all. I'm very proud of them for persevering through this crazy, interrupted season we have all had to deal with.

"They have improved every single season I have coached

them," Trent said.

Kaylee Madden led the Lady Bulldogs with 14 points. Allie Walck, Wayne's lone senior, had seven and McKenzie Fisher had six.

On Saturday, Wayne was in North Rock Creek where they beat Arkoma 42-28.

"All of the girls played their role in the game to pull out the win," Trent said.

Lorensa Martinez was the only Lady Bulldogs in double figures with 14.

The Lady Bulldogs finish the season with a 13-12 record.

#### Boys

The Bulldogs were in North Rock Creek on Saturday to face Arkoma in Regionals.

Leading the whole game, Wayne's shooting went cold in the fourth quarter, according to Trent.

"We didn't shoot the ball very

well in the final quarter and got in foul trouble late," said Trent.

Three Bulldogs were in double figures in the loss. Brannon Lewelling had 13, Kaleb Madden had 12 and Ethan Mullings had 11.

The Bulldogs finish the season with an 8-15 record. Talon Trent is the lone senior lost to graduation.

2/20

Wayne 42  
Arkoma 28

|        |    |    |   |   |    |
|--------|----|----|---|---|----|
| Wayne  | 20 | 11 | 5 | 6 | 42 |
| Arkoma | 7  | 6  | 9 | 6 | 28 |

| Player            | Points |
|-------------------|--------|
| Lorensa Martinez  | 14     |
| Kaylee Madden     | 6      |
| Dalayah Fuentes   | 5      |
| Allie Walck       | 5      |
| Haylee Durrence   | 4      |
| Mackenzie Fisher  | 3      |
| Shyleigh Mantooth | 3      |
| Mayce Trejo       | 2      |

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Wayne 36  
Quinton 37

|         |    |    |   |    |    |
|---------|----|----|---|----|----|
| Quinton | 8  | 12 | 6 | 11 | 37 |
| Wayne   | 13 | 8  | 6 | 9  | 36 |

| Player           | Points |
|------------------|--------|
| Kaylee Madden    | 14     |
| Allie Walck      | 7      |
| McKenzie Fisher  | 6      |
| Lorensa Martinez | 4      |
| Haiden Parker    | 3      |
| Dalayah Fuentes  | 2      |

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Wayne 50  
Arkoma 61

|        |    |    |    |    |    |
|--------|----|----|----|----|----|
| Wayne  | 10 | 12 | 13 | 15 | 50 |
| Arkoma | 11 | 10 | 13 | 27 | 61 |

| Player            | Points |
|-------------------|--------|
| Brannon Lewelling | 13     |
| Kaleb Madden      | 12     |
| Ethan Mullins     | 11     |
| Talon Trent       | 8      |
| Jr. Perez         | 6      |



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### Shooter

Lexington senior Jaci Idlett lines up for a three point attempt. The Bulldogs play at Christian Heritage at 1 p.m. today (Thursday) in the Regional tournament.

From page 7A

### Lex:

The Bulldogs lost 79-36 despite 10 points from Teagin Pruitt.

The Lady Bulldogs were on the short end of a 108-19 count.

Rylee Beason was the top scorer for Lexington with five.

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Lexington 19  
Jones 108

|           |    |    |    |    |     |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|-----|
| Lexington | 5  | 11 | 0  | 3  | 19  |
| Jones     | 38 | 26 | 25 | 19 | 108 |

| Player            | Points |
|-------------------|--------|
| Rylee Beason      | 5      |
| Harley Salisbury  | 4      |
| Janelle Wingerton | 3      |
| Jaci Idlett       | 3      |
| Landri Bean       | 2      |
| Kiely Givens      | 2      |

2/22

Lexington 36  
Jones 79

|           |    |    |    |    |    |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|
| Lexington | 10 | 10 | 4  | 12 | 36 |
| Jones     | 17 | 24 | 18 | 20 | 79 |

| Player            | Points |
|-------------------|--------|
| Tegin Pruitt      | 10     |
| Zeke Faulkenberry | 9      |
| Drew Dierking     | 4      |
| Ty Mixon          | 3      |
| Carter Moore      | 3      |
| Isreal Trejo      | 3      |
| Seth Pyle         | 2      |
| Seth Pearman      | 2      |

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### Historic location

On the banks of Pennington Creek in Oklahoma the first Chickasaw Nation Constitution was drafted in 1856. The creek holds historic and cultural significance to the Chickasaw people.

## Pennington Creek important location for Chickasaw Nation

Few places are as historically valuable as Pennington Creek for the Chickasaw Nation. Meandering through the center of Tishomingo, Pennington Creek serves as a reminder of perseverance of the Chickasaw people.

Now named Tishomingo, the area on the banks of Pennington Creek that would become the capital of the Chickasaw Nation was previously named Good Spring. The site played a significant role in the future settlement of the Chickasaw Nation.

With an abundance of fresh, clean drinking water, many Chickasaws would come to live on the banks of Pennington Creek after Removal from the Chickasaw Homeland east of the Mississippi River.

In 1856, the Chickasaw Council House was built near the banks of Pennington Creek. It is where Chickasaw leaders and citizens would meet to create their own laws for their land.

A committee drafted the formal constitution for the Chickasaw Nation within the Chickasaw Council House. It would be ratified the next year. The constitution would be the guide of how the Chickasaw

Nation would govern itself.

The small council house would continue to be used by Chickasaw leadership until a larger, more permanent brick structure was built on the original location.

The Chickasaw Constitution provided for a three-department system of government – executive, legislative and judicial. The basic government structure established by that document continues to serve the Chickasaw Nation well to this day.

Tishomingo began as a trade center and served as the capital city of the Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory, from 1856 until Oklahoma statehood in 1907. Named for Tishominko, a Chickasaw leader who died during Removal.

Pennington Creek flows for more than 25 miles through Johnston County. The creek is the sole source of drinking water for the city of Tishomingo and today serves as a regional recreational resource. Pennington Creek's waters flow directly out of the Arbuckle Simpson Aquifer.

Pennington Creek provides habitat to many game animals and fish and provides water to

the Tishomingo National Fish Hatchery, located north of the city of Tishomingo.

According to the fish hatchery's website, it conserves imperiled aquatic species found in the Arkansas and Red River Basins. The hatchery was established in 1929 on lands purchased from Chickasaw citizens.

Along with its natural beauty, Pennington Creek provides miles of habitation for migratory birds and other wildlife. Before flowing into Lake Texoma, Pennington Creek provides water to Cumberland Pool. Cumberland Pool makes up a quarter of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services Tishomingo National Wildlife Refuge.

Pennington Creek continues to be a centerpiece for the city of Tishomingo. Flowing just south of downtown, the creek draws the community together. In the early 20th century, the town came together to build a walking bridge across it.

Today, Pennington Creek Park in Tishomingo serves as a gathering place for families and friends from Tishomingo and across the country who visit this park for fishing, camping and community events.

## CareerTech students produce work-based learning videos

Eleven groups of Oklahoma CareerTech students from three technology centers recently earned money for their programs by showing the benefits of work-based learning.

The students participated in a student work-based learning video contest sponsored by the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education.

Each group produced a video sharing the benefits they have received from participating in work-based learning.

"The Fall 2020 Student Work-Based Learning Video Contest was created to encourage students to share work-based learning experiences in their own words," said H.L. Baird, Oklahoma CareerTech work-based learning liaison. "We know how powerful work-based learning can be for providing the critical relevance that supports the academic and technical skills students learn in their CareerTech programs. And we know how powerful the voice of students are to other students."

Each entry earned either

\$250 or \$500 for the students' programs. Entries for the contest came from Mid-America Technology Center, Moore Norman Technology Center and Tulsa Technology Center:

- MATC Health Careers Explorer Program, "Experiencing Healthcare First Hand."

- MATC Veterinary Assistant Program, "Making Connections Working With Wildlife."

- MATC Veterinary Assistant Program, "Haz Tu Futuro Hoy (Make Your Future Today)."

- MATC Health Careers Explorer Program, "A Career In Caring."

- MNTC Web Design Program, "MNTC Web Design."

- MATC Horticulture Technician Program, "Petal Pushers."

- MATC Veterinary Assistant Program, "For Those With A Heart - Experiencing Work-Based Learning With The Wildcare Foundation."

- MATC Veterinary Assistant Program, "Every Animal Large Or Small You Can Health Them All."

- Tulsa Tech TV Production, "TV Production With

CareerTech #1."

- Tulsa Tech TV Production, "Working Towards Success."

- Tulsa Tech TV Production, "TV Production With CareerTech #2."

The videos can be seen on Oklahoma CareerTech's YouTube channel.

Work-based learning is an integral part of the Oklahoma CareerTech System. It is a partnership between education and business to create a skilled workforce for both now and the future, Baird said.

"Connecting with professionals in a student's chosen career field brings a wealth of insight and knowledge students can learn from. WBL allows businesses to be proactive in developing the workforce they need to be successful. Both students and businesses have the opportunity to learn about each other through WBL experiences," he said.

To learn more about work-based learning, visit the CareerTech website or contact Baird at (405) 743-6812 or h.l.baird@careertech.ok.gov.



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### Robin invasion

Reportedly the robin onslaught in Purcell this past week is due to the birds migrating. Whatever the case there have been a plethora of the red-breasted fowl flying around.



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### Peace out

A pair of mountain climbers on Jefferson had a field day on a pile of snow from plows that cleared one of Purcell's thoroughfares.

## Library offers resources during tax season

The Pioneer Library System again will be a resource for taxpayers during this time of preparing their 2020 federal and state income tax returns, which are due by Thursday, April 15.

Each PLS library is equipped to help taxpayers locate, down-

load and print federal and state tax forms at no charge. Some libraries will have a limited supply of the most requested tax forms, but quantities and types are limited.

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**AngieSteele**  
**Washington Correspondent**

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There will be chili, cornbread, soup and dessert for \$6. Proceeds will go to help fund the Senior Center.

It will be served dine in or carry out.

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Thank you for your continued support!

**Washington Senior Center Lunch**

Need a job? Know someone who does? The Washington Senior Center is still in need of a cook. The hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at \$10 an hour. Responsible for cooking the main meals, serving, and doing general clean up. Come to the Center to fill out an app or call (405) 818-4171 for more info.

Lunch is served at the Washington Senior Center at 11:30 a.m. to 12 noon Monday through Friday for senior citizens in the community. Come on down and enjoy lunch and time with friends. Age 60 and over and any age with a disability is a \$2 donation, under 60 meal charge is \$5.

Menu for February 25-March 5:

- Thursday, February 25—Ham, sweet potatoes, cream corn, hot rolls, frog egg salad.
- Friday, February 26—Lasagna, Italian green beans, garlic brad, rice krispy treat.
- Monday, March 1—Cook's choice.
- Tuesday, March 2—Chicken strips, cheesy potato casserole, peas and carrots, hot rolls, cherry crisp.
- Wednesday, March 3—Beef enchiladas, refried beans, Spanish rice, tortilla chips, salsa, butterscotch pudding.
- Thursday, March 4—White bean chili with chicken, cornbread, cookies.
- Friday, March 5—Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, biscuits, pineapple upside down cake.

