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A major winter weather system

bullied Oklahoma Saturday and

Sunday dumping from five to

eight inches of snow. High winds

caused drifting up to three feet

in some area as the massive

snow storm all but shut down

the area. Churches, schools

and businesses were forced to

shut down with a second round

coming in Tuesday evening

and into Wednesday morning.

A ruler in the snow gave some

perspective to the amount of

snow that fell.

Severe weather



WINTER B L A S PARALYZES AREA

Schools, churches, businesses crippled

John D. Montgomery **The Purcell Register**

A two-day winter event wrapped a blanket of white around central Oklahoma Saturday and Sunday stifling travel and bringing business to a basic halt.

Monday was a holiday for many

anyway but the estimated five to eight inches of snow with drifts up to three feet tall was a major obstacle from a storm that had been predicted for several days.

The snow event was for all 77 counties in Oklahoma with some areas getting up to 12" dumped on them.

A second storm was barreling down on the state and our area expected to hit Tuesday afternoon and last until around noon on

Since 1887

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> W.T. Farrow's ancestors left their mark on Lexington when they were among the first settlers staking a homestead east of the present-day Cleveland County town during the 1889 land run.

An Interesting

Neighbor

Everyone has a story

Now Farrow himself is making his mark on the town as the unofficial Lexington High School football team historian.

W.T. stands for William Thomas – he's named after both grandfathers - and his association with the Bulldogs football program goes back to 1987. His role as selfappointed historian is in its 11th year.

"I keep track of the records," he said. "I go to the games, record the games. I keep all there is to know about Lexington football."

The school has an on and off record where football is concerned. The first team dates back to 1890. And from 1928 through 1948, the hometown teams were eight man.

After 1948, according to W.T., football wasn't played at Lexington. The drought lasted 20 years before football was revived as an inde-

pendent program in 1968. In 1970 the Oklahoma Secondary Schools Athletic Association began classifying school by enrollment to even the playing field for high school sports. Lexington, which was still playing 8-man football, was in Class B.

It wasn't until 1976 that Lexington moved up to 11man football and it now is in Class 2A.

Despite his small stature, W.T always loved football and was a Bulldog until he graduated with the Class of

He asked for and was given number 65, tribute he said

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W.T. Farrow

5 questions with Chris Reynolds



Chris Revnolds

Editor's note: The Purcell **Register** continues a feature in which civic leaders and others will answer five questions. The following were answered by Chris Reynolds, Washington school superintendent.

Q: Why did you choose Washington?

A: Coming to Washington as superintendent was some-

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The year the flu flew

As much as the COVID-19 pandemic painted Oklahoma into a corner this year, flu season came to the state with all the impact of a feather floating in air.

According to the most recent information from the Oklahoma State Department of Health, there were just 161 hospitalizations of influenza patients between September 1, 2020, and February 6. And statewide, just seven people have died.

There's been speculation that influenza numbers are down so drastically due to the measures taken against COVID - wearing masks, social distancing, frequent hand washing - though those same measures have failed to put COVID in

check. Consider 3,959 COVID

global pandemic reached the United States through Febru-COVID-19 hasn't spared

McClain County. Residents account for 4,924 cases and 43 deaths, according to OSDH data. Blanchard is the county's hot spot for the virus with 2,077 cases and a dozen deaths.

deaths from March

2020 when the

Please see Flu, back page

Comparing storms

Deja vu moment in 2011, 2021 blizzards

JeanneGrimes

The Purcell Register

Yogi Berra wasn't talking about the weather, but he nailed it anyway with this gem: "It's like deja vu all over again."

Think back. Ten years and a handful of days. The Blizzard of February 2011.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Centers for **Environmental Information** recorded it thus:

"On February 1st-3rd a large and powerful winter storm, dubbed the 'Groundhog Day Blizzard,' hit the central and northern regions of the United States from New Mexico northward to

Wisconsin, and eastward to New England.

"The storm stretched for thousands of miles, leaving behind at least five inches of snow in 22 states. The multifaceted storm also brought an inch of ice to portions of the Ohio River Valley. "

And that was just the beginning.

"Winds gusting upwards of 70 mph created widespread blizzard conditions, and snow drifts were reported as high as 10 feet. Numerous highways were forced to close and thousands of flights were cancelled nationwide. The

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Snow motion

A Bobcat was busy Monday in downtown Purcell moving snow so autos and pedestrians could get around city hall following the winter storm that dumped up to eight inches of snow on the area.

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REC's Tree Giveaway postponed until February 20

ditions, REC postponed the located at 303 W. Blakely Street; Tree Giveaway for members to the parking lot of Worth Every February 20.

Rural Electric Cooperative's members is being moved to Saturday, February 20, beginning

Employees of REC will be in Oaks. Lindsay, Elmore City, Maysville and Rush Springs to give members trees during the Cooperative's Operation Tree Planting/ Replacement Program. Each member will each receive up to

will be across from Walmart in Lindsay, in between M&M Oil Supply and Venture Pipe on Highway 19; in front of the office of Kyle Jones Community Insur-

Due to pending weather con- ance Agency in Rush Springs, Bite in Maysville, located at 314 6th Street and the parking area annual tree giveaway for the of Speedy G's in Elmore City, located at 22964 Highway 29.

> The types of trees available are Loblolly Pines and Sawtooth

Loblolly Pines are one of the most common pine trees. This North American native has dark green needles with narrow, redbrown pinecones about three to six inches long. These trees grow to be about 60' to 90' tall and have Employees of the Cooperative a spread of 25' to 35' wide once they reach maturity.

Sawtooth Oak is one of the Drift City

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· Photo provided

Drifts southeast of Washington were six to eight feet tall, according to District No. 2 County Commissioner Wilson Lyles.

As temperatures plunge, Red Cross offers home heating and winter safety tips

from the City of Purcell

Maintaining Alleys

From: Code Enforcement

We will now be enforcing the City of Purcell Ordinances in regards to maintaining the alleys.

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American Red Cross Kansas-Oklahoma Region has served 762 clients due to home fires. With cold winter tempera-

tures continuing this week the American Red Cross wants to remind people how to use space heaters and other heat information," said Munn. sources safely.

"Many people are using space heaters and other heat sources to stay warm during this week's winter weather and there are simple tips to help people do so safely," said Johnnie Munn, senior disaster program manager.

Munn reminds people who these steps: need Red Cross services to call 1-800-RED-CROSS. Keep children, pets, and Also, people can use the comthings that can burn (paper,

As of January 21, the tion service of 2-1-1 available clothing, carpets and rugs) living alone, people with disin Kansas and Oklahoma.

"While we work closely responded to 272 events and with our community partners in both states to help support heater, place it on a level, hard people to recover from a disaster if people experience a power outage during this cold weather we encourage them rugs, carpets or near bedding to call 2-1-1 to find out more or drapes. Plug power cords

Heat your home safely

When temperatures drop, heaters and other sources to keep their homes warm. Unfortunately, home heating is the second leading cause of fires in the U.S. To reduce the risk of heating-related fires,

• All heaters need space.

at least three feet away from heating equipment.

• If you must use a space and nonflammable surface, such as a ceramic tile floor. Do not place space heaters on directly into outlets and never into an extension cord.

• Never leave a fire in the many people resort to space fireplace unattended and use a glass or metal fire screen to keep fire and embers in the fireplace.

> • Never use a cooking range or oven to heat your home.

• Turn off portable space Along with these tips, the Red Cross recommends heaters every time you leave the room or go to sleep.

Stay safe during winter weather

munity referral and informa- matches, bedding, furniture, especially elderly people at redcross.org/apps

abilities and children.

• Bring pets indoors. If they can't come inside, make sure they have enough shelter to keep them warm and that they can get to unfrozen water.

• Avoid driving until the inclement weather has passed. If you must drive, use caution and slow down, especially on ramps, bridges, and overpasses which may freeze before roadways.

Download the Red Cross 'Emergency' App

The Red Cross Emergency App provides instant access to weather alerts for your area and the areas where your loved ones live. Additional winter weather and home fire safety tips are also included. Download for the app for free • Check on your neighbors, at your favorite app store or

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Snow angels

Jack and Thomas Montgomery enjoyed a short break to enjoy the weekend snow.

OBI in emergency need for blood donations

Sustained winter weather has cancellations. drained a blood supply already strained from COVID-related cancellations and closures. As a result, Oklahoma Blood Institute is experiencing an emergency need for blood donations of all types.

"A single day of winter weather is manageable. More than a week of sustained winter weather is devastating to the blood supply," said Dr. John Armitage, president and CEO of Oklahoma Blood Institute. "We need eligible donors to donate immediately in order to ensure blood is on the shelves for Oklahomans who need it."

Due to winter weather, donations have been dramatically reduced, during a time when blood drives are already struggling with consistent collections due to COVID-related

Blood has no substitute and is perishable, with a shelf life of just 42 days. Blood supplies must be constantly replenished. The Oklahoma Blood Institute provides more than 90 percent of the blood to the state, requiring 1,200 donors each day to keep a healthy supply of blood on the shelf.

Donors should visit OBI. org or call 877-340-8777 to schedule an appointment. Most adults 16+ and in good health can donate, in a process that takes about an hour. Those who have received the most common COVID-19 vaccines (Pfizer and Moderna) can donate without a deferral period. Those who have received other vaccinations must wait two weeks before donating.

"Our generous donors have always stepped up when the need is great," Armitage said. "We're counting on them now, as we face a period of historic weather and pandemic-related challenges. At a time of great





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The roller coaster continues

nicipalities in February, a mere ment of \$34,935,528. \$3,588,555 bump over what

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The returns are taxes on sales from December 16-31 and estit-Counties got back mated sales from January 1-15.

Gaylord College teams up with Cronkite School to better serve Native American communities

NewsStaff Gaylord News

Two of the nation's premiere journalism schools are partnering to expand coverage of indigenous communities.

The University of Oklahoma Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication and the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Arizona State University announced Wednesday they will increase reporting of native issues by news services each operates.

Under the collaboration, students from Gaylord News and Cronkite News will publish stories on both news organizations' websites, share story ideas and pair up students to cover developing news stories.

Students from both schools share a newsroom in ASU's new Ambassador Barbara Barrett and Justice Sandra Day O'Connor Washington Center, located three blocks from the White House, from which they cover national news about indigenous issues.

In addition, both news organizations distribute student work to more than 100 partner news organizations across the country. These media outlets will now have access to stories from both Cronkite and Gaylord

The Cronkite School and Gaylord College each have prioritized coverage of Native American communities and issues through reporting programs and classroom teaching. The Cronkite School is home to Indian Country Today and covers indigenous communities extensively through its Cronkite News service, the news arm of Arizona PBS. This semester the school also is offering a reporting course focused exclusively on indigenous communities.

Gaylord College, the home of the Native American Journalists Association, just concluded a 41-part series entitled "Exiled to Indian Country" that was

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fastest growing trees in its youth. It is an attractive shade tree with dark lustrous summer foliage and clear yellow to golden brown fall leaves. These trees grow to be 40' to 60' tall and have a spread of 40' to 60' wide.

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distributed by its Gaylord News service. This semester the college launched the Bob Burke NativeAmerican Reporting Center, which will train reporters to work in indigenouscommunities.

"This collaboration between the Gaylord News program and our friends at Cronkite will provide badly needed coverage of Native American communities in Oklahoma andArizona, as well as nationally," said Ed Kelley, dean of the Gaylord College. "The networks both programs have established through media partners across the country will distribute Gaylord and Cronkite students' stories, to the benefit of news consumers. This alliance not only gives young journalists more opportunities to hone their skills but also a greater understanding of Native issues."

Cronkite News posted its first story from Gaylord last month about a prom dress that calls attention to missing and murdered indigenous women, now part of an exhibit at theSmithsonian National Museum of American

History. Other stories that have been shared include the legacy of Indian boarding schools and the Cherokee Trail of Tears.

"This is just the beginning," said Kristin Gilger, interim dean of the Cronkite School. "By combining forces and amplifying each other's work, we can fill a gap in coverage that has persisted for way too long. We're excited to see where this collaboration takes us."

The Cronkite School and Gaylord College have worked together on a number of other programs supported by the Inasmuch Foundation, formerly the Ethics & Excellence in Journalism Foundation, established by Oklahoma journalist Edith Kinney Gaylord in 1982.

The foundation provides fellowships for Cronkite and Gaylord students to participate in the national Carnegie-Knight News21 program headquartered at Cronkite, and supports professorships at both schools.