Friday Music Jams starts at 10 a.m. All meals are served with a beverage, dessert and salad bar.

**Washington Public Schools Calendar**

February 25—Class 3A Basketball Regional Tournament, home, 1/3 p.m. & 6/8 p.m.

February 27—Band-OSSAA District Instrumental Solo/Ensemble-Mustang HS.

March 1—HS Baseball vs Little Axe, 4:30 p.m.

March 2—JH Baseball home vs Little Axe, 4:30 p.m.

March 4—HS Baseball at Sulphur, 4:30 p.m.; Band-Winter Concert W.E.C.; Class 3A Basketball Area Tournament, Ada.

March 5—JH Baseball home vs Tuttle, 5 p.m.

March 6—JV baseball at Bridge Creek, 12/2 p.m.; HS baseball, home with Lindsay and Crossings Christian, 12/2:30/5 p.m.

March 8—HS Slow Pitch, at Moore, 5 p.m.; J.H. Baseball vs Lexington, 5 p.m.; JH Slow Pitch-McLoud Tourney; HS Baseball at Lexington, 5 p.m.

**Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation**

I don't know about you, but that sunshine and no blowing wind was a welcome sight to all of our volunteers at our Veterans Foundation.

We are planning to have several new men and women working with us and some regulars joining us back who have been off due to COVID-19. I believe we can finally start catching up on some of the veteran claims we were overwhelmed with these last few months.

Please remember, if you are interested in becoming a part of what we do to please fill out a volunteer application. We are purchasing new computers to enable those who want to work from home to do so. Our Programs Intake Q and Vet Pro are continuing to speed up our claims processing. As we continue to train bi-weekly, I believe that everyone will improve on the way we assist veterans and surviving spouses.

One of the things that we do not write much about is the VA Appeals process. There are several ways to appeal a VA decision. The easiest is to obtain new supporting evidence for your claim and then file a VA form 20-0995 and a 21-4138 to ask VA to reopen or reconsider their decision.

The next step is to file a 20-0996 requesting a Higher-Level Review of a decision. No new evidence is needed at this level. Our job as the veterans POA is to discuss the veterans claim with the Decision Review Officer, explaining why we believe the claim should be decided in the veterans' favor.

The next step in the appeal process is the filing of a Notice of Disagreement. Before the claim is certified to the Board of Veterans Appeals in Wash-

ington, D.C., several things will take place. Up until lately, veterans' claims would be waiting several years in Washington, D.C., before a Veterans Law Judge ever heard them.

To give you an example of how these hearings by DRO and Law Judges have changed in the last year, Rhonda and I have represented over 150 veterans and surviving spouses at their hearings 2020-2021. One of the female veterans who we represented at her BVA hearing in January received her award of 70 percent in 30 days. This young lady was not receiving anything from VA before we were able to service-connect her injuries that occurred in the Gulf War.

To donate to our Foundation, you can do so online at



• Photo provided

## Bonus Auction

**Presley Strickland**, a Washington student, shows her pig at the Washington Livestock Show last Sunday. Awards she received include Class 4 Hamp Gilt, Breed Champion Hamp Gilt, Class 2 Cross Gilt, Breed Champ Cross Gilt, Grand Champion Gilt and Reserve Grand Champion Gilt.



• Photo provided

## Award winner

**Monty Strickland**, Presley Strickland and Judge Dexter Matlock from Chattanooga, Okla., with Presley's prize winning pig. Braden Allen holds a bowl of feed for the champion pig.

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To donate to our Foundation, you can do so online at

dalekgrahamveteransfoundation.org or mail a check to Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation, 1268 N. Interstate Drive, Norman, OK 73072.

**Dale K. Graham, Accredited Claims Agent Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation Washington Correspondent Contact Information**

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

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

**Angie Steele**

No. 106-February 25-2 Times NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The McClain County Board of Commissioners will be receiving sealed bids until 4:00 p.m., March 12, 2021 and the opening will be March 15, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. for the sale of (1) 16' tandem axle trailer with 3500# axles for McClain County District Two. Invitation to Bid forms are on file in the McClain County Clerk's Office, 3rd Floor, Room 303, Mc-

Clain County Courthouse, Purcell, Oklahoma or request to be mailed. Submit bids to McClain County Clerk, PO Box 629, Purcell, OK 73080.

The Board has the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids. SEAL DATE: 2/22/2021 /s/ Pam Beller Pam Beller County Clerk

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No. 104-February 25-1 Time IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel. GREG MASHBURN, DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST PROSECUTORIAL DISTRICT, Petitioner, vs. \$32,399.00 IN U.S. CURRENCY SEIZED FROM LUIS ALBERTO ESCOBEDO DUENAS and MIRNA I. PEREZ PEREZ, Respondent.

Case No. CV-2020-113 MOTION TO SERVE BY PUBLICATION AS TO MIRNA I. PEREZ PEREZ COMES NOW, the Movant/Petitioner and respectfully requests this Court approve entry of an Order Authorizing service of process

by publication pursuant to 63 O.S. §2-506(C)(3). In support Petitioner would show the Court as follows:

1. Respondent, Mirna I. Perez Perez, was involved in a search that occurred on or about June 15, 2020. During the search some cash was located in the vehicle. Respondent, Mirna I. Perez Perez has disclaimed any knowledge or ownership of the property. Service by publication should be authorized as the Respondent, Mirna I. Perez Perez has left the State of Oklahoma, has left no legitimate address, provided no information regarding the identity of persons who might have a legitimate claim to the cash, and no material facts are at issue in the matter currently exist indicating that the cash came from any legitimate means and is presumed to be forfeitable.
2. Service by publication should

be authorized as the Respondent, Mirna I. Perez Perez cannot be located, left no legitimate address, and provided no information regarding the identity of persons who might have a legitimate claim to the cash, and no material facts are at issue in the matter currently exist indicating that the cash came from any legitimate means is presumed to be forfeitable.

3. This Court can authorize notice by publication as such method of service is provided for in 63 O.S. §2-506(C)(3). Personal service cannot be accomplished as no last address can be provided or the true identities of Respondent, Mirna I. Perez Perez are not known; service by mail cannot be accomplished as no address is known or identities verified. Law enforcement has been unable to determine any credible information

regarding Respondent, Mirna I. Perez Perez or her whereabouts.

4. That with due diligence service of notice cannot be made upon the above named Respondent, Mirna I. Perez Perez by any other method.

WHEREFORE, premised considered, Petitioner respectfully requests that the Court approve service of Notice by publication as there are no material facts in dispute and for such further relief as the Court finds just and equitable. Respectfully submitted, /s/ Kristina L. Bell Kristina L. Bell, OBA #21597 Assistant District Attorney 201 S. Jones, Suite 300 Norman, Oklahoma 73069 Telephone (405) 321-8268 Fax (405) 360-7840

# Legal Publications

No. 103-February 25-1 Time BEFORE THE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA APPLICANT: RED ROCKS OIL & GAS OPERATING, LLC RELIEF SOUGHT: INCREASED WELL DENSITY LEGAL DESCRIPTION: W/2 NW/4 OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 5 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, MCCLAIN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA CAUSE CD NO. 202100260 NOTICE OF HEARING

STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: All persons, owners, producers, operators, purchasers, and takers of oil and gas and all other interested persons in McClain County, Oklahoma, and more particularly B.R. Polk, Jr.; Buttrick Energies, Inc.; Carl R. Rademaker a/k/a Carl H. Rademaker; Coldwater Resources Company; Come Big or Stay Home, LLC; ConocoPhillips, successor in interest to Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company; Daylight Petroleum, LLC; Devon Energy Corporation; Dorchester Minerals Oklahoma, LP; DPMS Oil, LLC; E. Pregler Estates Inc.; H. Raymond Asiakson; Harrison Investment Company No. 1, LP; Harrison Investment Company No. 2, LP; Haymaker Properties, LP; Helen Alicia Page Benefield a/k/a Helen Lammerts Benefield; Hyla Hyde Glover and Harry B. Boyett, Trustees of the Harding Trust; James Marshall Hansen; Jane Breuil Condos Trust; JFB, Jr. Trust Holdings, LLC; John Mark Waugh as Trustee of the John Mark Waugh Trust; Judith Ann Lafitte, Trustee of the Karen Ann Davenport Trust, dated the 6th day of August, 2008; Judith Rakowski, Trustee of the Carl R. Rademaker Trust; Kelsie Wagner Trust; MAP2006-OK; Marathon Oil Company; Mary and James Harrison Foundation, Charles William Harrison, Jr., Robert Theodore Harrison, David Bishop Harrison, and John Josiah Harrison, Trustees; Maxine M. Breull Marital Deduction Trust; Paige Brown a/k/a Paige Lammerts Brown; PEC Minerals, LP; R.D. Jones, Inc.; Raymond Asiakson, Inc.; Robert Eric Hansen; Robert P. Lammerts, Jr.; Robert Theodore Harrison; Ryan Oil Company; Singer Bros., LLC; Starr Lammerts Hergenrather; States Royalty, LP; The Known and Unknown Heirs, Successors and Assigns of Edd Burke, deceased; The Known and Unknown Heirs, Successors and Assigns of Edd Burke, deceased; The Known and Unknown Heirs, Successors, and Assigns of Barbara L. Lebit, deceased; The Known and Unknown Heirs, Successors, and Assigns of Edward McBride, deceased; The Known and Unknown Heirs, Successors, and Assigns of Barbara L. Lebit, deceased; The Known and Unknown Heirs, Successors, and Assigns of Edward McBride, deceased; The Pfanenstiel Company, LLC; Vicki Waugh Eidman as Trustee of the Vicki Waugh Eidman Trust; W.O. Bloomquist & Sons Holdings, LLC; Wade Costello Trust, Kelsie Wagner, Successor Trustee; Weerstra Royalty Trust; Youngblood, Ltd.; and if any of the above named parties are deceased, the unknown heirs, personal representatives, devisees, trustees, and assigns, immediate and remote, of the above named parties; and, if any of the above are corporations which

do not continue to have a legal existence, the unknown trustees or assigns of such parties.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Applicant is requesting, the Corporation Commission of the State of Oklahoma enter an Order, to be effective as of the date of the execution thereof or as of a date prior thereto, authorizing and permitting Applicant or some other party recommended by Applicant, to recompleat and produce the C W Harrison 1-31 well, API # 35-087-21985, located in the SE/4 NW/4 NW/4 NW/4 of the drilling and spacing unit comprised of the W/2 NW/4 of Section 31-T5N-R3W, McClain County, Oklahoma as an additional well for the Haragan, Henryhouse and Chimney Hill common sources of supply in the 80-acre standard drilling and spacing unit established therefor and establishing a proper allowable for each well and unit.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Applicant in this cause is requesting the following special relief: that the Applicant or some other party recommended by Applicant be granted the right to drill and complete the additional wells involved herein, and, possibly providing that the Order be made effective on a date prior to the date of the signing of the Order.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Applicant in this cause be set before an Administrative Law Judge for hearing, taking of evidence and reporting to the Commission.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Applicant and interested parties may present testimony by telephone. The cost of telephonic communication shall be paid by the person or persons requesting its use. Interested parties who wish to participate by telephone shall contact the Applicant or Applicant's attorney, prior to the hearing date, and provide their name and phone number.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this cause will be heard before an Administrative Law Judge on the Initial Hearing Docket at the Corporation Commission, First Floor, Jim Thorpe Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, at 8:30 a.m. on the 22nd day of March, 2021, and that this notice be published as required by law and the rules of the Commission.

NOTICE IS FURTHER that all interested parties may appear and be heard. For information concerning this action, contact: ROBERT D. GRAY, Attorney, OBA #013985, 3500 S. Boulevard, Suite 10B, Edmond, OK 73013-5417, Telephone: (405) 848-8998; or JON WHITE, TURNER OIL AND GAS PROPERTIES, INC., 3232 W. Britton Rd., Ste. 200, Oklahoma City OK 73120, 405-752-8000, jwhite@jwlandllc.com. AGENT FOR RED ROCKS OIL & GAS OPERATING, LLC.

CORPORATION COMMISSION OF OKLAHOMA J. TODD HIETT, Chairman BOB ANTHONY, Vice-Chairman DANA L. MURPHY, Commissioner

DONE AND PERFORMED this 18th day of February, 2021.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION: Peggy Mitchell, Secretary of Commission

No. 102-February 25-2 Times NOTICE OF INVITATION FOR SEALED BIDS FOR AGRICULTURAL LEASE OF CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL AREAS LOCATED WITHIN THE FENCED BOUNDARY OF THE DAVID J. PERRY AIRPORT IN GOLDSBY, MCCLAIN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA.

The Goldsby Airport Trust (GAT) will accept sealed bids for an agricultural lease for approximately 165 farmable acres of the property located within the fenced boundaries of the David J. Perry Airport in the Town of Goldsby, McClain County, Oklahoma. GAT has the right to reduce the farmable acres, after the October 1, 2021 term, to remove the properties which fronts Adkins Hill Road and Airport Road.

Sealed bids will be received on March 18, 2021 at 4:00pm. Bids will be received at the office of the Clerk/Treasurer of the Town of Goldsby, 100 East Center Road, Goldsby, Oklahoma 73093. Bids received after 4:00 pm March 18, 2021 will not be opened and will not be eligible for consideration. The sealed bid must be legible, must clearly state the bid amount per acre per year. The bid must identify the bidder and should include the bidder's contact address and contact telephone number. The envelope or wrapper in which the bid is submitted must not identify the bidder and should clearly state "2021 Goldsby Airport Trust Agricultural Lease Bid."

The Town of Goldsby has established a reserve price of \$65.00 per acre per year. If a Minimum Bid of at least \$65.00 per acre per year is not received a lease contract will not be awarded.

The term of the lease is six (6) months and term and rent will commence October 1, 2021. However, in the case of growing bean crops, the former Lessee shall have the right to enter the lands and harvest the growing crops before November 30, 2021. Annual Cash Rental shall be payable no later than 15 days after notice of award is given.

The lease contract contains numerous material restrictions and conditions. The Town of Goldsby uses are paramount and the lease may be terminated for any part of the leased property which shall be needed for Town of Goldsby or governmental purposes.

Prospective bidders must inspect the property and review the lease contract form (the Review Form) prior to bidding. The Review Form is available for review at the offices of the Clerk/Treasurer of the Town of Goldsby at 100 East Center Road, Goldsby, Oklahoma.

Upon the approval of the Trustees of the Goldsby Airport Trust, a lease in form and substance substantially like the Review Form may be awarded to a responsible bidder bidding the highest annual cash rental per acre. The Trustees of the Town of Goldsby reserve the right to reject all bids. If a lease is so awarded, the lease contract must be signed by the lessee and returned to the Clerk/Treasurer of the Town of Goldsby within fifteen (15) days after notice of the award is given.

CORRECTIONS AND ADDENDUMS TO THIS NOTICE ANNOUNCED PRIOR TO THE SEALED BIDS MAY SUPERCEDE THIS NOTICE.

The Board of Trustees of the Town of Goldsby Sandy Jenkins, Secretary

# Religion

## Church Directory

**First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**  
2nd & Washington, Purcell  
Rev. Bill Crawford  
405-820-8184  
Sun. Worship: 10:45  
Wed. Events: 6 or 7pm  
Chalice Kids and Kiddos: 5:45-7 (experiential) (Light meal at 6-ish - all)

**Emmanuel BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Purcell, OK  
2705 N. 9th • 527-2535  
Sunday services 9 am Sunday School 6:30 pm Bible Study  
Wednesday services 6:30 pm Ananas & 6 pm Evening worship Youth  
www.ebcpurcell.org

**Union Hill Baptist Church**  
Hwy 39, 5mi. west of Purcell  
405.527.3957 - unionhillpurcell@aol.com  
Sundays 9:45 am Morning Worship 11:00 am  
Community Outreach 4:30 pm  
Age Group Bible Study 5:30 pm  
Evening Worship 6:30 pm  
Wednesdays Fellowship Meal 5:30 pm  
Age Group Bible Study 6:30 pm

**newlife TABERNACLE**  
715 W. Harrison, Purcell  
Sunday Morning - 10 a.m.  
Revival Service - 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Evening - 7:00 p.m.  
Pastor: Rev. Mark A. Stacy  
Office Ph. 405.527.3045

**Westside Church of Christ**  
401 W. Broadway Lexington  
Sunday Morning 10:30 am  
Sunday Evening 3:00 pm  
Wednesday Evening 7:30 pm

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH LEXINGTON**  
Connecting People With God and One Another  
Team Kids • The Way (Youth)  
Upward • Senior Activities  
Sunday School 9:15  
Morning Worship 8:15 • 10:15 • Evening 6:00  
Rusty Canoy Pastor 527-6758  
900 E. BROADWAY • LEXINGTON

**Johnson Road Baptist Church**  
4 mi. N. of Purcell on I-35  
9:45a.m. .... Sunday School  
11:00a.m. .... Worship Service  
6:30p.m. .... Sunday Evening  
6:30p.m. .... Wednesday  
527-7155 • 447-9709

**CHRISTIAN LIFE**  
sunday 10:30AM  
www.christianlifeok.com

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

**Memorial Assembly of God**  
7th & Monroe, Purcell  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Services 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Night Services 6:30 p.m.  
We Invite You to Worship With Us.  
527-2769

**LANDMARK CHURCH**  
Pastor: Justin Blankenship  
1106 W. Grant • Purcell • 527-3342  
Sunday Worship ..... 9:15 & 10:55 a.m.  
Sunday Night ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday ..... 7:00 p.m.

**Lighthouse Worship Center**  
Rev. Jeff Pierce  
527.6214  
2726 N. 9th, Purcell  
Sunday Morning - 10:30 am  
Sunday Evening - 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Evening - 7:00 pm  
www.lighthousechurch.tv

**Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church**  
CORNER OF THIRD & JEFFERSON  
Saturday - 5 pm (English)  
Sunday - 11 am (English)  
1 pm (Español)  
Daily Mass  
Tues. & Fri. 9 am • Wed. Noon • Thurs. 7 pm (Español)  
Parish Office/Oficina: 527-3077  
Priest House/Padre Juan Pedro: 527-4242

**GRACE CHAPEL GCLEX.ORG**  
118 W. Broadway/Hwy 39 Downtown  
Post Office Box 1028  
Lexington, OK 73051  
Sunday - 10:00am/6:30pm  
Wednesday - 7:00pm  
Pastor Charles Barton  
527-5726

**First Baptist Church Purcell**  
Growing In Grace  
4th & Main 405-527-3327  
www.purcellfbc.org  
Come worship with us!  
Sundays 10:15 a.m. & 5 p.m.  
Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.  
Activities for all ages & child care provided for all services!

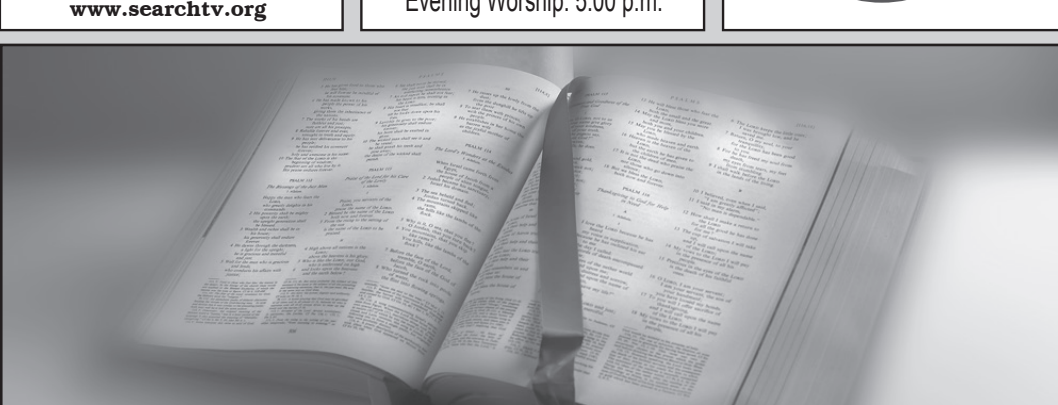
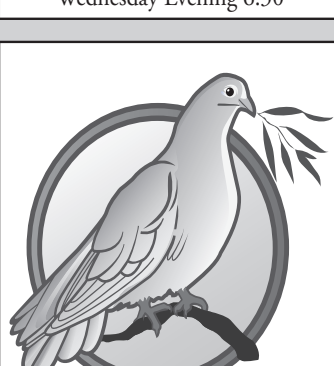
**Goldsby Baptist Church**  
153 W. Center Road  
Goldsby, OK 73093  
288-2514  
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.  
Worship - 10:45 a.m.  
Evening - 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening - 6:30 p.m.

**Trinity United Methodist Church**  
Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Pastor Susan Whitley  
211 N. 2nd, Purcell  
527-2256 Office

You Are Always Welcome At  
7th & Monroe St.  
**Church of Christ**  
Purcell, OK  
Sunday 10:30 & 1:30  
Wednesday Evening 6:30

**9th & Pierce Church of Christ**  
1207 North 9th  
Purcell, OK 73080  
405-527-3176  
Sunday Bible Class 9:45 a.m.  
Worship 10:45 a.m.  
Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Class 7 p.m.  
Search Ministries Sunday 7:30 a.m. Channel 34  
www.searchtv.org

**SUNRAY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
2223 N. 9th, Purcell, OK 73080  
Pastor David Pickard  
527-6808  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship: 10:50 a.m.  
Evening Worship: 5:00 p.m.



### Sunray Baptist Church

God blessed us with warmer weather this past Sunday which gave us the opportunity to join together for worship.