Gaylord News, a reporting project of the Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Com-

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Byars	.04	\$6,758.76	\$3,891.64	+\$2,867.12
Cole	.04	\$7,471.74	\$5,350.14	+\$2,121.60
Dibble	.05	\$23,254.71	\$26,826.83	-\$3,572.12
Goldsby	.035	\$202,076.16	\$143,608.76	+\$58,467.40
Lexington	.04	\$56,233.49	\$48,175.12	+\$8,058.37
Lindsay	.04	\$224,958.30	\$289,478.48	-\$64,520.18
Maysville	.04	\$25,508.53	\$27,116.90	-\$1,608.37
Newcastle	.04	\$753,278.21	\$719,240.78	+\$34,037.43
Noble	.04	\$214,159.51	\$148,385.56	+\$65,773.95
Norman	.04	\$8,410,072.55	\$7,554,080.19	+\$855,992.36
Paoli	.03	\$16,460.43	\$5,080.41	+\$11,380.02
Pauls Valley	.045	\$657,906.40	\$575,142.41	+\$82,763.99
Purcell	.05	\$621,590.74	\$597,098.49	+\$24,492.25
Slaughterville	.02	\$32,262.60	\$22,498.62	+\$9,763.98
Wanette	.035	\$4,434.28	\$2,983.16	+\$1,451.12
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Wayne	.035	\$25,528.28	\$17,599.07	+\$7,929.21
McClain County	.005	\$297,505.47	\$302,935.34	-\$5,429.87

McSwain Theatre plans virtual 1950s and 60s variety show

Jae L. & Crossover with with members including who specialize in all genres days of golden oldies. The Texas. throwback show will stream at no charge for public viewing decades of combined experi- Bryan, Kenny Anderson, Deb-7 p.m., Saturday, February 20.

February's show celebrates the rock, pop and country hits of the 50s and 60s. Watch the performance from the comfort of home on the McSwain Theatre website or McSwain Theatre Facebook page.

Guest vocalists have planned performances of favorites like Brenda Lee's "Sweet Nothings," the Sufaris' "Wipe Out," Fats Domino's "Ain't that a Shame," the Righteous Brothers' "Unchained Melody," Wilson Pickett's "Mustang Sally," Irving Gordon's "Unforgettable," Buddy Holly and The Crickets' "That'll be the Day," as well as Elvis Presley's "Jail House Rock" and "Hound Dog," among others.

Special guests include Debbie Allen and Chandler Elliott of Ada; Wylie Winters and Missy Rude of Pauls Valley; Tara Scott of Duncan; Denmaun Hill of Shawnee; Gary Bryan of Stratford; and Tricia Adams of Atlanta, Ga.

The group "Keeping it Country" will also perform,

Special Guests will offer a Donna Marie of Ada; Anne of music. virtual show featuring music Young of Murphy, Texas; and harkening back to the happy Cathy Lake of Runaway Bay,

Band members include Jae L. Stilwell, Jody Teeter, Deni Stubbs, Greg Griffin, Wayne Crossover's musicians have Morton, Mike Price, Gary ence performing with artists bie Allen and Tara Scott.

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 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.

Washington **Bonus Auction**

The Washington FFA

and 4-H Livestock Bonus Auction will be held Tuesday, February 23, at the Clyde Ward Agriplex.

The dinner will be held from 5-7 p.m. with the bonus

auction beginning at 7 p.m. For more information or to mail in contributions contact Melinda Tague at 288-6331 or 639-9108 or mtague@ wps-isd.com.

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.

Rural Electric Cooperative's

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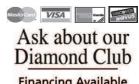


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Snowmageddon

It was Christmas Eve 2009 the first time I was ever in a blizzard.

Never really thought I'd see

Well I was right. Not one, but two.

We had another one almost 10 years ago to the date in early February 2011 and now the current situation.

Only this time there is more accumulation and much, much colder temperatures to go along with the deeper snow.

alone with the chance of falling and knocking yourself out. Take your phone with you if

you go out by yourself. Freezing to death is a real possibility with the perilous

wind chills.

The light flurries we experienced on Thursday and Friday were like Baby Sharks compared to the mammoth snow stir crazy household.

Editor's **Notebook** John D. Montgomery

It's too risky to go outside storm we experienced Saturday through Sunday.

> The snow is one thing. Yes it's annoying and makes

getting around difficult. But it's the unusually cold

temperatures and wind chills that are the double whammy.

With the weather as it is those parents with young children that are in quarantine have a

For that matter young or old you can get a little stir crazy during these days of being penned up and in a deep freeze.

We have a little mini weather system that I got for my birthday a few years ago because, quite frankly, I'm a weather nerd.

For years, this dates back before Gary England retired at Channel 9, my nickname at the newspaper was Gary-Mike-Rick.

Monday morning when I got up the outside temperature read -4.

Windchill was in the high negative 20s.

After a brief respite with the sun out Monday we had to do it all over again with 5-8 inches of additional snow predicted Tuesday night and to about mid-day Wednesday.

Channel we get above freezing by Friday.

News from District 42

• Rep. Cindy Roe •



House committee work in full swing

ed the first week of February, line is past, representatives will and our first major deadline is quickly approaching.

The deadline to pass bills out of their House committee is Thursday, February 25. Bills are assigned to the committee related to its policy focus.

This year, I have the honor of serving as the chair of the House Public Health Committee, which I previously vice-chaired last session. We held our first bills, House Bill 1904, through the committee with the support of my colleagues.

The legislative session start- day. Once our committee deadspend long days on the Floor voting on as many bills as possible before the next deadline.

While our legislative session is going on, high school students from across the state have a unique opportunity to learn more about the Legislature. High school juniors and seniors can apply for the House High School Page Program, which gives students the chance to committee meeting of the year view the legislative process on Wednesday morning, and I up close and gain experience was able to pass one of my own working in state government.

Pages are assigned for one week, Monday through Thursday, between the first Monday As bills pass committee, in February and the last Friday more and more of them will be in May. The students work in heard on the House Floor every the House Chamber during

daily session, run errands for representatives and staff and take part in the House Page Mock Legislature on the floor of the House Chamber.

Due to the pandemic, the program's weekly attendance is limited to 12 House pages. The page program has now been opened up to high school juniors in addition to seniors, but the House will continue to give priority placement to seniors and then allow juniors to fill any remaining spots.

I have one spot remaining to host a page from House District 42 later this session, and interested students may visit https:// okhouse.gov/Pages/Index.

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News from Capitol Hill

A budget in name only

Congressman Tom Cole

The House and Senate recently passed long overdue budget resolutions for the fiscal year that is already well underway.

However, more unfortunate than the late delivery of these budgets is the fact that both completely skipped consideration in the committees of jurisdiction, and both were written by Democratic leaders who are intent on pushing through their partisan priorities and going it alone on additional coronavirus relief.

committees had not even convened yet this Congress when Democratic leaders rushed budget should have been writtheir resolutions to the floor of both chambers.

For background, members of the Budget Committees in the House and Senate are tasked with writing the annual budget resolution, and that undertaking is supposed to occur well before the fiscal year begins.

While reforms are absolutely needed to make the budget process work better and on time in Congress, crafting a budget traditionally includes

committee members working

such topics as the trajectory of our economy and national debt, considering expert testimony and perspectives and then using that information to come up with a plan.

member of the House Budget Committee, I always valued working through the various hearings and steps in the budget writing process, listening to my colleagues and proposing my own ideas for inclusion in the blueprint.

It is disappointing that none In fact, members of the of those important steps in the process happened last year - when the fiscal year 2021 ten, considered and advanced by the committee. Sadly, it did not occur then because it was not a politically convenient tool for Democrats.

Specifically, the reason Democrats recently chose to push forward with a budget was to facilitate use of a special tool called "reconciliation," which allows certain legislation to pass the Senate with 51 votes, rather than the usual 60.

The Senate's budget, which I did not support but passed both people.

through various hearings on chambers this month, included reconciliation instructions that has already triggered comincrease spending by as much as \$1.9 trillion.

The focus of that spending As a former and longtime is supposed to be on additional coronavirus relief. However, it is expected that Democrats may also use reconciliation as an opportunity to fund their radical policies completely unrelated to the pandemic.

Considering President Biden's promise to unify the country, I regret that Democrats in Congress are taking an approach that will undoubtedly lead to partisan relief and funding of radical policies.

It is particularly disappointing after Republicans and Democrats worked together to pass bipartisan coronavirus relief packages on five separate occasions last year totaling nearly \$4 trillion.

Sadly, this course of action will only deepen divisions, rather than pave the way for unity and productive work for the American people in the legislative branch. This is indeed a disservice to the American

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Your Views

Lots of good news

Dear Gracie and John D.:

Every Oklahoman - Republican, Democrat, Independent, Libertarian, Socialist or even a Lexington Bulldog like me, could use a bit of good news as often as possible, and much can be According to the Weather found right now across our river bridge in Purcell.

There, just west of the new \$36 million dollar James C. Nance structure, are thousands of forward looking citizens who are not waiting for others to generate positive vibes in and a bright future for their city. They are doing it themselves.

First, on February 9th, voters by a 2 to 1 margin joined many other area cities and passed a hotel tax that will allow new and innovative investments right here in the Heart of Oklahoma. Tourism and Main Street promotions will be important beneficiaries. That's great news.

Second, and this one is a big, big deal, new road and bridge construction on I-35 at Highway 74 is in this community's future, according to my discussions with Mayor Ted Cox, as progressive and innovative a leader that can be found anywhere. Price tag? \$25 million dollars so you can see why this infrastructure improvement is so hard to get but it is confirmed to start in FY 25.

Couple these two new developments with school, senior living and hospital construction all in the northern part of Dragon Land, as well as booming restaurants and retail stores to the south, with anchor Main Street tying them together, and good news can be found everywhere. All you have to do is look for it...and you don't have to look very hard.

Congratulations to Mayor Cox and all the others who make this Lexington Bulldog so proud to call all of you Dragons my favorite neighbors.

Sincerely, Cal Hobson **Lexington Class of 1963**

Killing Keystone is bad for America

In a letter urging the president to allow workers to resume construction on the Keystone XLPipeline, Attorney General Mike Hunter today outlined why the project is good for Americans, for the environment and for health and human safety.

The letter outlines the attorney general's background in the industry, working first, on the blue-collar level as a roustabout in college, and eventually as attorney general where he protects the state's economic activities from federal intrusion and bureaucracy.

Attorney General Hunter said, simply put, the Keystone Pipeline is good for America.

"My letter to President Biden speaks from the heart as a fourthgeneration Oklahoman who knows how important the oil and gas industry is to my fellow Oklahomans and Americans as a whole," Hunter said.

"Killing Keystone destroys the lives, livelihoods, careers and mittees to write legislation to futures of those I love and care about. It also hurts local economies. Environmentally speaking, the Keystone is a far better way to transport crude to the Gulf Coast, rather than by train or truck. On behalf of the countless Oklahomans and Americans who benefit from Keystone, I implore the president to change his position and restart the Keystone Pipeline," he said.

> In the letter, the attorney general explains the reality that canceling the expansion of the pipeline undermines job growth and U.S. climate leadership, pointing specifically to then-President Obama and Vice President Biden's 2014 State Department that published an environmental impact report saying the pipeline expansion wouldn't have a serious or even substantial impact on greenhouse-gas emissions.

> According to the impact report, the State Department says it expects extraction of oil in Canada and changes to the environment "regardless of any potential effects" from the Keystone XL project.

> The letter also says canceling the project undermines job growth and, even under the president's supposed priorities, in total, 10,000 union jobs will be lost because of the executive order killing the project, as well as \$500 million allocated for indigenous suppliers and a \$10 million fund for green jobs

The whole letter can be read at https://bit.ly/3p7KtxP.



Submit your letter to the editor.

Rich history

The history and legacy of the Purcell-Lexington region has gained enriching disclosure about an 1835 Indian/USA treaty signed nearby plus revelations about an early day saloon owner whose grandson reigns in towering heights of London theaters ownership and fame as a Broadway shows producer.

A regal granite marker installed at Lexington's North Main Street and U.S. Hwy. 77 celebrates the Aug. 24, 1835 "Camp Holmes Treaty" that happened on now verdant ranch land best viewed from Purcell's water tank hill overlooking the Canadian River valley. There the treaty was signed before "5,000 Commanches, Wichitas and other Plains Indians" who had camped there for six weeks guarded by several hundred dragoons," a federal Army regiment.

"To the Max" is the new autobiography of Max Weitzenhoffer, grandson of Bertie whose prosperous "Dutch Saloon" opened in 1891 but was closed in 1907 when Oklahoma entered the Union as a dry state—legal booze was outlawed. Grandson. Max, credited Bertie's success partly to a story in an 1893 edition of The Purcell Register that reported: "You can gamble on the fact that when there is a good time to be had, 'Weitzy' is always somewhere in the neighborhood."

Bertie Weitzenhoffer was a major player in raising \$15,000 to build the first bridge between Purcell and Lexington plus giving \$500 to Norman's 1893 tornado victims—the largest donor at a time when these amounts were big bucks. He also built and ran a distillery that was shutdown at statehood.

The Colonial Dames of America in Oklahoma, seeking to remind the world about the historic first treaty between the United States and "the Civilized Indian Nations, have quietly prepared and installed the marker. The text said the actual signing site was a mile northwest of the park where the sign stands.

The treaty "was signed to guarantee peace, friendship, good hunting, safe travel, as far as the western borders of the U.S.A.," the marker says.

Max Weistenhoffer of Norman produced several Broadway shows including "The Will Rogers Follies" and now is co-owner of a string of theaters in London. He served as a regent for his alma mater, The University of Oklahoma." Subtitle of his biography, that includes four pages about Grandfather Bertie, is "Max Weitzenhoffer's Magical Trip from Oklahoma to New York, London—and Back."

Two fortifications named to honor Lt. Theophilus Hunter Holmes were established in what now is Oklahoma. First in 1834 near Holdenville. The second in May of 1835 east of Purcell commanded by Major Richard B. Mason of the First Dragoon Regiment.