Melisa Dubbs sang "Open Our Eyes, Lord" for the special morning special.

Brother David used Ephesians 6:16-17 for his sermon and said as we look at the Lord's armor, we realize it is for soldiers only.

As Christians, we are to be spiritual soldiers fighting on the battlefield every day. We should take up the shield of faith and do it together as the church.

Without faith, it's not possible to please God. As a church we are to put our faith together, love and forgive each other and march forward. If we do, our lives will have meaning.

We are offered the helmet of salvation, It protects our life and soul forever. It gives us security, our identity and deliverance. Nothing can take us from the love of God. Satan cannot overcome this. He has no power over our souls. We should fight and not give up.

We observed the Lord's Supper at our evening service. Brother David used Luke 22:14-15 and Matthew 26:26 to explain that Jesus had been waiting for this special day since He began His ministry. He was excited to be doing the will of His Father. We are to realize the great debt we had was forgiven by Jesus' death on the cross.

This coming Sunday we will be taking a special offering to benefit BMA missions and our

missionaries around the world.

On March 7 our men will meet early for fellowship and to prepare food for their prayer breakfast will begin at 8:45 a.m.

On Saturday, March 13, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. we will have a churchwide garage sale. All proceeds will go into our sanctuary renovation fund.

If you aren't able to join us in person, you can see our morning worship live on Facebook at 10:50 a.m. Pastor David Pickard and the Sunray Baptist Church family invite you to come be a part of all activities, Sunday school and worship. We are located at 2223 North 9th Street in Purcell. For additional information call 527-6808.

### Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

By Stella Bledsoe

Oklahoma is an interesting place to be a Roman Catholic. Like many native Oklahomans, I was raised in the Southern Baptist denomination. Both my parents were lifelong Baptists. In 1960, our minister preached that if John Kennedy was elected president, the Pope would be in charge of our country.

When I became a Catholic about 34 years ago, I learned that much of what I had been taught about the Church was, at a minimum, not quite on the mark. Many Christian members of my extended family have asked me questions that show much misunderstanding.

I feel that my answers must have made sense because most will call me when they are ill and ask me to pray for them when I pray the rosary.

One of the most common misconceptions is about what we must give up. Since Lent is a time when we "give up" something, this may be a great time to talk about that.

As parents, we often forego some item we want because it is more important to us for our child to have something they need or want. Even if we are very tired, we will press forward if our child needs us

in any way.

We use our adult minds to choose our child over ourselves. Are we "giving up" our life because of our child? No, we are choosing the better of two choices because we are the grown-ups and we know that, at this time, our child's need outweighs our own.

In the same way, we select something to give up for Lent. We don't give up something sinful for Lent because we shouldn't be doing that anyway. We give up something that we like because it helps us each day to remember what Christ gave up for us.

At my job, I passed vending machines multiple times each day. For Lent one year, I gave up anything that could be bought out of those vending machines. I did not give up eating. Basically, I gave up snacking.

Every time I passed the machines, I wanted crackers, chips, candy, or gum. Each time I walked by those machines, I paused to think of Jesus' sacrifice.

One of my friends had a wonderful wardrobe. For Lent one year, she gave up buying any new clothes. Lent is about six and one-half weeks long but

for her, that was forever.

Not only did she not buy new clothes, she saved the money she would have spent and gave it to the poor. Again, her giving up new clothes did not cause her to have nothing to wear. It just caused her to recall on a daily basis what Christ gave up for her.

Jesus does not need us to give up anything. We voluntarily give up something we like because it helps us to take an extra bit of time to think about what He gave.

We are practicing social distancing and everyone is required to protect each other by wearing a mask.

Our Lady of Victory parish is located at the southwest corner of 3rd Street and Jefferson. The office is open Monday through Friday in the morning. The phone number is 527-3077.

Our Facebook page has links to both the English and Spanish weekend masses. Weekend mass services are: English Saturday, 5 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.; Spanish Sunday, 1 p.m. Daily masses are Tuesday, 9 a.m.; Wednesday, 12 noon; Thursday, 7 p.m. (Spanish), and Friday, 9 a.m.

Peace be with you.

### Lexington Westside Church of Christ

And This is...the...Rest of the Story

Have you ever wondered what the famed Georgian native son Lewis Grizzard would have to say about the state of the union today, or what kind of assessment one of the country's greatest voices, Paul Harvey would offer? If you know those two great men, you know we probably could not print what Grizzard would have to say, but Mr. Harvey would tone it down a bit and let us draw the inevitable conclusion.

I pulled up one of his old narratives recently, and I thought: Ah, I bet he'd retell this story in his vintage way, and leave us to draw the conclusion. Listen as we re-tell one of his great "The Rest of Story" narratives. I'm sure he would do it himself if he were able to grace our airwaves today as before.

Mr. Harvey tells the story of a day on the fifth of April, 1912 when the ship, the Californian, sets sail from London, England on its way to Boston, under the direction of Captain Stanley Lord.

On the 14th, shortly before 11 p.m., the ship calls to alert a neighboring ship with which it had made earlier contact that it is stopping for the night. They can see its lights not far in the distance.

That message never goes through because the radio operator on that ship is busy taking incoming messages for its large crew of celebrating passengers. So, the Californian's operator turns off the radio ... and goes to bed at 11:30 p.m.

Still, the officers on deck

of the Californian continue to make contact by Morse lamp with the distant ship, but there is no response.

It's now 2:45 a.m., and Second Officer Herbert Stone sees a white flash appear in the direction of the ship, then five more flashes - rockets, brilliant flares into the night sky, a beautiful light show in the distance.

Officer Stone, puzzled, turns to apprentice Gibson who is on watch with him on the bridge. "A ship isn't going to fire rockets at sea for nothing!" he says, "Look at her now. Her lights look a little odd."

Gibson replies, "And she looks to have the big side out of the water."

But by 2 a.m., their neighboring friend appears to be leaving the area, and all is quiet.

At 4:30 a.m. - when Captain Lord awakes - the two men alert the captain regarding that brilliant light show in the distance.

"And we saw other rockets,

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Wednesday Bible Study- 7:00 pm

## Green Avenue Church of Christ

Wednesday evening Bible classes were canceled because of snow accumulation and low temperatures.

The Sunday morning adult Bible class discussed the importance of being spiritually minded and seeking after what is right.

During the Sunday morning assembly Keith Shackelford spoke on the subject "A Little Too Late," beginning with a look at Luke 13:22-30. The lesson stressed the importance of persistence in searching for the right path and looking in the right place.

The Sunday evening lesson looked at The Most Important Thing. The point was that the most important thing in life is not to be rich, famous or powerful—or to have fun—but to be prepared for eternity.

And further, that the only basis for that preparation is the gospel. It was also noted that it is necessary to work diligently to make that preparation.

The church meets at 407 Jackson and Green Avenue. Worship assemblies are at 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. every Sunday and Bible classes at 9:45 a.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Wednesday.

You can call the office at 527-4052 or email [cofc\\_purcell@hotmail.com](mailto:cofc_purcell@hotmail.com) for correspondence courses or other information.

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## Westside:

too," they say, "coming from the southeast, headed in the direction of the neighboring ship."

Captain Lord thinks the scene is odd, too, so he sends men to awake radio operator Cyril Evans.

An hour later – 5:30 a.m. – the night's news comes across the wire.

As Mr. Stone and Mr. Gibson watched the light show in the distance during the night...the unsinkable ship, the Titanic, sank to the bottom of the ocean.

Just six miles away.

The Californian had radioed to warn the Titanic that night at 7:30 p.m. that they had spotted three huge icebergs in the area.

But the Titanic ignored the warning. And when the Titanic sent its radio pleas out during the night, the Californian's radio operator slept.

He slept.

I'll bravely take on the great Paul Harvey's persona for a moment and say just what he would have said were he alive to tell his story with his dramatic pauses and vintage, perfectly-timed chuckles.

The Titanic, my good Americans...the Titanic is going down...down, down, down.

And all the while...all the while...we sleep.

Paul Harvey, Good day. [coachbowen1984@gmail.com](mailto:coachbowen1984@gmail.com)

## BCBSOK offers plan options during Special Enrollment

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Oklahoma (BCBSOK), is offering multiple health plan options with this week's opening of the federal marketplace's Special Enrollment Period (SEP), in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

The goal of the new enrollment period is to expand access to quality, cost-effective health care to Oklahoma's uninsured population. No proof of a qualifying life event is required to buy a health plan during this new SEP, which runs February 15- May 15, 2021.

"As the state's oldest and largest not-for-profit health insurer, we are committed to providing quality, cost-effective coverage to every person in Oklahoma," said BCBSOK President Joseph R. Cunningham, M.D. "I urge

Oklahomans to look at their options and get covered in these unpredictable times, now more than ever."

With the opening of the SEP, BCBSOK's Mobile Assistance Center (MAC) team of licensed specialists, will travel the state beginning the week of February 22, to help Oklahomans enroll in person, by phone or virtually. BCBSOK's Mobile Assistance Center team can:

- Explain benefits;
- Find the best plan to fit every budget and need;
- Check eligibility for financial assistance.

To see upcoming dates and locations or to set up an appointment, visit [BlueNearYouOK.com](http://BlueNearYouOK.com) or call 888-346-9636.

Bilingual assistance is available.

## Voter registration deadline is March 12

Friday, March 12, is the last day to apply for voter registration in order to be eligible to vote in the Board of Education General/ Municipal General Election, McClain County Election Board Secretary Karen Haley said today.

Haley said that persons who are United States citizens, residents of Oklahoma, and at least 18 years old may apply to become registered voters.

Those who aren't registered or need to change their registration may apply by filling out and mailing an Oklahoma Voter Registration Application form in time for it to be postmarked no later than midnight Friday, March 12.

Haley said applications postmarked after that time will be accepted and processed, but not until after April 6, 2021.

The County Election Board

responds in writing to every person who submits an application for voter registration. The response is either a voter identification card listing the new voter's precinct number and polling place location or a letter that explains the reason or reasons the application for voter registration was not approved.

Haley said any person who has submitted a voter registration application and who has not received a response within 30 days should contact the County Election Board office.

Oklahoma Voter Registration Application forms are available at the County Election Board office, located at 121 N. Second Avenue, in Purcell and at most post offices, tag agencies and public libraries in the county. Applications also are available at [www.elections.ok.gov](http://www.elections.ok.gov).



• Photo provided

## Ice fishing

Despite the freezing temperatures, two kayakers enjoy some ice fishing on the Purcell City Lake.

## Courthouse News

The following persons have been charged by the State of Oklahoma with traffic or other violations or have filed other court actions in McClain County District Court between January 7-13, 2021.

| Traffic  |
|--|
| None filed.  |
| Misdemeanors   |
| William E. Gonzalez, eluding/attempting to elude police officer.                   |
| Ariann S. Heim, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.                         |
| Adam S. Lopez, leaving scene of accident involving damage.                         |
| Michael A. Williams Jr., protective order violation.                               |
| Trevor J. Wise, malicious injury to property, under \$1,000.                       |
| Felonies   |
| Alice D. Bullock, assault, battery or assault and battery with a dangerous weapon. |
| Roger T. Cook, unauthorized use of a vehicle.                                      |
| Jimmy D. Smith, larceny of automobile, aircraft/other motor vehicle.               |
| Meagan N. Weins unauthorized use of a vehicle.                                     |
| Small Claims   |

No. 101-February 25-2 Times NOTICE OF INVITATION FOR SEALED BIDS FOR AGRICULTURAL LEASE OF CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL AREAS LOCATED WITHIN THE BOUNDARY OF THE TOWN OF GOLDSBY IN GOLDSBY, MCCLAIN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA.

The Town of Goldsby will accept sealed bids for an agricultural lease for approximately 19 farmable acres of the property owned and located within the Town of Goldsby, McClain County, Oklahoma. The area excludes areas of the property used for the park, walking trails and other areas which are reserved in connection with the operation of the Town of Goldsby.

Sealed bids will be received on March 18, 2021 at 4:00pm. Bids will be received at the office of the Clerk/Treasurer of the Town of Goldsby, 100 East Center Road, Goldsby, Oklahoma 73093. Bids received after 4:00 pm March 18, 2021 will not be opened and will not be eligible for consideration. The sealed bid must be legible, must clearly state the bid amount per acre per year. The bid must identify the bidder and should include the bidder's contact address and contact telephone number. The envelope or wrapper in which the bid is submitted must not identify the bidder and should clearly state "2021 Town of Goldsby Agricultural Lease Bid."

The Town of Goldsby has established a reserve price of \$65.00 per acre per year. If a Minimum Bid of at least \$65.00 per acre per year is not received a lease contract will not be awarded.

The term of the lease is six (6)

No. 100-February 18-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JERRY N. GEORGE, Deceased.

Case No. PB-2020-82 NOTICE OF HEARING FIRST AND FINAL ACCOUNT, PETITION FOR DECREE OF DISTRIBUTION AND DISCHARGE OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Notice is hereby given that Joanna K. George, the duly appointed and qualified Personal Representative of the Estate of Jerry N. George, Deceased, has filed her Final Account, Petition for Decree of Distribution and Discharge of Personal Representative. A hearing has been fixed by the Judge of the Court for the 18th day of March 2021, at 9:30

None filed.

**Civil**  
Discover Bank v. Ashley M. Brown, civil action \$10,000 or less.  
Heidi Hembree vs. Bruce Bumpus, civil action \$10,000 or less.  
Midland Credit Management vs. Anthony Grant, civil action \$10,000 or less.  
Midland Credit Management vs. Tricia Pierce, civil action \$10,000 or less.  
Midland Credit Management vs. Sherry Steavenson, civil action \$10,000 or less.  
Steel Thinking, Inc. vs. H&H Construction, civil action \$10,000 or more.

**Marriages Filed**  
William A. Glover, 48, of Purcell and Rebecca A. Deaton, 43, of Lexington.  
Danny D. Tate, 57, and Melissa D. Heath, 49, both of Purcell.  
Michael B. Seabourn, 48, of Blanchard and Joanna E. Hedrick, 59, of Purcell.

**Divorces Granted**  
Regina L. Singleton vs. Jamie D.R. Singleton.

months and term and rent will commence October 1, 2021. However, in the case of growing bean crops, the former Lessee shall have the right to enter the lands and harvest the growing crops before November 30, 2021. Annual Cash Rental shall be payable no later than 15 days after notice of award is given.

The lease contract contains numerous material restrictions and conditions. The Town of Goldsby uses are paramount and the lease may be terminated for any part of the leased property which shall be needed for Town of Goldsby or governmental purposes.

Prospective bidders must inspect the property and review the lease contract form (the Review Form) prior to bidding. The Review Form is available for review at the offices of the Clerk/Treasurer of the Town of Goldsby at 100 East Center Road, Goldsby, Oklahoma.

Upon the approval of the Trustees of the Town of Goldsby, a lease in form and substance substantially like the Review Form may be awarded to a responsible bidder bidding the highest annual cash rental per acre. The Trustees of the Town of Goldsby reserve the right to reject all bids. If a lease is so awarded, the lease contract must be signed by the lessee and returned to the Clerk/Treasurer of the Town of Goldsby within fifteen (15) days after notice of the award is given.

**CORRECTIONS AND ADDENDUMS TO THIS NOTICE ANNOUNCED PRIOR TO THE SEALED BIDS MAY SUPERCEDE THIS NOTICE.**

The Board of Trustees of the Town of Goldsby  
Sandy Jenkins, Secretary

a.m., in the District Courtroom of Judge Charles N. Gray, County Courthouse, Purcell, McClain County, Oklahoma, and all persons interested in the Estate are notified to appear and show cause, if any they have, why the Account should not be settled and allowed, the Estate distributed and the Personal Representative discharged.

DATED this 12th day of February 2021.  
CHARLES GRAY  
ASSOCIATE  
DISTRICT JUDGE  
JUDGE OF DISTRICT COURT  
James B. Blevins, Jr., OBA #881  
Carrie Kopp, OBA #21731  
Blevins & Associates Law, PLLC  
138 W. Main/P.O. Box 1565  
Purcell, OK 73080  
Phone: 405-527-7575  
Fax: 405-527-7574  
Attorney for Personal Representative

## Legal Publication

No. 107-February 25-1 Time IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM MCKINLEY HAWK, JR., Deceased, and ELLEN FINLEY HAWK, Deceased.

CASE NO. PB-2021-19 NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL, ANCILLARY PROBATE OF WILL, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons interested in the Estates of William McKinley Hawk, Jr., deceased, and of Ellen Finley Hawk, deceased, that on the 23rd day of February, 2021, KAREN HAWK LITTLE, now RIESBERG and LAURA HAWK CUSHING produced in the District Court of McClain County, Oklahoma, an instrument in writing purporting to be the Last Will and Testaments of William McKinley Hawk, Jr., deceased, and of Ellen Finley Hawk, deceased, and also filed in said Court their Petition, together with a copy of said Will praying for

the probate of the Will and asking that Letters Testamentary issued to KAREN HAWK LITTLE, now RIESBERG and LAURA HAWK CUSHING as Co-Personal Representatives and for a judicial determination of the heirs, devisees and legatees of said Decedent. Pursuant to an Order of this Court made on the 23rd day of February, 2021, notice is hereby given that on the 18th day of March, 2021, at 9:30 o'clock a.m., the Petition will be heard before the Honorable Judge Charles Gray, in his chambers in the McClain County Courthouse, Purcell, Oklahoma, when and where all persons interested may appear and contest the same.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 23rd day of February, 2021.

CHARLES GRAY  
ASSOCIATE  
DISTRICT JUDGE  
Judge of the District Court  
/s/ Bill C. Lester  
BILL C. LESTER (OBA #5389)  
Attorney for Personal Representative  
212 West Main - P.O. Box 1407  
Purcell, OK 73080  
(405) 527-5623

No. 94-February 11-3 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Troy Madden and Regina Sue Madden, husband and wife, Plaintiffs, vs. The Eastern Oklahoma Railway Company, a Domestic for profit Corporation in existence prior to Oklahoma Statehood, Oklahoma Secretary of State Filing Number 1900004777, and its successors and assigns, and each of them, if any, of The Eastern Oklahoma Railway Company, a Domestic for profit Corporation in existence prior to Oklahoma Statehood, Oklahoma Secretary of State Filing Number 1900004777, its successors and assigns, Defendants.

No. CJ 2021-10 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: The Eastern Oklahoma Railway Company, a Domestic for profit Corporation in existence prior to Oklahoma Statehood, Oklahoma Secretary of State Filing Number 1900004777, its successors and assigns.

You are hereby notified that Troy Madden and Regina Sue Madden, husband and wife, as Plaintiffs, have filed in the District Court of McClain County, State of Oklahoma, their petition against you to declare any interest you might claim in the following described real property to be inferior to the interests of Troy Madden and Regina Sue Madden, husband and wife, and to quiet their title in and to the following described real property located in McClain County, Oklahoma, to wit:

All of the right of way possessed, used, or owned by the Defendants situated in the Southeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter [SE/4 SE/4] of Section 26, Township Five [5] North, Range Two [2] East, I.B.M., McClain County, Oklahoma, commencing with and South of, the center line of Ripley Street, in the Town of Byars, Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof;

That the Plaintiffs are the owners of the said real property; that the defendant, claims some right, title or interest in and to said real property adverse to the Plaintiffs, which constitutes a cloud on the

Plaintiffs' title; and praying that the Plaintiffs have judgment against the Defendants, The Eastern Oklahoma Railway Company, a Domestic for profit Corporation in existence prior to Oklahoma Statehood, Oklahoma Secretary of State Filing Number 1900004777, and its successors and assigns, and each of them, if any, of The Eastern Oklahoma Railway Company, a Domestic for profit Corporation in existence prior to Oklahoma Statehood, Oklahoma Secretary of State Filing Number 1900004777, and its successors and assigns, and each of them, if any, of The Eastern Oklahoma Railway Company, a Domestic for profit Corporation in existence prior to Oklahoma Statehood, Oklahoma Secretary of State Filing Number 1900004777, and its successors and assigns, and each of them, if any, of Mildred Bratcher, must answer the petition filed by the Plaintiff on or before the 1st day of June, 2021, or said petition will be taken as true, and judgment rendered adjudging and decreeing that the Defendants, The Eastern Oklahoma Railway Company, a Domestic for profit Corporation in existence prior to Oklahoma Statehood, Oklahoma Secretary of State Filing Number 1900004777, and its successors and assigns, and each of them, if any, have no interest in and to the captioned lands superior to that of the Plaintiffs, and that their title be quieted in the above described lands.

That said Defendants, The Eastern Oklahoma Railway Company, a Domestic for profit Corporation in existence prior to Oklahoma Statehood, Oklahoma Secretary of State Filing Number 1900004777, and its successors and assigns, and each of them, if any, have no interest in and to the captioned lands superior to that of the Plaintiffs, and that their title be quieted in the above described lands.

Given under my hand seal this 5th day of February, 2021.

(Seal)  
Kristel Gray, Court Clerk  
L. Dee Oliphant, OBA 6767  
Attorney for Plaintiffs  
P.O. Box 996  
Purcell, Oklahoma 73080  
[405] 613-0161  
Email: [Ideeoilphant@msn.com](mailto:Ideeoilphant@msn.com)

STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
Advertisement to Contractors - March 18, 2021  
10:30 A.M. Bid Opening

Plans and proposals for this bid opening will be ready for sale on February 25, 2021. No bidding proposals will be issued to any Contractor after March 17, 2021 10:30 A.M. The cost for each bidding proposal is \$50.00 + tax. State Standard Specifications may be purchased by contacting Office Services Division. No refunds will be made for bidding documents or specification books purchased.