Historian Jon May wrote: "Mason's soldiers erected a brush arbor and crafted bench seats and troops from Fort Gibson cleared a road to the site. U. S. commissioners Montford Stokes and General Mathew Arbuckle arrived on August 19 accompanied by representatives of the Cherokee, Choctaw, Osage and other eastern Oklahoma tribes.

"Designed to bring peace to the region, the treaty of Camp Holmes was signed on August 25, 1835. Major Mason and his men abandoned the encampment on August 29," May wrote.

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Hello from District 43

• Senator Jessica Garvin •



Behind schedule

has put the legislative schedule behind. We were already racing the clock, but now we're going to have to work even faster to meet the February 25 deadline to get Senate bills passed out of our committees.

Despite the delays, nearly 275 bills have made it through committee, and nearly 40 have been sent to the House for fur-

I'm pleased that my SB 320 addressing our overcrowded prison system has made it past its first committee and is awaiting consideration in Appropriations. This provides for "medically frail" and "medically vulnerable" inmates to receive consideration in medical or compassionate parole proceedings.

These are individuals who can't physically take care of themselves or even do basic daily tasks on their own. They are no longer a threat to society and should be allowed to return to their families. This would improve their quality of life by having individual care from family at home or going into a nursing home.

It'll also allow our under-

The extreme winter weather staffed prisons to focus on members who have come under more dangerous inmates and while also providing significant cost-savings to the state.

> The legislature fast tracked legislation to extend virtual meetings of public bodies. The exemption to the Open Meeting Act expired in November. With the continuing pandemic, it's vital that public bodies be able to continue holding virtual meetings to protect members while allowing public participation and transparency.

> This bill extends the exemption through Feb. 15, 2022, or until 30 days after Gov. Stitt's emergency declaration is cancelled or expires, whichever happens first.

been approved by the full Senate is a measure codifying the authority of communities to adopt ordinances to honor law enforcement if they want.

Cities and towns can paint blue lines and post signage showing their support of these brave men and women. This bill simply clarifies that this type of support is allowed and appropriate.

attack in the last year through the overall safety of our prisons, no fault of their own, but simply because they wear a badge. This is a way municipalities can show they back the blue.

> The full Senate will also soon be considering an important measure for our disabled veterans. Fully disabled veterans are provided a sales tax exemption in Oklahoma.

There are only around 16,000 people who qualify for this benefit, yet sadly the Oklahoma Tax Commission (OTC) has around 32,000 military tax-exempt certificates on record. SB 415 will stop the fraudulent use of this benefit by authorizing the OTC to disclose taxpayer information to the Oklahoma Among the bills that have Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA) relating to 100 percent service-disabled veterans who qualify for the sales tax exemption.

Veterans are required to register with the Oklahoma Veterans Registry to remain qualified for the exemption. The ODVA will then be required to verify eligibility for the exemption upon the OTC's request.

Those who illegally claim We all have friends or family this exemption dishonor these

Some may not be so great.

Please see **Perfect**, page 9A

veterans who have given so much for our country. It also takes much-needed revenue away from our local communi-

ties and schools. Outside of legislative news, we've had some other exciting developments at the Capitol. Gov. Stitt has signed three executive orders to address

critical needs in our state. The first one addresses the federal overreach of the Biden Administration in attacking the oil and gas industry, Oklahoma's largest industry. Oklahoma is a global leader in energy production, and we must protect the hundreds of thousands of energy jobs and our constitutional right to decide how to develop our own natural resources.

The second executive order will expedite the driver's license renewal and replacement process, which has been a problem as the pandemic has caused major backlogs at tag

The last order suspends certain regulations for truck drivers transporting propane over the next 30 days to ensure Oklahomans can get their propane quickly. This will be crucial to protect Oklahomans as our state is impacted by the record cold weather.

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 or call (405) 521-5522.

Who is perfect? Biden, Trump, McConnell, Pelosi?

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Democrats have proven once again that they can find fault in President Donald Trump. Faults and flaws were found in him before the election. Many years before politics there were never any rave reviews about him being perfect.

During the recent impeachment trial, Democrats and Republicans hammered home their perspectives and interpretation of Trump's speech given on January 6 to those who came to Washington to protest. Once again Americans either agreed or disagreed with the outcome of the impeachment trial.

Surely most Americans wil a perfect President. Was John F. Kennedy perfect? Was Richard Nixon perfect? Bush Sr. or Jr.?

Go back through history and moral people and excellent you can't find a perfect person sitting in the oval office. President Joe Biden is no exception.

You may remember what the Bible says, "All have sinned." Another verse says, "No one is righteous. No not one."

There will never be a perfect President. Some will be better than others. Some will be much better and some will be much

There are no perfect politicians. Do you think Nancy Pelosi is perfect? I don't. Is Mitch McConnell perfect. He is not, nor are any of the other members of the House or the Senate.

Some are better than others. agree there is no such thing as Some try harder, work harder, try to live disciplined lives more than others. Some try to work harder for their districts better than others. Some are good

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College students also have the opportunity to intern in the Premiums for permanent House. The House Internship policies are generally higher Program provides an opportuthan for term insurance, but nity to work closely either with it remains the same no matter professional, non-partisan staff or state representatives. There are many different life

I have an intern this semester, Luke Hamilton, a Pauls Valley native who is a freshman at OU. I've been very impressed with his initiative, and I hope this internship is a valuable learning experience for him!

As we continue the committee process, please reach out to share your opinions on bills being considered. My office phone is (405) 557-7365 and my email is cynthia.roe@ okhouse.gov.

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OMRF experts answer your COVID-19 variant questions

United Kingdom are circulating in the U.S. With vaccinations up and case numbers down nationwide, will the mutations undo recent progress?

Not if we stay vigilant, say experts at the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation.

1. What is a variant?

"Variants are natural, random changes in the genetic makeup of a virus," said OMRF President Stephen Prescott, M.D. "Most variants are insignificant, but some can provide viruses with an advantage, such as an ability to resist the body's existing immune responses or to move from one person to another more effectively."

2. Are the COVID-19 variants deadlier?

Not necessarily, said OMRF immunologist Eliza Chakravarty, M.D., but each appears to spread more easily than the original strain from China.

"Overall, that sounds like good news," said Chakravarty. "But we're still talking about a virus that has killed more than 460,000 Americans. So, even though the strains themselves may not be deadlier, they could lead to an increase in cases, which causes more deaths."

3. Do the COVID-19 vaccines still work?

Variants of COVID-19 from be protective against the vari-Brazil, South Africa and the ants, although less effective against the South African variant in particular. That means the vaccines may not prevent infections that lead to mild and moderate illness as often.

"We'd rather people didn't get sick at all," said Chakravarty. "But the approved vaccines appear to be effective at preventing serious illness. And that really is the goal."

4. Will I need a different vaccine?

"Probably not, but additional booster shots may be needed," said Prescott, noting that Pfizer and Moderna are already developing variant-specific boosters in case they are needed.

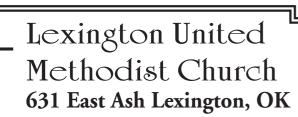
In the two-shot Covid-19 vaccine regimen, the first dose teaches your body to recognize the virus. The second further instructs the immune system to remember the virus and make a stronger, more focused response if it sees it again. "Time will tell whether we'll need a third booster, or even an annual one," Prescott said.

5. What can I do to protect myself?

'Viruses need hosts," said Prescott. That means vaccination, masking and distancing can slow the spread and creation of new variants.

"If the pandemic has taught So far, the answer seems to us anything," he said, "it's that be yes. Pfizer and Moderna we can't get comfortable and studies show their vaccines to let our guard down."

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It's a Small World

Happy birthday to my great- off at the Delta office at 122 niece, Adelaide Charlotte W. Main in Purcell.

Budd. birthday Sunday, February 21.

Happy anniversary to Jeff and Edita Salmeri of South

Easton, Mass. Sal and Edita will celebrate their 15th anniversary Thursday, February 25.

Happy birthdays also go out to Lloyd Beaudion, Dale Bunn, Victor Lohn, Egan Galvin, Anna Belle Carpenter, Jade Mc-Curdy, Suzanne Wells, Randy Rolin, Mary Millsap, Dakoda Pritchett, Marty Adkinson, Dara Evans, Kelsi Jennen, Colt Farrow, Susie Croslin, Carrie Matthews, Colby Dye, Madison Jane Posey, David Harvey, Edgar Garcia, Cynthia Bates and Carmen Ortiz.

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.

Foundation, Inc. is calling on Love" during the month of David F. Walker; February.

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 2-3 boneless, skinless chicken February.

Donations can be dropped

For more information about Addie celebrates her 5th services provided by Delta Community Action Foundation, Inc., visit deltacommunityaction.org.

> The Washington FFA and 4-H Livestock Bonus Auction will be held Tuesday, February 23, at the Clyde Ward Agriplex.

> The dinner will be held from 5-7 p.m. with the bonus auction beginning at 7 p.m.

For more information or to mail in contributions contact Melinda Tague at 288-6331 or 639-9108 or mtague@wpsisd.com.

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

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 meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, February 18. The group 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 first three discussions are:

Delta Community Action Vol. 1, by Brian K. Vaughan;

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

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

This is one our favorites around my house!

Velveeta Chicken **Rotel Spaghetti**

breasts (chopped into bite sized

pieces) 1 can Rotel Tomatoes with Diced Green Chiles (undrained)

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Cook chicken in 2 tablespoons olive oil or butter until almost done. Add bell pepper and onion to the chicken and saute until chicken is cooked and vegetables are soft.

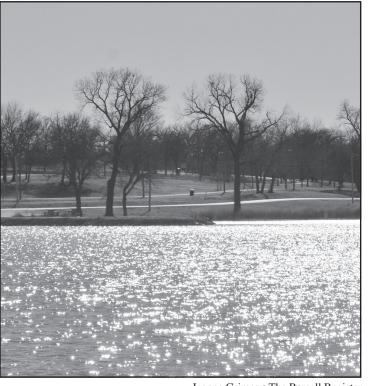
Meanwhile, cook spaghetti noodles according to package directions.

Combine chicken, pepper and onions with the cooked spaghetti noodles while they are still hot. Add cubes of Velveeta cheese to the mix and stir until everything is combined and the Velveeta cheese is completely melted.

Preheat oven to 350°.

Spread chicken noodle mixture into a 9×13 baking dish.

Bake at 350 degrees until bubbly, about 30 minutes.



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Surface diamonds

It's really an optical illusion. But doesn't the water surface at Purcell Lake look like it's sprinkled with diamonds?

Summer Arts Institute at Quartz Mountain seeks talented students

high school students from all corners of the state crowd into auditoriums and line school hallways, dragging oversized instrument cases, rehearsing lines from Shakespeare monologues, clutching unwieldy artist portfolios, scribbling free flow thoughts into journals, warming up their knees and feet with small prances, humming do-re-mis and nervously clasping tiny thumb drives that represent a year's worth of photography or video work.

This year's audition process will look a little different for those vying for one of the 270 scholarships offered to attend the annual Oklahoma Summer Arts Institute at Quartz munity centers. February 18 - Paper Girls, Mountain (OSAI), a two-week students.

Auditions for the 2021 Institute are currently underway and are being conducted entirely online due to the continued rise in coronavirus cases. The program will still be held in person, but one month later than normal, July 10-25.

To be considered, students must complete a brief online application and submit audition materials demonstrating their artistic ability. The submission requirements vary from discipline to discipline. Performing artists and filmmakers will submit a video file.

Writers and visual artists will submit a digital portfolio of their work. The application portal is currently open at apply. oaiquartz.org, and all auditions must be submitted by early March.

As the state's Official School of the Arts, OSAI provides an experience far beyond that of an ordinary arts camp. Renowned teaching artists from across the country travel to Quartz Mountain, where they provide advanced, college-level training and mentorship to the young artists in one of eight artistic disciplines: acting, chorus, creative writing, dance, drawing & painting, film & video, orchestra or photography.

Its multidisciplinary structure sets the Institute apart, allowing students both intensive study in their chosen discipline and new exposure to unfamiliar art forms.

The OSAI environment is highly collaborative; students often create work with young

Every winter, nearly 1,000 artists in other disciplines and find inspiration in the Quartz Mountain landscape and surrounding communities. The creative writing students hone their poetry in the Quartz Mountain lodge or on the hiking trails.

> Photography students might be found documenting an avant-garde dance performance on the mountainside or creating portraits of local residents.

> Drawing & painting students take part in plein air classes by Lake Altus-Lugert. The acting students make their screen debut in student films, and the music students often perform in local town squares and com-

Although the cost of an intenresidency program widely sive arts residency program of March 18 – Naomi: Season known as Oklahoma's premier this magnitude is steep, every the public to help "Spread the 1, by Brian Michael Bendis and arts experience for high school student accepted to the Institute receives a full scholarship to attend. The State Department of Education, Oklahoma Arts Council and numerous private foundations underwrite the program costs to ensure that the experience is in reach of any talented student, regardless of their financial means.

> Though the program brings together students of all backgrounds from many parts of Oklahoma, they all have one thing in common: a passion for their chosen art form.

> For many students, like Chandler resident Tate Radcliffe (Chorus '19, '20), it's the first time they've encountered so many kindred spirits.