Sample proposals, preliminary plans, long form and short form notices, order forms, bid tabs and awards, can be accessed on ODOT's Web site: <http://www.okladot.state.ok.us/contracts/index.htm>

Bids must be prepared as directed by the State Standard Specifications. Unless otherwise specified, bids for all projects must be submitted over the internet to Bid Express (<http://www.bidx.com>) using AASHTOware Project Bids. Instructions for using Bid Express, Project Bids, and the electronic bidding process are available from the Office Engineer Division. When written bids are allowed, sealed proposals may be delivered directly to the Office Engineer Division prior to the scheduled bid opening. For written bids, do not disassemble the bidding proposal in any way.

Any firm bidding a project as a joint venture must complete the "Request for Joint Venture" form, which is posted on the ODOT website, prior to the bid opening.

Unless otherwise specified in the proposal, all bids must be submitted with a proposal guaranty equal to 5% of the bid total.

A Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at 10:00 A.M. on March 05, 2021 concerning this March 18, 2021 10:30 A.M. bid opening in the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) Commission Room. Submit any questions or concerns to the Office Engineer Division via email: [ODOT-Prebid.Question@odot.org](mailto:ODOT-Prebid.Question@odot.org), fax: 405-522-0972, or phone: (405) 521-2625. Please include the words "Pre-bid question(s)" along with the call order and the bid opening date of the project in question in the subject line of the correspondence.

Plans, proposals, and specifications may be examined for free in the ODOT plan reading room, in the Office Engineer Division in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma or on the ODOT website. The minimum wage to be paid laborers and mechanics employed on this project shall be included in the proposal.

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) ensures that no person or groups of persons shall, on the grounds of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, retaliation or genetic information, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any and all programs, services, or activities administered by ODOT, its recipients, sub-recipients, and contractors. To request an accommodation please contact the ADA Coordinator at 405-521-4140 or the Oklahoma Relay Service at 1-800-722-0353. If you have any ADA or Title VI questions email [ODOT-ada-titlevi@odot.org](mailto:ODOT-ada-titlevi@odot.org).

Description of work and location of project:

STP-244C(072)PM SH-59 MCCLAIN  
GRADE, DRAIN, SURFACE, AND BRIDGE  
SH-59: FROM 5.6 MILES SOUTH OF THE SH-39 JUNCTION, EXTEND NORTH NEAR CRINER.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
- By: TIM GATZ, Director.

Call Order: 755  
JP NO. 29459(04)

# Obituaries

## Creston Barnes

Creston Barnes, 50, of Paoli, Oklahoma passed away Friday, February 19, 2021 at his father and mother's home in Durant, Oklahoma.



He was born on May 1, 1970 in Aza-Kuwae, Chatan-son, Okinawa, Japan to Al Creston Barnes and Patricia Alice Mink Barnes. Creston was raised in Sulphur where he graduated high school in 1989. In 1991, he completed Diesel Mechanics at Canadian Valley Technology Center in El Reno, Oklahoma. He owned and operated Barnes Trucking and Construction and was primary operator of BBB Cattle along with his father and grandfather.

Creston was an excellent equipment operator, welder and fabricator. He enjoyed building steel buildings, farming and cattle ranching in Murray and Garvin Counties, which was his true enjoyment. He was a man of few words and when he spoke it was wise to listen. Creston was dedicated to his employees and associates and was always willing to help a friend and would make personal and financial sacrifice to help someone in need.

He is survived by his partner, Diana Cannon of Paoli, Oklahoma; parents, Al and Patricia Barnes of Durant, Oklahoma; sister, Sheli Stovall and husband, Shane, of Kingston, Oklahoma; niece, Dylan Stovall; nephew, Tyler Stovall and partner, Lexi Damron; great nephew, Kole Stovall; grandparents, Doyle and Mildred Mink of Kingston, Oklahoma, along with several beloved aunts and cousins.

Creston was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Leo E. Barnes and Geneva Barnes.

Celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, February 27, 2021 at the Calvary Baptist Church, 1000 W. 12th St. Sulphur, OK 73086. James Swain will officiate the service. Services will be under the direction of Watts Funeral Home, Madill, Oklahoma.

Condolences may be sent to [wattsfuneralhome.com](http://wattsfuneralhome.com).

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123 or a charity of your choice.

## Rose Margaret "Margo" Cary

Rose Margaret "Margo" Cary, 77, of Washington, died Saturday, February 20, 2021, at her home. The daughter of Vincent John Steffens and Violet Inez (Loper) Steffens, she was born October 18, 1943, in Hinton, Oklahoma.

Margo married David Lynn Cary on November 18, 1960, in Chickasha. She attended the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Norman. In her spare time, she enjoyed cooking, sewing, fishing, and watching OU sports.

She was an avid reader and enjoyed different types of novels, and especially loved reading her Bible. Her greatest enjoyment came from spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter-in-law, Toni Cary; a grandson, Levi Cary; three brothers, Vinny, Joe, and Mike; and two sisters, Cecelia and Teresa.

Margo is survived by her husband of 60 years, David Cary of Washington; two sons, Leroy Cary and wife, Jennifer, of Moore, and Danny Cary of Washington; two grandchildren, Dawson Cary and Jesse Cary, both of Washington; two sisters, Anita Moore of Blanchard and Paula Elliott and husband, Gary, of Nicoma Park; and many other loved ones and friends.

A private family memorial service will be held at a later date. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Eisenhour Funeral Home of Blanchard.

Online obituary and guestbook are available at [www.eisenhourfh.com](http://www.eisenhourfh.com).

## Ora Sterling

Funeral services for Ora Sterling, 62, of Lexington were held Feb. 22, 2021 at the Wilson-Little Funeral Home Chapel. Interment was at the Washington Cemetery under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Mrs. Sterling died unexpectedly Feb. 17, 2021.

Ora Marie Jay was born Aug. 8, 1958 in Lawton, Okla., the fourth of six children of James Easter Jay and Jean Elizabeth (Lansdale) Jay.

Survivors include her husband, Gary of the home; two daughters, Crystal Browning and husband, Tom Utterback, of Midwest City and Wendy Joslin of Oklahoma City; three sisters, Winnie Mae Bjork and husband, Charles, of Lexington, Gale McCarrell and husband, Rick, of Purcell and Joye Allen and husband, Scott, Adams of Ada; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Online condolences may be made at [wilsonlittle.com](http://wilsonlittle.com).

Wilson-Little Funeral Home • 127 S. Canadian • Purcell • 527-6543

## Charles Jefferson Thomas

Funeral services for Charles Jefferson Thomas, 84, of Lexington, formerly of Maysville, will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, March 1, 2021 at Winans Funeral Home Chapel in Maysville with Bro. Johnny Tyler officiating. Interment will be at the Fort Sill National Cemetery in Elgin under the direction of Winans Funeral Home in Maysville.

Mr. Thomas died Feb. 20, 2021 in Lexington.

He was born Sept. 22, 1936 in Shelbyville, Ill., the son of Elbert J. and Geniva (Agney) Thomas.

Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Naomi of Lexington; sons, Tony Thomas of Noble and Danny Thomas and wife, Kathy, of Noble; daughters, Janet Thomas of Ada and Teresa Thomas of Wynnewood; brothers, Bobby Thomas of Shelbyville, Ill., Elbert Thomas and wife, Joy, of Tennessee, and Jackey Thomas and wife, Gay, of Illinois; sisters, Barbara Thomas of Shelbyville, Ill., and Carol Abbott of Matoon, Ill.; 12 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

## Terri Ann Margagliano

Terri Ann Margagliano died February 16, 2021 in Purcell, Okla., at the age of 60 years 11 months 29 days. Funeral Services were held Saturday, February 20, 2021 at Wadley's Funeral Chapel. Interment will follow at Hillside Cemetery, entrusted to the care of Wadley's Funeral Service. Online condolences may be made at [www.wadleysfuneralservice.com](http://www.wadleysfuneralservice.com).



Terri was born February 18, 1960 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to Tommie Ray and Dolores Ann "Cissy" (Cody) Huddleston. She was raised in Oklahoma City before the family moved to Hereford, Texas. After three years in Texas, Tom and Cissy relocated the family to Purcell, where Terri graduated high school in 1978.

Terri continued her education becoming a Certified Nurse Aide and working in home health for years. She also worked with her father in Oklahoma City and for the Purcell City Hall for a few years, before becoming a dispatcher with Wadley's EMS. Terri was caretaker to her parents in their last years.

She loved spending time with her children and grandchildren when she could. Terri was loyal and social, and turned to Facebook to keep track of her friends after she became ill. She was obsessed with Fox news, and her dog, Penny.

Terri enjoyed shopping, playing Uno and Yahtzee. She was quick witted, always with a joke or a little saying. Terri loved going out to eat, traveling, especially to see family in Colorado, and collecting pigs and angels.

Terri was preceded in death by her parents, Tom and Cissy Huddleston.

She is survived by her daughters, Julie Beck and significant other, Dave Thompson, of Tulsa and Elizabeth Staggs and husband, Joel, of Purcell; her grandchildren, Noah Allen of Tulsa and Jaxson and Avery Staggs of Purcell; her brother, Mike Huddleston and wife, Jessica, of Ada; her nephew, Matthew Huddleston and wife, Leandra, of Ada; her niece, Allison Huddleston; her close friends, Janie, Jackie and Adam Wadley; and numerous cousins, and other family and friends.

A special thank you to Healthback Home Health and Ila Cardona for the years of service and assistance for Terri.

Wadley's Funeral Service, Inc. 303 W. Washington • P.O. Box 903 • Purcell, OK • (405) 527-6687

## Billy Gene Stephens

Funeral services for Billy Gene Stephens, 83, of Cromwell, Okla., were held Feb. 23, 2021 at the Wilson-Little Funeral Home Chapel. Interment was at Hillside Cemetery in Purcell under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Mr. Stephens died Feb. 18, 2021 at St. Anthony Hospital in Shawnee.

Billy, known as B.G., was born in Oklahoma City, the youngest of three children of Wilburn 'Webb' Stephens and Minnie Elizabeth (McWaters) Stephens.

He is survived by his boys, Bill 'BJ' Stephens and fiancé, Sharon, of Cromwell, Tony Stephens, Terry Stephens, Kent Owings of Bethany and Kelly Owings of Lexington; daughters, Gay Stephens and Kenna Campbell and husband, Roger, of Bethel Acres, Okla.; sister, Lueva Norman of Stanton, Texas; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson, Kaeson and a host of other family and friends.

Online condolences may be made at [wilsonlittle.com](http://wilsonlittle.com).

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## River Dawn Nunn

River Dawn Nunn was laid in her mom and dad's arms on Feb. 18, 2021, and they held her for a short period of time, but will love her for a lifetime.

River was a perfect baby, formed in the image of God, and now she rests in the loving arms of Jesus.

River is survived by her mom and dad, Emmy Hobson and John Thomas Nunn Jr., and numerous other family members, whose hearts are saddened that they never met her.

Psalm 139 reminds us that God Knows Everything.