> "Everyone [at OSAI] understood whatever high-end music theory concept I mentioned, and the chorus was easily the most densely talented and knowledgeable group of musicians I had ever sung with," says Radcliffe."Quartz showed me an entirely different demographic of people that I had never been in contact with: people like me. I felt at home there."

> Detailed application instructions are listed on the Oklahoma Arts Institute website. Applicants are also encouraged to follow OAI's social media accounts (@oaiquartz) for tips and updates.

> Students must submit a general online application and then submit their disciplinespecific audition materials by the deadline listed at oaiquartz. org/OSAI.

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Tough inside

Purcell senior Mojo Browning battles inside against Marlow during the Dragons' 54-35 win over the Class 3A No. 13

Hosting district

Davis due here on Friday night

Kora Keith and Emily Madden were both in double figures when Purcell went on the road February 9 to knock off Lindsay, 38-23.

Keith led all scorers with 11 while Madden added 10.

Purcell opened up a 16-13 lead at halftime before taking command in the third and fourth quarters.

"We struggled shooting the ball in this game," head coach David Sikes said.

"But to me it's why I'm so proud. We played hard despite not shooting well and did what we had to do to get the job done."

"They are a solid team that beat us earlier in the year in a back and forth game.

"We were able to beat them at our place a few weeks ago again in a back and forth game. We respect them and I think my girls will be ready."

The girls are 12-7 heading into the district tournament.

Lindsay pinned a 43-24 loss on Roger Raper's Dragons, who fell to 12-6 on the season.

"We still haven't been able to have a legitimate practice in two weeks and with the next round of weather who knows what will happen," Raper said.

Raper's Dragons are coming off a 54-35 victory over Marlow last Friday night bouncing back from the loss to Lindsay.

Sophomore Lincoln Eubank, who has been a three point machine of late, went off against the Outlaws draining five buckets from downtown and going 6-6 at

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To the corner

Lexington senior Teagin Pruitt dribbles to the baseline during Lexington's game against Purcell. The Bulldogs fell 45-32. Pruitt scored a team-high 15 points in the game.

Purcell Register Sports Streak runs to For Washington Warriors

Washington extended its winning streak to eight with victories last week over Bridge Creek, Davis and

Coach TJ Scholz says team defense has been the key for his club.

Marlow.

Kenneth Love and Luke Hendrix were both in double digits with 13 each for the Warriors in their 52-48 victory over Bridge Creek.

Love led all scorers with 15 in Washington's 51-31 blowout over Davis last Friday night. Hector Quinonez joined him in double figures with a dozen.

The Warriors' stellar defense proved to be the difference in a 37-36 victory Saturday night over Marlow.

Kobe Scott's 12 points paced the Warriors, who are now 15-7 on the season.

Coach Rocky Clarke's Lady Warriors posted a huge victory over Bridge Creek, 70-53 but sustained losses to Davis and Marlow.

In the Bridge Creek victory three Lady Warriors were in double figures led by senior Laylin Scheffe's 24. Mattie Richardson wasn't far behind canning 21 points and Tinley Lucas added 14.

Scheffe led the scoring in the 55-47 loss to Davis

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Get over here

Washington junior Kobe Scott gathers a rebound against Marlow Saturday during Washington's 37-36 win over the Outlaws. Scott scored a team-high 12 points.



Hops

Washington sophomore Tinley Lucas elevates with the ball during the Warriors' 50-44 loss to Marlow. Lucas scored a team-high 25 points in the game.

Wayne bounced from playoffs

No. 2 Hydro-Eakley too much for boys and girls

Emily Montgomery The Purcell Register

Wayne managed to get their District games in before the winter storm, but the Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs were bounced from post-season play by Class A number 2 Hy-

> dro-Eakly. The Lady Bulldogs kicked tricts in Hydro with

a win over Union City, 45-24.

Lorensa Martinez led the team with 16 points. Kaylee Madden added eight and Haylee Durrence had seven.

It was a tale of two halves in Wayne's first district win.

"We looked rough in the first half but things were different in the second. We came out and looked and played better," head coach Josh Trent said.

Scoring just 14 points in the first two quarters, Wayne came out and added 31 in the second half to increase their lead and get the win.

In their second game of Districts, Wayne had the tall task of getting by Hyrdo, the number two team in Class A.

Unfortunately, the Lady Bobcats had too much firepower as they knocked out the Lady Bulldogs 84-33.

"The Hydro girls are really good and we just did not have an answer," Trent said.

Madden led the team with eight points. Martinez and Fisher both had six.

Last Tuesday, Wayne hosted Minco for Senior night.

Once again, the Lady Bulldogs started slow.

Though the girls were in a shooting slump, they closed the gap in the second half, but could not ultimately overcome their deficit.

The Lady Bulldogs lost to Minco 46-39.

Fisher led the team with eight points. Madden and Mayce Trejo added seven The Lady Bulldogs finished

They will lose just one senior

the season with a 12-11 record.

Please see **Wayne**, page 8A

District tourneys

Purcell, Washington, Lex hosting

Purcell and Lexington will be hosting the District Basketball Tournament Friday night.

Purcell will host Davis with the girls tipping off at 6:30

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in Allie Walck, a four-year starter for the Lady Bulldogs.

"Allie has been a leader for us the last two years and a really good defensive player all four of her years.

"I have enjoyed coaching Lewelling added 10. Allie all four years," Trent said. Boys

Trent's Bulldogs were in Hydro late last week for District Minco 46 play. Their first game was a win Wayne 39 over Union City, 57-42.

Though they got down early in the first quarter, Wayne roared back in the second, scoring 21 and holding an 11-point lead at the break.

"We continued to pull away in the second half and I'm proud of the way the boys played," Trent said.

Despite free throw woes, the Bulldogs managed to pull out the win over Union City.

Ethan Mullins led the Bulldogs with 26 points. Brannon Lewelling joined him in double figures with 17.

Waiting for Wayne after their win was Class A, number two Hydro-Eakly. The Bobcats were too much for Wayne as the Bulldogs finished their season with a 69-36 loss.

"Hydro is really good and we just couldn't make a shot in the first half," Trent said.

Lewelling led the team with nine points. Trent and Madden added eight a piece.

Last Tuesday Wayne hosted Minco for Senior night when they lost to the Bulldogs 93-44.

Three Bulldogs were in double figures in the loss. Mullins and Trent had 12 each.

Minco 13 11 12 10—46 Wayne 10 3 17 9—39

Player	Points
McKenzie Fisher	8
Kaylee Madden	7
Mayce Trejo	7
Lorensa Martinez	6
Allie Walck	6
AJ Gray	3
Shyleigh Mantooth	2

Minco 93

Wayne 11	13	18 2—44
Player		Points
Ethan Mullins		12
Talon Trent		12

Brannon Lewelling Kyle Madden Andy Lee Jr. Perez Nic Linker

"We just did not play well. And, Minco is really good," Trent said.

The Bulldogs finished their season with an 8-14 record. Talon Trent is the only senior lost to graduation.

2/12

Wayne 45 Union City 24

Wayne 7	7	13	18-	-45
Union City	. 3	4 6	5 9-	-24

Officity 5 4	0 9—2
Player	Points
Lorensa Martinez	16
Kaylee Madden	8
Haylee Durrence	7
McKenzie Fisher	3
Shyleigh Mantooth	3
Haiden Parker	3
Daliyah Fuentes	2
Mayce Trejo	2
Allie Walck	1

2/12

Opponent 18 6	
Player	Points
Ethan Mullins	26
Brannon Lewelling	17
Kaleb Madden	6
Talon Trent	5
Andy Lee	2
Jr. Perez	1

"Talon has had a good year. p.m. and the boys around 8 I wish he'd come to Wayne p.m. three years earlier, but getting to coach my son was definitely a highlight.

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"Both seniors will certainly be missed," Trent said.

2/13

Hydro-Eakley 69 Wayne 36

5 Hydro-Eakly .. 24 13 18 14—69 4 Wayne 4 12 7 13—36

Player	Points
Brannon Lewelling	9
Talon Trent	8
Kaleb Madden	8
Ethan Mullins	4
Nic Linker	3
Andy Lee	2

2/13

Hydro-Eakley 84

Player	Points
Kaylee Madden	8
McKenzie Fisher	6
Lorensa Martinez	6
Haiden Parker	5
Mayce Trejo	4
Shyleigh Mantooth	2
Haylee Durrence	1
Daliyah Fuentes	1

Lexington senior Harley Salisbury starts the offense for the

Bulldogs. Salisbury and company are set to play Class 3A No.

2/9 Davis 53 Lexington 24

2 Jones Friday.

Start the break

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Player			P	oin	its
Lexington	6	8	2	8–	-24
Davis 13	12	2	22	6-	-53

Madison Manuel Rylee Beason Kiely Givens Harley Salisbury Landri Bean Jaci Idlett Janelle Winterton 2/9

Davis 55 Lexington 46

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Lexington I I	15 11 9—46
Player	Points
Teagin Pruitt	16
Carter Moore	12
Drew Dierking	6
Israel Trejo	5
Heath Winterton	4
Seth Pearman	3

Davis 15 14 9 17—55

Washington will play host

to Comanche Saturday with

Lexington will be hosting the girls tipping off at 6 p.m.

Jones with tip times the same. and the boys around 7:30 p.m.

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with 16. Lucas added 14 and 2/9 Madisson Myers finished with Washington 52 12 points.

Lucas went off against Mar-

The Lady Warriors are 13-9 on the season.

2/9

Washington 70 **Bridge Creek 53**

Washington .. 16 15 17 22—70 Bridge Creek ... 9 10 11 23—53 Cam Bates

Player	Points
Laylin Scheffe	24
Mattie Richardson	21
Tinley Lucas	14
Madisson Myers	5
Skylar Wells	2
Karlee Kilcrease	2
Abby Wood	2

2/12

Washington 47 Davis 55

Washington	12	15	13	7–	-47
Davis	18	16	9	12–	-55

Player	Points
Laylin Scheffe	16
Tinley Lucas	14
Madisson Myers	12
Kyndall Wells	3

2/13

Marlow 50 Washington 44

Marlow 9 17 Washington 8 14	
Player	Points
Tinley Lucas	25
Laylin Sheffe	6
Mattie Richardson	6
Madisson Myers	5
Kyndall Wells	2

Bridge Creek 48

low cutting the nylons for 25 Bridge Creek ... 8 10 16 14—48 points in a 50-44 losing cause. Washington 13 17 8 15—52

Player	Points
Kenneth Love III	13
Luke Hendrix	13
Hayden Hicks	8
Kobe Scott	6
Jamison Holland	5
Hector Quinonez	5
Cash Andrews	2

2/12

Washington 51 Davis 31

Washington 13 18 9 11—51 Davis 8 5 4 14—31

Player	Points
Kenneth Love III	15
Hector Quinonez	12
Hayden Hicks	8
Cash Andrews	5
Luke Hendrix	5
Tony Trejo	3
Jaxon Sanches	2
Lane Steele	2

2/13

Washington 37 Marlow 36

Washington 16 6 8 7—37

Player	Poin
Kobe Scott	12
Cash Andrews	6
Kenneth Love III	5
Luke Hendrix	5
Jamison Holland	3
Cam Bates	3
Hayden Hicks	3

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Purcell 38

Player

Kora Keith

Jaiden Avila

Emily Madden

Lauren Holmes

Kayla Skinner

Lindsay 23

Purcell 10 6 9 13—38

Lindsay 9 4 3 7—23

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Mojo Browning found the

bottom of the net three times

from beyond the arc and fin-

Marlow's girls pinned a 48-

Purcell hosts Davis in the

district tournament Friday

with the girls starting at 6:30

p.m. and the boys around 8

ished with a baker's dozen.

41 loss on the Dragons.

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the game.

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2/9

Purcell sophomore KK Eck dribbles against the Marlow press last Friday. Purcell fell to the Outlaws 48-41.

Points

11

10

7

6

Purcell 24 Lindsay 43

indsay 13 8	
Player	Points
Mojo Browning	7
Misael Duque	6

Lincoln Eubank

Austin Burton

Nate Willis

2/12 Marlow 35 Purcell 54

Marlow 7	7	15	6—35
Purcell 14	16	16	8—54

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	Player	Points
	Lincoln Eubank	23
	Mojo Browning	13
	Jorge Munoz	8
	Brody Galyean	4
	Nate Willis	3
	Misael Duque	3

6

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Executive Orders II

A couple of years ago, after President Trump backed out of the Paris Climate Treaty and the Iran Nuclear Deal, I wrote a column for "Historically Speaking," justifying his actions because those deals had been made by executive orders so could legally be overturned by executive order.

At the same time, I argued that modern executive orders such as these went beyond the authority of the president and should be handled by Congress. If you want more proof of the folly of executive orders, on the first day of President Biden's term, he signed into effect 15 new executive orders, one of which was to reenter the Paris Climate Deal.

As with my first article, I am not arguing that we should or should not join with the climate agreement. My argument is about the process. The very fact that Obama can join it, Trump pull us out, then Biden rejoin – all done by one man and the stroke of his pen – goes beyond the scope of power the founders envisioned.

Last time, I cited the Constitution as an example to show how only Congress is authorized to make laws and approve of all treaties. The Paris Accords and the Iran deal are both treaties with foreign nations and hence should fall under the powers of Congress, yet they were not. There is nowhere in the Constitution that explicitly gives presidents power of executive orders; instead, the power is implied from Article II.