Lord, you have examined me. You know all about me. You know when I sit down and when I get up. You know my thoughts before I think them. You know well everything I do. Your knowledge is amazing to me. It is more than I can understand. Where can I go to get away from your Spirit?

You made my whole being. You formed me in my mother's body. I praise you because you made me in an amazing and wonderful way.

Private family services will be held. Please remember this family in your thoughts and prayers.

Online condolences may be made at [wilsonlittle.com](http://wilsonlittle.com).

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## Robin Hammonds

Funeral services for Robin Hammonds, 56, of Noble were held Feb. 22, 2021 at the Wilson-Little Funeral Home. Interment was at the Lexington Cemetery under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Mrs. Hammonds died unexpectedly Feb. 15, 2021.

Robin Janine Weidman was born Oct. 27, 1964 in Oklahoma City, the third of five children of Herbert Peter Weidman and Thelma Ruth (Archer) Weidman.

Survivors include her husband, Larry Hammonds of the home; son, Mattew Hammonds and wife, Amanda, of Noble; daughters, Lindsay Hammonds of Oklahoma City, Sara Hammonds and fiancé, Nick Bridgeford, of Noble and Kelli Hammonds of Norman; brother, Mark Weidman and wife, Kathy, of Norman; sisters, Sandra Mayo and husband, James, of Norman and Tracy Weidman of Lexington; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Online condolences may be made at [wilsonlittle.com](http://wilsonlittle.com).

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## Tammie Sterling

Graveside services for Tammie Sterling, 61, of Lexington were held Feb. 21, 2021 at the Box Cemetery east of Lexington. Services were under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Ms. Sterling died Feb. 13, 2021, at Norman Regional Hospital. She was born Jan. 24 1960 in Woodward, one of two daughters of Melvin Roy Spencer and Mildred Irene (Edwards) Spencer.

Survivors include her daughter, Jessica Payne of Noble; son, Jessie Payne of Noble; sister, Angela Finzer of Nebraska and four grandchildren.

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## Taxes:

for color.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) and AARP Tax Aide will not be available at PLS libraries during this tax year. However, the volunteer organizations are offering one-on-one tax assistance at other community sites.

Locally, VITA will offer services from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays at the CBSI Building, 1183 E. Main St. in Norman, through the United Way of Norman. The service is available for individuals with an income of less than \$56,000 per year.

VITA also is offering assistance for residents of Oklahoma and Canadian counties from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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## Pandemic:

of high school girls to help with the production end of preparing the food for delivery. She makes all the deliveries except on Saturdays, when her daughter helps out.

COVID-19 caused her to lose about 75 percent of her restaurant business, Papitos said, so she's happy to have found viable markets for her Made-in-Oklahoma food.

Most of the items sold at the Arcadia Farmers Market General Store are grown or made in central Oklahoma, said manager Lori Seagraves.

The shelves are stocked with

Monday through Friday at the Community Action Agency of Oklahoma City, 319 SW 25th St., and the Canadian County Community Center, 203 N. Bickford in El Reno.

More information on in-person AARP Tax Aide assistance is available through the organization's website at [www.taxaide.aarpfoundation.org](http://www.taxaide.aarpfoundation.org).

Online tax assistance also is available via many resources. Access a list through the IRS website at [www.irs.treasury.gov/freetaxprep](http://www.irs.treasury.gov/freetaxprep).

Find out more by contacting or visiting any PLS library, or through the library's Tax Resources page at [www.pioneer-librarysystem.org/2020-taxes](http://www.pioneer-librarysystem.org/2020-taxes).

locally raised meat, whole milk from a family dairy, farm-fresh eggs, cheese, local honey and colorful jars of home-canned pickles, relish and jam.

Also available are in-season produce, specialty teas, gourmet coffee, skin care products, gluten-free flour and bread mixes, Butcher Barbecue sauces and rubs and maple and chocolate candy.

Some of the vendors donate a portion of their proceeds to charitable causes.

*Burk is the publicist for the Arcadia Farmers Market.*

No. 108-February 25-1 Time BEFORE THE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA APPLICANT: RIMROCK RESOURCE PARTNERS, LLC RELIEF SOUGHT: POOLING (PART OF A MULTIUNIT HORIZONTAL WELL) LEGAL DESCRIPTION: SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 5 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, MCCLAIN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA CAUSE CD NO. 202100265-T NOTICE OF HEARING TO ALL PERSONS, OWNERS, PRODUCERS, OPERATORS, PURCHASERS AND TAKERS OF OIL AND GAS, INCLUDING Citizen Energy III, LLC, Rimrock Resource Partners, LLC as agent for Cornerstone Petroleum Midcon, LLC, Rimrock Mineral Partners, LLC; Cornerstone Mineral Partners, LLC; Cornerstone Petroleum Midcon, LLC; and all persons if living or if deceased, their known and unknown successors and all corporations existing and if dissolved its known and unknown successors and all persons having an interest in the lands covered hereby, particularly in McClain County, Oklahoma.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Applicant requests that the Commission pool the interests and adjudicate the rights and equities of oil and gas owners in the Woodford common source of supply underlying the 640-acre horizontal drilling and spacing unit described as Section 34, Township 5 North, Range 4 West, McClain County, Oklahoma and designate Applicant or some other party as operator of the proposed well and all subsequent wells drilled in the unit; and that Applicant be given one year to commence operations for the drilling or other operations with respect to the unit. The Applicant additionally requests that this pooling be a unit pooling.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this cause be set before an Administrative Law Judge for hearing, taking of evidence and reporting to the Commission.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this cause will be heard before

an Administrative Law Judge on the Initial Hearing Docket at the Corporation Commission, Eastern Regional Office, 440 South Houston, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 74127, at 8:30 a.m. on the 22nd day of March 2021 and that this Notice be published as required by law and the rules of the Commission. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, access to the Robert S. Kerr Building in Tulsa is restricted. The referenced hearing may be conducted via teleconference or videoconference. Before coming to the building for this hearing, please visit the Oklahoma Corporation Commission website at [www.occeweb.com](http://www.occeweb.com) to determine the status of building access. Instructions for participating via teleconference or videoconference are available on the Commission's website.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that in the event this cause is uncontested, the Applicant, its representatives, witnesses and other proponents of the Applicant may appear and testify by telephone. The cost of telephonic communication shall be paid by the person or persons requesting its use. Interested parties who wish to participate by telephone shall contact the Applicant or Applicant's attorney, prior to the hearing date, and provide their name and phone number.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all interested persons may appear and be heard. For information concerning this action, contact Jessica Campbell, Rimrock Resource Partners, LLC, 20 East 5th Street, Suite 1300, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103, 918/301-4572 or Ron M. Barnes or Grayson Barnes, BARNES LAW, PLLC, 1648 S. Boston Avenue, Ste. 100, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74119, 918/382-8686.

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# Gov. Stitt's managed care plan complicates Medicaid Expansion Funding plan

Trevor Brown  
Oklahoma Watch

More than half a year after voters approved a state question that will require Oklahoma to offer health coverage to more than 200,000 low-income adults, state officials are still unsure how they'll pay it.

The passage of State Question 802 last June started a countdown for the state to start enrolling newly eligible Oklahomans in the state's Medicaid program, known as SoonerCare, by July 1.

But, with Oklahoma's legislative session underway, there still isn't an agreement on how the state will fund it.

And Gov. Kevin Stitt's recent push to privatize SoonerCare now threatens to sink a previously agreed-upon deal that would use cost offsets and an increase in a fee hospitals pay to cover the state's expected \$162 million share of the costs.

As a result, lawmakers and the governor will need to simultaneously weigh whether to revamp the state's Medicaid program and decide how to fund the new expansion group before the session ends in May. With the future of SoonerCare hanging in the balance, the stakes are high for Oklahoma,

which has the nation's second-highest uninsured rate and routinely ranks among the least healthy states.

And as things often are at the State Capitol, the debate between the two will be at least somewhat intertwined with battling lobbying groups and



ideologies pulling lawmakers in different directions.

"A million things can happen," said Rep. Marcus McEntire, R-Duncan, who chairs the House Appropriations and Budget Subcommittee on Health. "Really right now, things are just up in the air."

### How We Got Here

On first glance, funding the voter-approved Medicaid expansion didn't seem as com-

plicated as some previously feared. When Stitt unveiled his proposed budget early this month, he returned to a familiar idea to pay for the bulk of the state's share of the expansion's cost: upping the Supplemental Hospital Offset Payment Program.

The Supplemental Hospital Offset Payment Program, started in 2012 with the support of the Oklahoma Hospital Association, is a provider fee paid by 65 hospitals in the state.

Money from the fees are used to leverage federal Medicaid matching funds and help shore up the state's Medicaid program.

Stitt similarly proposed increasing the fee (which would generate \$118 million a year) last year when he tried to advance his own Medicaid expansion plan, called SoonerCare 2.0, before the SQ 802 vote.

Unlike the expansion plan approved by voters, his plan would have sought a federal waiver to move to a block-grant model, add work requirements and require many enrollees to pay some premiums.

At the time, hospital leaders signaled they were OK with the added fee since the benefits from expanding Medicaid far outweighed the cost of increasing the fee from 2.5 percent to 4 percent. With the blessing of the hospital industry, the Legislature sent Stitt a bill doing exactly what he wanted

But Stitt ended up vetoing that bill when he decided to nix his own plan that would've made Medicaid expansion take effect last summer. Among his reasons for the reversal: concerns over increased costs because more Oklahomans would be eligible for the subsidized health coverage amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Though voters approved a constitutional mandate that the state fund the expansion by July 1, Stitt's return to his original proposal to increase the Supplemental Hospital Offset Payment Program fee created a new road block.

### Managed Care Debate Complicates Medicaid Funding Plan

Before the legislative session began, Stitt and state health leaders announced contracts that will shift SoonerCare from a fee-for-service model to a managed care model that pays for-profit companies a set monthly fee, based on the number of Medicaid enrollees, to provide the care.

The governor argues that this

will keep costs down while improving health outcomes

But Oklahoma's medical and hospital community has come out strongly against it, saying it will lead to higher administrative costs and discourage providers from accepting Medicaid patients for fear of reduced reimbursements and delayed payments.

Oklahoma Hospital Association Patti Davis said now the group has concerns that increasing the supplemental hospital fee while moving ahead with managed care will leave hospitals — particularly rural hospitals — vulnerable.

"We thought we had an agreement last year with the governor," she said. "And our agreement was we would work with the (Oklahoma Health Care Authority) on value-based programs and budget-stability programs instead of going to commercial managed care. So the environment has changed significantly for us since last spring."

Without the backing from the hospital community, it is unclear if there will be legislative support to use the supplemental hospital fee to pay for the majority of expansion costs if managed care remains a part of the picture.

Rep. Justin Humphrey, R-Lane, who penned a letter co-signed by 10 other Republican House lawmakers to Stitt in December opposing the managed care move, said he now sees the Medicaid funding decision directly linked to whether the move to managed care can be reversed.