Not all executive orders are the same; some are perfectly legitimate. The Supreme Court has said a president can use the power if given authority by a clause in the Constitution or if Congress delegates it. All presidents have issued orders, starting with George Washington.

Washington's first order was that all department heads report to him what was happening in their departments. As head of the Executive Branch as prescribed by the Constitution, Washington Almost any politician will had the right to request reports from his departments.

As Commander and Chief, presidents can make decisions about the military. Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation was an executive order. It was done as a military order to hurt the South by taking away their work force. Agree with the idea or not, Biden's use of an executive order to allow transgenders into the military is legitimate. It falls under his military authority.

Another legitimate use of executive orders is in the enforcement of laws, another duty prescribed to the president. After the Brown v. Board of Education ruling, President Eisenhower issued an order to desegregate schools.

Finally, though not in the Constitution, allowing presidents to act in time of emergency seems legitimate, but only for the duration of the crisis. FDR, who guided the nation through two of the hardest episodes in our history – the Great Depression and WWII, used orders to create the Works Progress Administration and later the Manhattan Project. Under this thinking, any of Biden's executive orders issued to stop COVID have some validity.

The second part of the Supreme Court's ruling of when Congress delegates is more problematic. Who's at fault is too long for this article but starting in the Progressive Age and expanded during FDR and the Cold War, presidents little by little have taken away (and Congress has let them) the primary task of Congress which is to make laws.

Whereas orders were meant for executing presidential duties, many are now used to bypass Congress to legislate. Again, I am not arguing for or against any of Biden's orders, but his executive orders on immigration and transgendered athletes are establishing law and should be dealt with by Congress.

It has been argued to me that presidents need to act on these you are enamored with will issues because either Congress refuses to or moves too slowly. eventually disappoint you if you While I understand, the Constitution does not grant the presi- look and listen long enough. dent legislative powers in cases where the Congress is too slow, Human beings, all of us refuses to act, or cannot get enough votes to pass its legislation. are capable, and often say the

When the Founders gathered in Pennsylvania to create our governing document, their most difficult task was creating an executive branch. The other two branches were easy by comparison, but America had just broken away from a monarch and was not in a hurry to recreate a new one. In fact, the first national government, The Articles of Confederation, did not even have an executive branch.

When creating the Executive Branch, the man who inspired the Founders' thinking was the French philosopher Montesquieu, who argued the idea of "trias politica" or "separation of powers." The Founders were scared of creating a strong president, but Trump is very likely to run what Montesquieu argued, and the Founders understood, was that in order to keep the people safe from a tyrannical government the Executive Branch had to be as powerful as the Legislative and Judicial Branches. If not, the Legislative Branch had the power to become tyrannical. Therefore, the Executive Branch had to be strong.

However, none of the Founders ever imagined what the President has become in the 21st Century. No matter if you support or condemn Biden's orders, which he now holds the record for in his first days, the Founders never envisioned so much raw power in the hands of just one person. It goes against everything they feared and everything Montesquieu taught.

Biden needs to be careful. For a man who claimed Trump was a tyrant, Biden has more than doubled the number of Trump's executive orders for the same amount of time in office.

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Fowl weather

Mother Nature paid a cruel visit to the Heart of Oklahoma Saturday and Sunday and again Tuesday into Wednesday dumping 5-8" of snow in the first round and 4-5" in the second round.

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Perfect:

disappoint you, eventually. It's bound to happen; they are imperfect people. We have to come to grips with the fact that perfect people are not to be found.

I thought my mom was pretty perfect but I'm very prejudiced when it comes to my mother. My heart would never allow me to see anything wrong with her.

Love is like that. Love often sees no wrongs. Sometimes we are like this toward a child, grandchildren, a spouse, our minister, or priest.

There are people that we often hold in such regard that even if they are doing something wrong and we know it's wrong, our hearts have a hard time seeing that it's wrong. Too often love is blind.

Americans want someone to love and respect. We want to be loved. We like holding people in high regard. The people we direct it to enjoy the feeling when we make them feel special. It's all good to some extent.

Truthfully though whoever

wrong thing. Use the wrong language. Get angry. Say hurtful things. Do things that are often regretted.

We make mistakes in words we use and things we do. All

As 2021 moves forward, so must we. Joe Biden is President of the United States. Donald again.

In the meantime we need to all stop biting each other and get this country healthy, back to work, back in the restaurants, churches and the kids back in school.

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Lots of cold weather

Along with plenty of snow

Hours before Sunday dawned with continuous weather coverage on the Oklahoma City television stations, I went online to see what meteorologists at the National Weather Service in Norman had to say about the incoming winter storm.

The first thing I noticed was they projected a snowfall total of 5 to 7 inches – less than half the amount the TV guys had been saying for several days would hit Central Oklahoma.

Not that I'm complaining they were so far off the mark.

Bill and I picked up a few extra groceries Friday after work and Saturday I bought 200 extra pounds of horse feed and a round hay bale, ensuring the pasture ornaments would have plenty of provisions in the event we were snowed in.

But checking back with the TV stations as Sunday wore on was interesting.

There were video clips of frostbitten reporters showing drifts measuring at most 5 to



Jeanne Grimes

Viewers who sent in images of their lawns under a dusting of snow were told on air that the storm was ongoing and the big snow was still coming and bringing with it record snow amounts.

The part of the forecast that the weather guys nailed was the deep freeze. Bitter cold, check. Biting winds, check. Brutal wind chill, check.

From three years in Germany, 6 inches deep, not 5 to 6 feet. the Army moved us to Colum-

bus, Ohio, where we lived six

Iknow cold. And winter. And not seeing the ground for weeks or months at a time.

That knowledge is why I now live in Oklahoma.

Among my most memorable winter moments in Ohio was the year the mercury never budged above 20 below zero for more than a week. In that part of the country, there's no such thing as school closings for snow or ice.

But they closed school that year because the water mains buried deep in the Ohio soil were freezing.

I can tell you from experience when you've been that cold for that many days, it feels like the balmiest spring day when the temperature climbs to 30 or higher.

Here's hoping that's another part of the forecast the TV guys get right. I've had my week of Oklahoma winter and I'm ready for the thaw.

How about you?

OMRF awarded \$13.1 million grant for metabolism research

The Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation has received a five-year, \$13.1 million grant from the National Institutes of

The funding will establish the Type 1 diabetes. Center for Cellular Metabolism Research in Oklahoma and supports five junior researchers who study conditions including cancer, neurogenerative diseases, autoimmune disorders, diabetes and cardiovascular disease.

"While these diseases may not sound connected, the root cause is," said OMRF's Lijun Xia, M.D., Ph.D., who leads the project. "Cellular metabolism is the sum of all chemical changes that take place in cells. When this is altered, it contributes to the origin of many common diseases."

The award is part of the NIH's Centers of Biomedical Research Excellence (COBRE) program, which helps junior scientists establish independent research programs, funds equipment and resources, and supports essential research cores.

The OMRF researchers who will receive funding and their areas of study are:

• Magdalena Bieniasz, Ph.D., studies how ovarian cancer grows and spreads in the body and the genetic changes in cancer cells that can lead to chemotherapy resistance.

is investigating the role inflammation and viruses play in autoimmune diseases like lupus, multiple sclerosis and

• Chi Fung Lee, Ph.D., wants to understand the mechanisms that contribute to the development of heart disease and to improve treatment options for patients.

• Pengchun Yu, Ph.D., studies the defects in the lymphatic vessel system that can lead to lymphedema, a disease characterized by painful swelling in the limbs, and diabetic retinopathy, which can cause blindness.

• Meng Zhao, Ph.D., focuses on how the white blood cells called T cells protect the body from autoimmune diseases like rheumatoid arthritis. Her research will help design precision medicine approaches to treating RA and other autoimmune illnesses.

The scientists are all relatively new to Oklahoma, each having established a lab in recent years following postdoctoral fellowships at the Yale University School of Medicine, University of Utah, Seattle Children's Research Institute, University of Washington, and the La Jolla Institute for Immunology in California.

for each scientist for up to five part of the NIH.

• Jacquelyn Gorman, Ph.D., years and is eligible for renewal for two additional five-year phases, each supporting a new

group of junior scientists. The grant also supports the combination of new and existing resources for a new metabolic phenotyping core directed by OMRF's Tim Griffin, Ph.D., and funds the foundation's existing flow cytometry core, directed by OMRF's Pepe Alberola-Ila, M.D., Ph.D.

These centralized cores will increase accessibility and efficiency for cellular metabolism research across campus.

OMRF has two other active COBRE grants, one that was renewed in 2018 and a third set to conclude in April.

"COBRE funding has had a significant impact in elevating OMRF to the international stage as well as in our ability to retain top scientific talent," said OMRF Vice President of Research Rodger McEver, M.D.

"Dr. Xia is a perfect example, having received funding from a COBRE nearly 20 years ago. With the opportunity to now lead one of his own, it's come full circle. This is an exciting development for OMRF's next wave of great scientists," McEver concluded.

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A Flame Still Burns on Washington Hill

archives and seeing life as it was back when. The column you are about to read comes from 2003 but was revisited a decade later, as you'll see. We were on the heels of a great crisis in '03 as you well remember, but the notes from a decade later sound a bit ominous, too.

It's kind of funny, as we say, that every generation has its own crises, and they never stop coming. We have a different one right now than we ever have had before. But I'll tell you what I hope to be true with all my being -- there's a flame that is burning now, and that flame will keep burning, ern tour: on and on...

By the time you read this, the nation will have made all the gaudy preparations for a historical event up in Washington, D.C. Some of the greatest entertainers will be there, and dignitaries, with the new president front and center.

But what might be overlooked – if we are not careful – are a thousand historical reminders of where we came Lincoln, sitting every bit as from, who we are, and what tall and proud as the lady in made us great in the very beginning. We will be thankful for those reminders, and, if we'll nearby wall: Fourscore and focus carefully on them, their seven years ago our fathers

I love looking back into the silent aura will drown out the brought forth on this continent petty chatter we could hear, if a new nation, conceived in we cared to listen.

As I thought of the historical significance of this day, I thought of a trip the amazin' blonde and I took up to this part of history back in 2003. Our first order of business was to visit our son Malachi who was working in that part of the world at the time; but we also were able to take in some of America's rich history. Before we left, those powerful sights would grip us and change us, just a bit, forever.

There were so many great sights to behold on this north-

We saw the hills of Virginia, the Shenandoah Valley, Delaware, and New Jersey.

We saw New York City, and the Statue of Liberty standing proudly in the fog.

And we saw the emptiness of a place called Ground Zero. But I think the most gripping scenes from this historical tour were those in Washington D.C.

We stood in front of Mr. the Hudson Bay. His famous speech is engraved on a huge

liberty ...'

You know the occasion.

Standing where Abraham Lincoln sat, and looking out as he looked, we saw the Washington Monument stretching up 550 towering feet. It's not much more than a couple of stone throws from the majestic White House tucked away nicely in the middle of the city, like a child in a blanket.

Those scenes were inspiring, but it would be the next scene that was the most awe-inspiring

And the most convicting, too. About a mile from Mr. Lincoln, just across the Potomac River, is a cemetery where men who lived serving their country and many who died doing the same now rest.

Crossing the Potomac – as our first president did in time of war - and heading uphill amidst a thousand white markers, you soon find yourself up at the peak of Arlington.

It is there that we saw the scene that brought a little lump to my throat. I don't know exactly what it was about it. It

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Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

By Stella Bledsoe

Ash Wednesday, February 17, complementary. The common marked the beginning of the theme among these readings season of Lent. The ashes we is obedience. received on our forehead in the outward sign of our sinfulness and need for penance.

This coming Sunday, February 21, is the first Sunday in Lent. The readings are Genesis 9:8-15 (God places completely lost his mind. the rainbow); 1 Peter 3:18-2 member that the readings each mental task. If we tried to do

Let's focus on Noah. Can shape of a cross served as an you imagine being in Noah's position? He starts building a boat, a huge boat. The people, at a minimum, thought he was eccentric. Truthfully, they probably thought he had

So, the first thing Noah did he followed God's instruction. (referencing the eight per- was believe God and trust him sons saved by water during when instructed to build the people and a big variety of the flood and Jesus saving us ark. That state of obedience animals got on the boat. Now through his resurrection); and was only in his mind. The obviously this was not a cruise Mark 1:12-15 (Jesus spends actual gathering of all the 40 days in the desert). Re-needed supplies was a monu-

We have now begun Lent. Sunday are supposed to be this today, even with the help of Lowe's and Home Depot, we would be exhausted. Still, Noah obeyed God.

And construction began. Noah followed God's instruction. Keep in mind that Noah did not know God's full plan, he just was building an ark. Then God told him what to put in the ark. Still Noah did not know God's full plan, but

Then the eight selected

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Green Avenue Church of Christ

classes were canceled due to weather conditions last week.

All regular Sunday services were also canceled because of for 18 years. the weather, but an online session was held at 10 a.m. Sunday morning.

At that session Keith Shack-

The text begins by relating an incident in which Jesus healed a woman who had a disability

The leader of the synagogue condemned Jesus for healing on the Sabbath, but He pointed out that the law of Moses did leford presented a lesson on not forbid them from loosing freedom, growth and influ-their livestock from the feeding

Wednesday evening Bible ence based on Luke 13:10-22. trough on the Sabbath and leading them to water. It therefore followed that it was right for the woman to be loosed from her disability.

Then Jesus related two parables. The first parable was of the mustard seed comparing

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Lexington United Methodist Church

and prayers for all to be safe, anisee if all is well with them and to let them know you are okay. Think and pray for each other.

The next Food Bank Give-Away will be held Saturday, more difficult. February 20, from 12 to 4 p.m. masks to protect each other and to pay attention to social distancing. Masks can be provided if sanitizer will also be available.

seem quite right to say "celdecided to participate?

For me, I plan to avoid saying in this are my own personal at 10:50 a.m. Our address is

Due to the inclement weather prejudices. Of course, I realize 631 East Ash, just west of predicted, we send our thoughts that as soon as I state this, Satan, Lexington High School. For the deceiver, will make sure that more information, please call mals included. Please be careful I am faced with more than the the church at (405) 527-3506 and check on your neighbors to usual situations to react meanly and shamefully. This totally goes against my own mission to be kind to all God's creatures, especially humans who make it

Please, God, bless all of us We ask that everyone wear and protect us. As the Army advertising once said, help us to "be all we can be."

No matter who you are, what you do not have one. Hand you look like, or where you are from, you are welcome to As we observe (it doesn't be with us. As most Methodist churches have professed, we ebrate") Lent, how have you have "open hearts, open minds, and open doors" to all.

Please come share our worand even thinking malicious ship at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays, things about others. Included followed by Sunday school

to leave a message, or contact Pastor David directly at (405) 406-6174.

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Sunday Evening 3:00 pm

Wednesday Evening 7:30 pm



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7:00 p.m. Wednesday Night

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715 W. Harrison, Purcell

Sunday Morning - 10 a.m.

Revival Service - 11 a.m.

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Sunday - 11 am (English)

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Parish Office/Oficina: 527-3077

Priest House/Padre Juan Pedro: 527-4242

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Pastor Charles Barton 527-5726

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Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Pastor Susan Whitley 211 N. 2nd, Purcell 527-2256 Office

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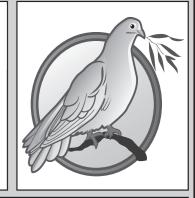
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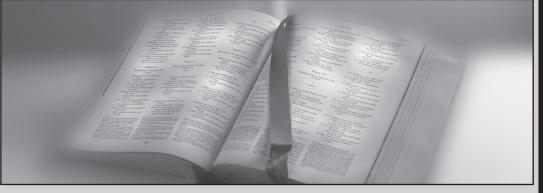


Pastor David Pickard 527-6808

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship: 10:50 a.m. Evening Worship: 5:00 p.m.





could have been the quiet respect of those dozens of Americans milling around viewing the scene at the top.

It could have been the marble boulders around the area with words of some of the greatest orations in this country's history, including "Ask not what your country can do for you ..."

Maybe it was that two of the four graves marked at the top who never had a chance to live their lives.

Or perhaps it was the grave her husband when the world stopped abruptly for us all.

And, certainly, it was the grave of that husband resting beside those two small children and his wife, the president memories stay strong. whose work ended not far from where I write today, down in ing. ~ August 9, 2003

But I think something else com

added to the moment.

There beside these four graves, in the nation's most renowned cemetery, a flame

The flame always burns, night and day.

It is a flame of love, a flame of dedication and allegiance, a flame of faith. And it could not, cannot, will not be put out! Not by an assassin's bulof Arlington were two children let. Not by a terrorist. Not by a foreign power. And not by liberal dogma.

The only power that could of the wife who rode alongside ever extinguish this flame is ourselves – by our own carelessness, by a loss of values, by faded memories in both (and low places.)

We must make sure our

The flame must keep burn-

coachbowen1984@gmail.

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followed God's plan.

waters receded, and everyone possible for us. stayed on the ark until it was safe to leave, again based on God telling Noah what to do. When all was said and done, God placed a rainbow in the sky so all could recall his promise never to destroy the earth again

life. Our challenges include vast things like the pandemic and not so vast things like 'is there gas in the car.' In whatever we face, if we will quiet ourselves and listen for God's

need to study God's word and and Friday, 9 a.m. spend time in prayer. We need

ship so certainly Noah must to listen for God's urgings. have wondered how all this Our outcomes will never be as would end. Nonetheless, he dramatic as the Ark. But if we choose to be Christians in our Even as children, we knew thoughts, words, and deeds, how the story ended. The flood our outcomes will be the best

> 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 Everyday we are faced with 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 cues, the outcome will be right. a.m.; Spanish Sunday, 1 p.m. Like Noah, we do not know Daily masses are Tuesday, 9 what God's plan is for us, but a.m.; Wednesday, 12 noon; God knows. Remember we Thursday, 7 p.m. (Spanish),

Peace be with you.

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Green Ave.:

its growth into a large tree to Worship assemblies are at the growth of His kingdom.

kingdom of Christ to a small Wednesday. amount of leaven which com-

Jackson and Green Avenue. information.

10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. every The second parable com- Sunday and Bible classes at pared the influence of the 9:45 a.m. Sunday and 7 p.m.

You can call the office at pletely leavens a large amount 527-4052 or email cofc_purcell@hotmail.com.for cor-The church meets at 407 respondence courses or other

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

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMATO:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED

THAT Plaintiffs, Edward Tabor and

A. Tabor, have filed a Petition in the

District Court of McClain County,

State of Oklahoma, suing you for

damages resulting from a motor

vehicle crash that occurred on or

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED

that you must file an Answer to Plaintiff's Petition on or before the

TRENT HOWARD KARL

about August 26, 2018.

corporation,

Defendant.

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 Repre-

sentative

No. 72-February 4-3 Times 10th day of March, 2021 or this IN THE DISTRICT COURT Court will hear the evidence in OF MCCLAIN COUNTY support of the damages claimed STATE OF OKLAHOMA by Plaintiff and shall grant judg-EDWARD TABOR, individually, and ment against you in excess of the amount required for diversity as Parent and next friend of A.T. Plaintiffs, jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1332 together with interest, TRENT HOWARD KARL, indicosts, and attorney's fees to

vidually; and REDBACK ENERGY SERVICES,LLC, a foreign for-profit IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my official signature and seal of said Court this 27 Case No.: CJ-2020-108 day of January, 2021 NOTICE OF PUBLICATION McClain County Court Clerk

By: /s/ Donna Morrow

Deputy (Seal) ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF: Nathan Rex, OBA 31694

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High school basketball playoffs set to begin

AngieSteele

Washington Correspondent

Comanche will play Washington Saturday, February 20, at Washington in the district tournament. Times are yet to be announced.

Regional play will be in Washington on February 25, 26 and 27 while Area will be played in Ada March 4,5 and 6.

The State Tournament will be played in Oklahoma City March 9-13.

Clorox Wipes Drive

WPS is having a Clorox Wipes Drive for the secondary level. We strive to help keep our surfaces clean and disinfected. Having disinfectant wipes on hand makes cleaning so much easier on our teachers and staff.

Please drop off all donations at the middle school office. See Robyne Cox in the middle

Thank you for your continued support!

PRE-K 2021-2022 Enrollment Information

It is the philosophy of Washington Public Schools that all children can learn and that early childhood education provides a strong foundation for a child's education. We believe that children learn best through meaningful play opportunities supplemented with adult facilitated activities.

Our program is rooted in developmentally appropriate practices that address critical areas of growth for young children, such as language development, peer relationships, problem-solving, selfregulation, and independence.

We aim to create a supportive and nurturing environment that celebrates every child's natural curiosity for the world around them while introducing early literacy, math, and school readiness skills for Kindergarten and

Documentation needed for pre-k registration:

- Copy of birth certificate; • Current immunization
- Copy of social security card;
- Proof of residence two of the following: Utility bill, lease agreement, documentation of home ownership.

Pre-K Enrollment Timeline: February 18—Round Up Night. Drop off only completed ackets at elementary office from 5-7 p.m.

Washington Senior Center

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 18-26: Thursday, February 18— White bean chili with chicken, cornbread, cookies.

Friday, February 19—Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, biscuits, pineapple upside down cake. Monday, February 22—Taco

salad, tortilla chips, chili beans, fruit cocktail cake.

Tuesday, February 23—Spaghetti, meat sauce, Italian green beans, garlic bread, harvest

Wednesday, February 24— Smoked sausage, baked beans, corn casserole, fruit and Jell-O. Thursday, February 25—

Chicken and noodles, peas and carrots, strawberry shortcake.

Friday, February 26—Pulled pork/BBQ, baked beans, green beans, hot rolls, banana pud-



Recognition

Calendar

Washington Fire Department recognized Jeremy Bolser last week for his retirement. His many years of dedication and service to the citizens of Washington are appreciated!

Friday Music Jams starts at ways to provide our services to the veteran's service-connected 10 a.m.

Washington Public Schools

February 18—Pre-K Enrollment; Future 6th Grade Parent Meeting, McAlester Gym; HS/ MS Parent/Teacher Confer-

basketball district, home vs of veteran claims that we have Comanche, 6 p.m.; Washington in our system. Livestock Show, 10 a.m.

February 22—JH Baseball at Chickasha, Scrimmage, 4:30 p.m. February 23—Washington

Bridge Creek, 4:30 p.m. February 25—Class 3ABasketball Regional Tournament,

Bonus Auction; HS Baseball at

Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation

home, times TBA.

We are continuing to work on veteran's claims during this frigid and snowy weather. Our new computer programs Intake Q and Vet-Pro are enabling our volunteers to continue assisting veterans remotely.

we could help a veteran file a use since going all digital. claim for VA benefits without Not only does it work, but it is claims processed.

the men and women who have All meals are served with a served our country. The cost beverage, dessert and salad bar. in new computers, programs, and hardware to keep both our veterans and volunteers safe has been very expensive for our Veterans Foundation. If the weather clears up in a

few days, we will be bringing more volunteers on board to February 20—Class 3A help us to reduce the number In the future, we hope to as-

sist every veteran and surviving spouse who needs our help with their application for VA benefits. Before the pandemic, we would accept 150 veterans each Tuesday and Thursday morning. As we continue to add volunteers, our goal is to reach the number of veterans we processed each week before the pandemic and exceed that number in the next few months.

We have several power wheelchairs and scooters, along with other handicap items available for veterans and their families. We also have several five-drawer fireproof If anyone had ever told me file cabinets that we no longer During the last several

ever meeting in person, I would months, I can't tell you how have said it was impossible. many people have contacted us to make a death notificaalso so much more convenient tion to VA and ask what they for the veteran to not have to should do about benefits for or if you have someone you stand in line for hours waiting the veterans' surviving spouse. would like to see a feature for us to open to have their We try to let everyone know article about. Send me birthday, During the last year since 100 percent for 10 years, the you would like to share with the COVID-19 pandemic, all surviving spouse should be our community. of us have had to find different eligible for VADIC benefits, or

disability must be listed on their Death Certificate as a primary or a contributing condition to their death.

On another note, if a disabled veteran has a child that became disabled before the age of 18, they may be eligible for VA benefits. Many veterans and surviving spouses could probably qualify for VA benefits if they only knew about them.

One of the reasons I write this newsletter is in hopes that those who need assistance will contact our organization. We believe Veterans Helping Veterans is the answer to many of their needs.

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, that if the veteran was rated anniversary, or personal news

Angie Steele

Courthouse News

The following persons have been charged by the State of Oklahoma with traffic or other violations or have filed other court actions in McClain County District Court between February 4-10, 2021

Traffic

Oliver Barajas Alcala, speeding,

Collin P. Barnes, speeding, 74/45. David R. Boydston, no seatbelt. Luke Brodersen, speeding, 95/65. Richard Brown, taxes due state. Madison Burgess, speeding, 75/65. Valarie J. Clark, no valid driver's

Cole Covington, 75/65. William B. Dalley, no seatbelt. Nadia S. Deville, no valid driver's

Nadia S. Deville, no insurance. Darren Farmer, speeding, 90/60. Armando Guerra, no seatbelt. Isabel M. Hammond, no seatbelt. William J. Haverkamp, operate not reasonable and proper.

Samuel C. Hightower, no seatbelt. Stephanie Hopper, speeding, 75/65. Madison B. Htde, no valid driver's

Shane D. Hunter, speeding, 75/65. Ashley S. Leopard, failure to yield. Vantisha Lewis, speeding, 90/75. Kimberly Martin, no seatbelt. Luis H. Martinez Soto, no seatbelt.

Luis H. Martinez Soto, no valid driver's license. Diamond Mitchell, speeding,

Sarah N. Pledger, failure to remain

Sarah N. Pledger, unsafe lane change. James E. Powers, no valid driver's

Jaymz A. Powers, driving under Jaymz A. Powers, no insurance.

Derrick L. Reed, dumping trash Title 21 1761 (1).

Carol D. Romine, unlawful storage of waste tires. 1st offense. Elda Ruiz, speeding, 100/75.

Yosuke Shingu, no seatbelt. Frederic Daniel Stewart, taxes

Scott B. Shaw, failure to stop.