In the coming weeks, Humphrey said he and many other lawmakers, especially those with endangered rural hospitals in their area, will lean heavily on local medical leaders.

"I'm not a medical expert so what I do is I go talk to my medical experts," he said. "So we're going to get on a group text and the minute I hear something, I'm going to group text them and say, 'how are we going to vote?'"

Democratic lawmakers too have reservations about managed care and increasing the supplemental hospital fee if the managed care plan proceeds.

Rep. Forrest Bennett, D-Oklahoma City, said he and other members of his caucus want to have more discussions with all stakeholders, including hospital administrators, before they make a decision.

But, sharing frustrations with Republican lawmakers

who have criticized Stitt for shutting lawmakers out of the process, Bennett added that these discussions should have been happening since State Question 802 passed.

"I feel these conversations should have happened in a more public way between lawmakers and the governor," he said. The debate over the future of the state's Medicaid program already has sparked political tensions early this session.

Senate Floor Leader Kim David, R-Porter, who supports the managed care move, was censured and briefly sidelined from her leadership duties by Senate Pro Tem Greg Treat, R-Oklahoma City, after she commented during a press conference that lawmakers opposing managed care "don't exactly understand what the concept is." The official reprimand was first reported by NonDoc.

### What Could Happen Next?

Lawmakers will need to again approve a bill if they want to increase the supplemental hospital fee. But if that doesn't

happen, the Legislature and governor will need to find a new way to pay for the Medicaid expansion.

According to the governor's office, Stitt's proposed budget already accounts for \$70 million in cost offset, or savings, because of the expansion. This includes nearly \$30 million in mental health savings that, without the expansion, would need to be fully paid by the state.

Stitt and other opponents of State Question 802 issued warnings during the lead up to the vote that its approval would trigger "higher taxes and cuts to core services." But a spokeswoman for the governor said those options are not on the table.

"At the end of the day, a majority of Oklahomans voted to expand Medicaid," said Carly Atchison, director of strategic communications at the governor's office.

Please see **Medicaid**, page 16A

## Local residents invited to take community health needs survey

TSET Healthy Living Program (HLP) serving McClain County is asking for your input! The HLP is working with a community-led collaborative group to disseminate a Community Needs Assessment survey to residents throughout the entire county. These surveys address the community's health needs in areas of food availability/nutrition, tobacco, and physical activity.

The TSET Healthy Living Program is striving to obtain 500 survey responses per city/town within McClain County. Survey results will be shared with the entire county and will address important health needs as identified by the community. The survey will also help the HLP staff develop intervention strategies to help meet the needs of the community.

"Local residents can offer their opinions, concerns and insights by taking a community health needs assessment survey", said Ariel Anglin, lead coordinator of the TSET Healthy Living Program grant in McClain County. "Your experiences and opinions on health environments in our communities really matter and we want to hear from you." Anglin said.

Accessing the survey is easy — simply turn on your phone's camera or QR code-reading app and focus on the QR that accompanies this article, or by visiting: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/McClain\\_CommunitySurvey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/McClain_CommunitySurvey)

Improving the health of residents in targeted geographic locations throughout Oklahoma is a priority for a new TSET HLP five-year cycle that started on July 1, 2020. The Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust — TSET — awarded the grants to 35 lead agencies, including Norman Regional Health System, in spring 2020.

This grant's first year is dedicated to gathering health-related data from U.S. Census information and other research-based sources, and by seeking local input from community partners and this health needs survey. That information will be used to create a localized data-driven plan to improve the long-term health of area residents.

"Hearing about your experiences with access to healthy foods and physical activity and to tobacco-free environments through this survey will help us create a comprehensive wellness plan that fits and works best locally in McClain County," Anglin said.

For more information about the community needs survey or the TSET Healthy Living Program, contact Ariel Anglin, [aanglin@nrh-ok.com](mailto:aanglin@nrh-ok.com).



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## From the booth

**Purcell broadcast** crew Kyle Ginn, Cade Smith and Ryan Maynard sit courtside during Purcell's District basketball games against Davis Monday Night. Both Purcell teams won District titles.

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## Medicaid:

"Despite potential funding challenges, Gov. Stitt is committed to ensuring Oklahomans do not pay more in taxes and that there are no cuts to core services. This is a part of his legislative agenda to deliver taxpayers more for their money."

Lawmakers said they weren't ready to discuss specific alternatives if the supplemental hospital fee isn't approved. But one option is using savings or extra revenue after the Board of Equalization reported this week that lawmakers will have the ability to spend \$1.2 billion more than what officials believed would be available when Stitt built his budget proposal.

The future of the managed care debate also is far from settled.

Oklahoma State Medical Association, Oklahoma Dental Association, Oklahoma Osteopathic Association, Oklahoma Society of Anesthesiologists and the Oklahoma chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics filed a lawsuit earlier this month seeking an injunction to stop Stitt's plan.

The health groups argue that neither Stitt nor the Oklahoma

Health Care Authority have the power to unilaterally contract with the managed care firms without first gaining approval from the Legislature.

While that lawsuit plays out, lawmakers also have their own options.

McEntire said legislators could simply pass a bill that says managed care is not allowed for SoonerCare or seek legislative changes to define what managed care entails.

The Legislature could also seek to block funding for managed care in the budget that is typically approved near the end of the session.

In both cases, lawmakers likely will need to secure two-thirds majorities in both chambers to prevent Stitt from vetoing the bills.

"How confident am I right now that we can derail (managed care)? I would say I'm at 50-50," McEntire said.

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## Purcell and Wayne Senior Citizens

By John Webb

Hello once again everyone. Boy, did we get some winter last week or what! The snow was beautiful to look at from the warmth of your house, but the very cold temperatures and even colder wind chills kept most folks from venturing outdoors.

Kinda felt like quarantine. It's not like we haven't done that before. Anyway, my backyard that looked so pristine last week is now a muddy mess. Come on spring, we are ready for you!

Here is the menu for March 1-5:

Monday—Goulash, corn, tossed salad with dressing, garlic bread, gelatin with topping.

Tuesday—Swiss steak, baked potato with butter and sour cream, blackeyed peas, sliced bread, simply super cake.

Wednesday—Baked chicken, sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, sliced bread or hot roll, peaches.

Thursday—Chili with beans, pickle spear and onion, coleslaw, crackers or cornbread, harvest bars.

Friday—Steak fingers, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, sliced bread or hot roll, chocolate pan pie.

Milk is available with every meal.

There is still no talk of re-opening your senior centers, so please continue to call the kitchen to make or cancel your meal reservations. The phone number is 527-9462 and ask for Sherrie, Evelyn or John. It is best to call by 8:30 a.m. A reservation is the only way to ensure that a lunch will be available to you when you arrive.

The garage sale is still loaded with good stuff at cheap prices. It is open on Thursdays and Fridays and a mask is required to enter.

It is always a good idea for everyone, especially our seniors, to protect yourself from flu and other viruses by washing your hands often, keeping your distance from others in public and wearing a mask. Please be safe.

Hopefully we can all get back to our routines now that snow-geddon is long gone. Thank you for continuing to support your senior centers of Wayne and Purcell.

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## Repairs:

he said.

And it all hasn't been frozen water lines.

Bebout has had to open frozen P-traps in the crawl spaces under houses.

And he's encountered frozen drains and sewer mains—pipes that are 3 inches or greater in diameter.

It takes time, knowledge and a big machine to auger through that kind of ice and restore normal flow.

For every call answered and problem resolved, it seems there are 10 waiting to take its place.

On Tuesday Bebout was away from his phone for 45 minutes. In that brief time, a half-dozen callers left voice mail pleas for help.

"I try to warn people," Bebout said. "People don't think that hot water freezes faster than cold."

There can be another set of problems in the country where many homes and businesses rely on septic systems.

Mike Slate with Slate Septic Services in Lexington said Monday he is receiving "a lot" of calls from people whose

septic systems are backing up.

Both aerobic and conventional septic tanks have been adversely affected by the record low temperatures.

Though the systems differ, the bad results like sewage backups don't.

Sprinkler heads, a key component to aerobic systems, are freezing up, Slate said.

Unfortunately, "there's nothing we can do about it," he added.

Septic tanks that haven't been pumped in five or six years are prone to stopping up in conditions like those last week.

Slate is telling callers that the saturated ground needs time to dry before he can move in the heavy equipment necessary to remedy those cases.

In the meantime, the calls keep coming.

Kelsi Sawatzky, receptionist at Red Dirt Septic in Tuttle, said it's been "nuts" keeping up with the calls and scheduling service.

Like Slate, Red Dirt is receiving many calls about non-working aerobic septic systems.

From page 1A

## Rubys:

aged and the front portion of the unit was pulled away. It was not in working order.

Among other damage included:

- a mini ice machine
- flat screen LG TV mounted on the wall had a crack in the middle of the screen
- wooden night stand was pulled from the wall and was in several pieces
- a large hole in the drywall
- bathroom sink mirror completely shattered

• all bed linens destroyed and carpet was damaged

- wall lamp
- soap dispenser
- telephone
- coffee pot
- bathroom linens
- picture frame and picture

A Rubys employee followed the suspect out of the room and down Green Avenue. Hixon contacted Orville Key about the incident and requested a warrant to be issued for malicious injury to property.

From page 1A

## Quake:

7:56 a.m.

Gray said he heard it and felt it.

The quake rattled parts of both Oklahoma and Kansas, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

Shaking was felt as far away as Kansas City, about 270 miles to the northeast, according to

the USGS shake map.

More than 2,000 people reported feeling the quake. Most indicated they felt weak or light shaking. The majority of the reports came from within about 150 miles of the epicenter, including Oklahoma City to the south and Salina, Kansas, to the north.

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## Elmore:

who have your back day in and day out. We come to work and strive to help people to the best of our ability. These are the people who truly understand the strains and stresses of this profession.

**Q: What is the most challenging part of your job?**

A: Police officers try their best to help resolve whatever troubles that somebody may be having, but sometimes it's difficult because we are limited on what advice to give or our involvement in matters that are civil and not criminal in nature. The police are expected to have the answer to all problems it seems. We would like to be able to solve everyone's problems, but that's just not realistic. The stress of dealing with everyone else's stresses can be challenging in the long run. We deal with people at their worst and must learn to cope with these stresses which can prove difficult.

**Q: What are the challenges for you as a police officer now**

**that you are the Chief?**

A: I would say recruitment is the biggest challenge right now. Police agencies are not getting the amount of applications they once did. It seems that the police, as a whole, are being demonized due to the actions of a few. If you pay attention to the media it doesn't take long to realize that the support just isn't there anymore for a lot of agencies. It's very difficult to find the right person to be a police officer. The liability aspect of hiring someone as a police officer weighs on my mind all the time. We only want what's the best for this community. I feel very lucky to be a part of this community that very much supports our law enforcement.

**Q: What do you do in your leisure time?**

A: Going to the gym. I push myself everyday with a goal of maintaining physical fitness. I believe that regular physical activity helps tremendously with your well being and daily stresses.

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