Jacob D. Taylor, no insurance. Jonathan D. Thomas, failure to

Christy Thompson, speeding, Toribio Velasquez, speeding,

Joseph Williamson, speeding,85/75

Karen Wishon, speeding, 75/65. Misdemeanors Kristy D. Bell, domestic abuse,

assault & battery. Eric S. Bozarth, unlawful possession of controlled drug.

Ron C. Campbell, trespassing after being forbidden. Ron C. Campbell, larceny of lost

property. Christopher N. Ellerd, trespass after being forbidden.

Cydnee J. Filippo, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia. Adam T. Frazier, DUI.

Juanterrar C. Givens, protective order violation Kelsey R. Goodman, unlawful pos-

session of drug paraphernalia. Lisa Grigsby, possession of CDS. Hector Hernandez-Lunares, public

intoxication. William Cody Hodge, trespass after being forbidden.

Antonio Isiah Jackson, trespass after being forbidden. Octavious Zevell Thompson,

unlawful possession of drug para-Lori S. Wood, assault & battery.

Alexander J. Wrancher, possession

Felonies Sherri L. Bryan, battery/assault & battery on police officer.

a child under 16 Bradley D. Hodson, manslaughter,

1st degree. Dustin E. Orr, unauthorized use of a vehicle.

living within 2000 feet of school. **Small Claims** Lela F. Dodds vs. Mondo Solutions

Michael J. Vaughan, sex offender

LLC, forcible entry and detainer over Dream Maker, LLC vs. Patricia

"Tia" Minzoni, forcible entry and detainer over \$5000. Civil

Capital One Bank (USA) NA vs. Jorge H. Cruz, civil action \$10,000

Discover Bank vs. Paul R. Trimmell, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Midland Credit Management Inc. vs. Jacob Heck, civil action \$10,000

Discover Card vs. Sandra K. Stroh, civil action \$10,000 or more. Troy L. Madden vs. Eastern Oklahoma Railway Co., civil action

\$10,000 or more Christine Sanders vs. Farmers Insurance Co. Inc., civil action \$10,000

Denisha D. Nevis vs. Abigail P. Otis, civil action \$10,000 or more.

Marriages Filed Matthew N. A. Tyler, 21, and Sage N. Davidson, 21, both of Newcastle.

Divorces Granted Linda R. Gordon vs. Tommy W. Gordon.

Cristina N. W. Rennie vs. Michael

R. Rennie.

Michael C. Fixico, lewd acts with

Christopher Cannaday, DUI.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA Troy Madden and Regina Sue Madden, husband and wife Plaintiffs,

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 THESTATE OF OKLAHOMATO: 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

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, and declaring that they 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, 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 iudament 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 guieted 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: Ideeoliphant@msn.com

No. 90-February 11-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA In the Matter of the Estate of BURLEY C. GENTRY, Deceased. No. PB-2020-53 NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT, PETITION FOR **DETERMINATION OF** HEIRSHIP, FOR DISTRIBUTION

AND DISCHARGE Notice is hereby given that the final account of the Personal Representative herein and the petition for determination of heirs and distribution of said estate and final discharge of said Personal Representative was filed herein on the 3 day of February, 2021, and that a hearing on said final account and petition has been set before the undersigned Judge or

No. 96-February 11-2 Times

IN THE DISTRICT COURT

OF MCCLAIN COUNTY

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

PB-2020-73

NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL

ACCOUNT AND FINAL REPORT.

AND PETITION FOR ORDER

ALLOWING FINAL ACCOUNT

AND FINAL REPORT,

DETERMINING HEIRS

LEGATEES. AND DEVISEES

AND PETITION FOR FINAL

DECREE OF DISTRIBUTION

AND DISCHARGE

persons interested in the Estate of

NORMA G. BIERING, deceased

that KAREN MINYARD. Personal

Representative, has filed in this

Court her Final Account and Final

Report, Petition for Order Allowing

Final Account and Final Report,

and Determining Heirs, Legatees,

and Devisees, and Petition for

Final Decree of Distribution and

Pursuant to an Order of said

Court, notice is hereby given that

March 4, 2021 at 9:30 o'clock a.m.

Notice is hereby given to all

deceased

has been assigned in the District Courtroom of the McClain County Courthouse, Purcell, Oklahoma, on the 4 day of March, 2021. at 9:30 o'clock a.m., and all persons interested therein are notified to appear and show cause, if any, why said account shall not be approved and said petition granted. Dated this 3 day of February, **CHARLES GRAY**

to the Judge to which the same

ASSOCIATE DISTRICT JUDGE Judge of the District Court Ted W. Haxel (OBA #3997) 108 North Second St. Post Office Box 367 Purcell, Oklahoma 73080 (405) 527-5888 phone (405) 527-6666 fax haxellaw@aol.com

of said day has been appointed as the time for hearing said Petition in the Courthouse in the City of Purcell, County of McClain, IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE State of Oklahoma, all persons OF NORMA G. BIERING, also interested shall then and there known as NORMA BIERING, appear and show cause, if any they have, why the said account should not be settled and allowed. the heirs determined, and said Es-

> and the Personal Representative discharged. Dated the 5th day of February, 2021.

> tate distributed to the heirs thereof

CHARLES GRAY ASSOCIATE DISTRICT JUDGE JUDGE OF THE **DISTRICT COURT**

Prepared by: /s/ Sara K. Hawkins JOHN W. MEE, JR., OBA #6117 SARA K. HAWKINS, OBA #30119

MEE HOGE PLLP 1900 NW Expressway, Suite 1400

Oklahoma City, OK 73118 Telephone: (405) 848-9100 Facsimile: (405) 848-9101 ATTORNEYS FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

No. 97-February 11-2 Times NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE Notice is given that on March

16, 2021, at 10:00 o'clock a.m.

at in room 121 of the County

Courthouse, in Purcell, McClain

County, Oklahoma, the Sheriff of

said County will offer for sale and

sell, for cash, at public auction,

to the highest and best bidder, all

that certain real estate in McClain

(6) AND THE EAST 37 FEET OF

LOT SEVEN (7), IN BLOCK SIX (6),

WESTBROOK, AN ADDITION TO

THE CITY OF PURCELL, BEING A

PART OF THE NE/4 OF SECTION

2, TOWNSHIP 6 NORTH, RANGE

2 WEST OF THE INDIAN BASE

MERIDIAN, MCCLAIN COUNTY,

OKLAHOMA, ACCORDING TO

THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF:

sessments, advancements by

Plaintiff for taxes, insurance pre-

miums, expenses necessary for

the preservation of the subject

property, if any, and prior security

interests in fixtures, if any, said

property having been appraised

at \$210,000.00, and subject to

any applicable statutory right of

redemption. Sale will be made

pursuant to order of sale issued

in accordance with judgment

entered in the District Court of

Pursuant to judgment, Plaintiff

reserves the right to recall the

Special Execution and Order of

Sale and to cancel this scheduled

sale orally or in writing at any

McClain County, Oklahoma.

subject to unpaid taxes, as-

THE WEST 37 FEET OF LOTSIX

County, Oklahoma, to-wit:

or leave of Court. In the absence of Plaintiff's representative at the sale, the subject property will not be sold on the date set forth above.

PERSONS OR OTHER ENTI-TIES HAVING AN INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY WHOSE INTER-EST IS SOUGHT TO BE EXTIN-GUISHED, INCLUDING THOSE WHOSE ACTUAL ADDRESS IS UNKNOWN AND PERSONS OR OTHER ENTITIES WHOSE UNKNOWN SUCCESSORS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED ARE: GLENDA S. SHEETS, WHETHER LIVING OR DEAD, AND IF DEAD, HIS\ HER UNKNOWN SUCCESSORS IF ANY, SPOUSE OF GLENDA S. SHEETS, IF MARRIED, WHETHER LIVING OR DEAD, AND IF DEAD, HIS\HER UNKNOWN SUCCES-SORS, IF ANY, TINKER FEDERAL CREDIT UNION. MORTGAGE **ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION** SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMI-NEE FOR UNITED WHOLESALE

MORTGAGE. Landy Offolter, Sheriff of McClain County, Oklahoma By: /s/ Landy Offolter **SHERIFF**

KELLY M. PARKER, #22673 LAMUN MOCK GHAM & DAVIS, P.C. Attorneys for Plaintiff

5613 N. Classen Blvd. Oklahoma City, OK 73118 (405) 840-5900 (405) 842-6132 (Fax) LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC vs. JAMES E. CUSHMAN,

et al.; Case No. CJ-2019-66

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

State of Oklahoma, ex rel. Department of Transportation,

Case No. CV-21-20

Judge Charles Gray

executors, administrators, legatees, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns; Caroline Roettger and Lloyd Roettger, wife and husband; Russell Kelly Langham and Lisa Langham, husband and wife; Ruby Chenault, deceased his/her known or unknown heirs, executors, administrators, legatees, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns; George Chenault and Beverly Chenault, husband and wife; George Cain, Jr., deceased his/her known or unknown heirs, executors, administrators, legatees, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns; Barbara E. Brown, a single person; Thomas H. Cain and Linda Cain, husband and wife; and the McClain County Board of Commissioners, Defendants

Georgena Langham, deceased his/her known or unknown heirs,

NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

You are hereby notified that the Department of Transportation of the State of Oklahoma, under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Oklahoma, has filed legal proceed ings in the above-named Court. In those proceedings, the State of Oklahoma, ex rel. Department of Transportation, is the Plaintiff. You are the Defendant(s).

The Department of Transportation, acting under the laws of the State of Oklahoma, has determined to establish, maintain and/or upgrade a public State Highway, and/or facilities incidental thereto, on the property described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Because the Plaintiff has been unable to acquire that property from you by private purchase, all previous negotiations and/or agreements made by the Department of Transportation prior to this date are considered void, but will be reconsidered during the course of these legal proceedings. A hearing will be held on the 2nd day of March, 2021, at the hour of 9:30 o'clock a.m. (or as soon thereafter as this matter may be heard) before Judge Gray of the District Court of McClain County, Oklahoma, in the Courthouse at Purcell,

At this hearing, the Court will issue an Order appointing three (3) disinterested freeholders of that County to act as Commissioners. The Commissioners shall be ordered to inspect the property described in Exhibit "A" and to determine the just compensation to which the Defendant(s) are entitled by reason of its appropriation. Said appropriation is to be in fee simple, unless specified otherwise in Exhibit "A" in which case the quality of title or interest to be acquired shall be as so stated, excluding mineral interests. The appropriation also includes the right to use and remove any and all road-building materials from the fee, as well as from any easement described, for the aforementioned public State Transportation

The Commissioners shall further be ordered to return their Report to the Court Clerk. The Court Clerk will within ten (10) days forward Notice of filing with a copy of the Report to all parties. Within thirty (30) days after the filing of the Report of Commissioners, any party to this proceeding may file a written exception. Within sixty (60) days from the filing of said Report of Commissioners, any party to this proceeding may also file a written demand for a trial by jury of the issues involved. If neither party files exception to the Report of Commissioners nor demands a trial by jury within the time limitations set out above, the Report of Commissioners shall be approved and confirmed by the Court and the determination of just compensation shall be final and the case shall be closed.

You may be present at the time set forth above for the appointment of the Commissioners, if you so desire. Should you have questions regarding these proceedings, you should seek the advice of legal counsel.

> Respectfully submitted, STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION JAMES "ZEB" JUDD, OBA #31608 200 Northeast 21st Street Oklahoma City, OK 73105 Phone: 405.521.2681 Facsimile: 405.522.3720 E-mail: zjudd@odot.org Attorney for the State of Oklahoma, ex rel. Department of Transportation

EXHIBIT A

29671(05) Parcel 54 September 14, 2020

Parcel 54

A strip, piece or parcel of land lying in part of the NW1/4 of Section 5, T9N, R4W, in McClain County, Oklahoma. Said parcel of land being described by metes and bounds

Beginning at a point on the West line of said NW1/4, a distance of 1,800.00 feet S00°19'12"E of the Northwest corner of said NW1/4, thence N89°50'25"E a distance of 136.00 feet, thence S12°48'51"W a distance of 17.66 feet, thence S89°50'25"W a distance of 131.99 feet to a point on said West line, thence N00°19'12"W along said West line a distance of 17.21 feet to point of beginning.

Containing 0.03 acres (1,446 sq. ft.), more or less of new right-of-way, the remaining area included in the above description being 0.02 acres (861 sq. ft.), of right-of-way occupied

All bearings contained in this description are based on the Oklahoma State Plane Coordinate System and are not astronomical bearings.

time prior to sale without notice STATE OF OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Advertisement to Contractors - March 18, 2021

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.

10:30 A.M. Bid Opening

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/

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, 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 ODOTada-titlevi@odot.org

Description of work and location of project:

STP-244C(072)PM

Call Order: 755 JP NO. 29459(04) **MCCLAIN**

GRADE, DRAIN, SURFACE, AND BRIDGE SH-59: FROM 5.6 MILES SOUTH OF THE SH-39 JUNCTION, EXTEND NORTH NEAR

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

THE PURCELL REGISTER, Thursday, February 18, 2021-13A

No. 89-February 11-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF McCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF STEVE A. BROADBOOKS,

Case No. PB-2021-08 NOTICE TO CREDITORS TO THE CREDITORS OF STEVE A. BROADBOOKS, Deceased:

All creditors having claims against Steve A. Broadbooks, deceased, are required to present the same, with a description of all security interests and other collateral (if any) held by each creditor with respect to such claim to Helen M. Broadbooks, Personal Repre-

sentative, at the office of Monte J. Wilson, Attorney at Law, P.C., 1818 W. Lindsey, C-110, Norman, OK 73069, on or before the following presentment date: April 9, 2021. or the same will be forever barred. DATED this 4th day of Febru-

/s/ Helen M. Broadbooks

Helen M. Broadbooks

Personal Representative /s/ Monte J. Wilson Monte J. Wilson, OBA #11572 1818 W. Lindsey, C-110 Norman, OK 73069 (405) 321-0500 (405) 321-6911 (fax) ATTÖRNEY FOR PÉTITIONER

No. 98-February 11-2 Times DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE

DAVID JUNIOR MATTHEWS. Deceased.

Case No.: PB-2021-16 NOTICE OF HEARING THESTATE OF OKLAHOMATO: The Heirs, Devisees, Legatees and Assigns of David Junior Matthews. Deceased, and all persons claiming any right, title and interest in and to the Estate of David Junior Matthews.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons interested in the Estate of David Junior Matthews, Deceased, that on the 4th day of February 2021, Sue Mize filed in said court a Petition praying for Letters Testamentary to be issued to Petitioner, that the heirs, devisees, and legatees of David Junior Matthews, who died intestate, be determined under the provisions of the Oklahoma Statutes, and requesting that the appointment of

appraisers, the filing in the district court file of an inventory of the assets of this Estate, and the filing of any annual and final accounting, and the presentation to the court of any such accounting, be waived. Pursuant to an Order of this

Court, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 11th day of March 2021, at 9:30 a.m., has been appointed as the time for hearing said Petition at the McClain County Courthouse. located at 121 North 2nd Street. Suite 231, Purcell, Oklahoma 73080, Room 225, when all persons interested may appear and contest same as provided by law, and assert their right as an heir, devisee, legatee of David Junior Matthews, Deceased.

Charles Gray, Associate District Judge JUDGE OF THE **DISTRICT COURT**

APPROVED: /s/ Sue Mize Ms. Sue Mize 330 North 2nd Avenue Purcell, Oklahoma 73080 PETITIONER, PRO SE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

State of Oklahoma, ex rel. Department of Transportation,

William R. Owen, a single person; and the McClain County Board of Commissioners, Defendants.

Case No. CV-21-18 Judge Charles Gray

NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA.

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

You are hereby notified that the Department of Transportation of the State of Oklahoma, acting under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Oklahoma, has filed legal proceedings in the above-named Court. In those proceedings, the State of Oklahoma, ex rel. Department of Transportation, is the Plaintiff, You are the Defendant(s).

The Department of Transportation, acting under the laws of the State of Oklahoma, has determined to establish, maintain and/or upgrade a public State Highway, and/or facilities incidental thereto, on the property described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

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At this hearing, the Court will issue an Order appointing three (3) disinterested freeholders of that County to act as Commissioners. The Commissioners shall be ordered to inspect the property described in Exhibit "A" and to determine the just compensation to which the Defendant(s) are entitled by reason of its appropriation. Said appropriation is to be in fee simple, unless specified otherwise in Exhibit "A" in which case the quality of title or interest to be acquired shall be as so stated, excluding mineral interests. The appropriation also includes the right to use and remove any and all road-building materials from the fee, as well as from any easement described, for the aforementioned public State Transportation

The Commissioners shall further be ordered to return their Report to the Court Clerk. The Court Clerk will within ten (10) days forward Notice of filing with a copy of the Report to all parties. Within thirty (30) days after the filing of the Report of Commissioners, any party to this proceeding may file a written exception. Within sixty (60) days from the filing of said Report of Commissioners, any party to this proceeding may also file a written demand for a trial by jury of the issues involved. If neither party files exception to the Report of Commissioners nor demands a trial by jury within the time limitations set out above, the Report of Commissioners shall be approved and confirmed by the Court and the determination of just compensation shall be final and the case shall be closed.

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> Respectfully submitted, STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION JAMES "ZEB" JUDD, OBA #31608 200 Northeast 21st Street Oklahoma City, OK 73105 Phone: 405.521.2681 Facsimile: 405.522.3720 E-mail: zjudd@odot.org Attorney for the State of Oklahoma, ex rel. Department of Transportation

> > **EXHIBIT A**

29671(05) Parcel 2 & 2.1 September 14, 2020

A strip, piece or parcel of land lying in part of the SW1/4 of Section 17, T9N, R4W, in McClain County, Oklahoma. Said parcel of land being described by metes and bounds

Beginning at the Southwest corner of said SW1/4, thence N00°12'23"W along the West line of said SW1/4 a distance of 431.08 feet to a point on the present South right-of-way line of U.S. Highway No. 44, thence Northeasterly along said present South right-of-way line on a curve to the left having a chord bearing of N57°39'15"E and having a radius of 11,659.16 feet an arc distance of 70.86 feet, thence S09°56'46"E a distance of 236.44 feet, thence S00°12'23"E a distance of 100.00 feet, thence S75°03'45"E a distance of 233.13 feet, thence N89°49'21"E a distance of 75.00 feet, thence S83°03'09"E a distance of 201.56 feet to a point on the present North right-of-way line of State Highway No. 130, thence S89°49'21"E along said present North right-of-way line a distance of 699.07 feet, thence S00°12'58"E a distance of 50.00 feet to a point on the South line of said SW1/4, thence S89°49'21 "W along said South line a distance of 1,299.11 feet to point of begin-

Containing 0.66 acres (28,934 sq. ft.), more or less of new right-of-way, the remaining area included in the above description being 2.04 acres (88,948 sq. ft.), of right-of-way occupied by the present highway

All bearings contained in this description are based on the Oklahoma State Plane Coordinate System and are not astronomical bearings.

Parcel 2.1

A temporary easement for the purpose of constructing a detour on the following described

A strip, piece or parcel of land lying in part of the SW1/4 SW1/4 of Section 17, T9N, R4W, in McClain County, Oklahoma. Said parcel of land being described by metes and bounds

Commencing at the Southwest corner of said SW1/4 SW1/4, thence N89°49'21 "E along the South line of said SW1/4 SW1/4 a distance of 600.00 feet, thence N00°10'39"W a distance of 50.00 feet to the Point of Beginning, said point being on the present North right-of-way line of State Highway No. 130, thence N89°49'21 "E along said present North right-of-way line a distance of 200.00 feet, thence N81 °38'48"W a distance of 101.12 feet, thence S89°49'21" W a distance of 220.00 feet to a point on the permanent North rightof-way line of State Highway No. 130, thence S83°03'09"E along said permanent North right-of-way line a distance of 120.93 feet to said point of beginning.

Containing 0.07 acres (3,150 sq. ft.), more or less.

All bearings contained in this description are based on the Oklahoma State Plane Coordinate System and are not astronomical bearings

This temporary easement will automatically expire at the completion of construction upon this highway project.

Obituaries

Marie Bergman

Marie Bergman was born in San Antonio, Texas, on June, 25, 1928 to Willie and Eulalia Martinez. Marie passed away on January 24, 2021 in Purcell, Okla.

Marie married John Bergman in San Antonio, Texas, and



they brought daughter Sherrie Bergman into the world. Marie proudly served in the United States Naval Reserves for four years. Marie was a born-again believer.

Marie was preceded in death by her parents, Willie and Eulalia Martinez; two brothers, Christopher and Robert, and two sisters, Virginia and Rose Ann.

Marie is survived by her daughter, Sherrie of Austin, Texas; sisters, Della of Tulsa, Okla., Lydia of Lexington, Okla., Sara of New York, and Lucy of San Antonio, Texas; one brother, Leonard of San Antonio, Texas, and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

The family will always be thankful to Pat Trejo and family that showed Marie lots of love.

There are no services scheduled at this time.

Online condolences may be made at wilsonlittle.com.

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

Donald Duane Besett

Donald Duane Besett, 77, of Goldsby died Feb. 15, 2021. He was born Sept. 27, 1943 in Lawton, Okla., one of four children of Kermit Bob Besett and Agnes Blanche (Risner) Besett.

Survivors include his loving wife, Judith and daughter, Jessica of the home; two brothers, Kermit Besett Jr. and wife, Iris, of Lago Vista, Texas, and Bill Besett and wife, Linda, of Bridge Creek, Okla.

A Celebration of Don's Life will be scheduled for a future date, when we can share stories and hugs and remember Don. Online condolences may be made at wilsonlittle.com.

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Billy Jewel Dickerson

Funeral services for Billy Jewel Dickerson, 90, of Purcell will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, February 19, 2021 at the Wilson-Little Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will be at Hillside Cemetery in Purcell under the direction of the Wilson-Little

Funeral Home in Purcell.

The service will be livestreamed on the website www.wilsonlittle.com and the Facebook page, Wilson Little.

Mr. Dickerson passed away Friday, February 12, 2021.

Bill was born September 10, 1930 in Dothan, Alabama, the first of four children of

Ulyses Dickerson and Lula Bell (Glass) Guy. Bill was raised in Round Lake, Fla., where he attended school.

By age 16, Bill left school and answered the call to serve his country, joining the United States Army and serving his country proudly, before an injury changed his life. Back home now, Bill worked various jobs including being a radio host and hotel manager. He even worked for Howard Hughes for a brief time. He loved his job in the hotel industry and the travel opportunities it provided him.

By chance, while working in Oklahoma City, he met a young lady from Wanette named Sue Caskey. They fast became friends and eventually more, and on January 15, 1965, Bill married Sue in Cape Coral, Fla. They settled in Purcell in 1977 where together they raised their only son, David.

Bill was fun loving and enjoyed the best of everyday, often telling his grandkids, he would "live to be a 100." He played golf any chance he could, and competed in many amputee tournaments. Bill remained active in his community, as a member of the Oklahoma Hotel and Motel Association and the Masonic Lodge of Georgia.

He enjoyed fishing and day trips to the casino where he would bet the ponies for hours. He loved eating raw oysters. For more than 20 years, Bill and Sue spent months at a time in Florida to visit family and run numerous hotels.

His greatest joy was his family and he was never happier than the day he became a PePa. He was their biggest fan, and rarely missed a game or activity. He loved spending time with his grands and great-grands, and spent countless hours poolside with them. He was a great cook and will forever be remembered for recently making three separate pot roasts and banana puddings for each grandchild. He enjoyed spending time with his handyman brother-in-law Leon Caskey, and was always ready to help someone.

Bill was thoughtful, and called his girls every night at 10:30 on the dot, for a "bed check Charlie" just so he would know they were alright. He was a wonderful husband, father, PePa, brother, uncle and friend. He will be dearly missed!

He was preceded in death by his wife, Sue Dickerson; his sons, Billy and David Dickerson; his parents, Ulyses Dickerson and Lula Bell Guy and siblings, Frances and Wylie Dickerson.

Billy leaves behind his daughters, Oleta Wetherell, Anna Boman and Diane Dickerson of Purcell and Neovoh Dickerson of Cincinnati, Ohio; sister, Liz Burns of Alabama; 20 grandchildren; 68 great-grandchildren; seven great-greatgrandchildren; several nieces and nephews and a host of other family and friends.

Online condolences may be made at wilsonlittle.com.

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purcellregister.com

Laverne Claunch

A Mass of Christian Burial for Laverne Claunch, 89, of Purcell was held Friday, February 12, 2021 at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Purcell. Interment was at Hillside Cemetery in Purcell under the direction of the Wilson-Little

Funeral Home in Purcell.

Mrs. Claunch passed away Tuesday, February 9, 2021, at the Lexington Nursing Home.

Helen Laverne Shea was born July 29, 1931 in Purcell, Okla., one of nine children born to Daniel William Shea and Helen Edmae (Dumas) Shea. She was raised in

the Purcell/Dibble area and attended Dibble Schools.

On June 2, 1950, Laverne married her best friend and life partner, Hershel Ray Claunch. They made their home in Purcell, where together they raised five children, sons, Danny Ray, David and Danny Jay and daughters, Sharon and Janet. Laverne's greatest joy was her family, and she cherished being a wife, mother and eventually a grandmother and great grandmother.

She was a sweet soul, generous and kind, and a wise woman. Laverne loved having a good laugh and all things George Jones and she leaves a wonderful legacy for all who knew her. She was a woman of great faith and a longtime member of Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Purcell.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Hershel Ray Claunch; parents, Dan and Helen Shea; brothers, Ralph Shea and Bill Shea and sisters, Betty Smith and Dorothy Simeroth.

Laverne is survived by three sons, Danny Ray Claunch of Wayne, David Patrick Claunch of Purcell and Danny Jay Claunch of Wayne; two daughters, Sharon Kay Barton of Wayne and Janet Sue King of Wayne; two brothers, Bobby Joe Shea and wife, Gloria, of Purcell and Dan Shea of Lexington; two sisters, Linda Tippit and husband, Richard, of Oklahoma City and Ruby Whatley of Purcell; 10 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; one great-grandchild and many nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of other loving relatives and friends.

Online condolences may be made at wilsonlittle.com.

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Mark Allen Maine

Mark Allen Maine, 51, of Lexington will be laid to rest in a private ceremony at the Lexington Cemetery. A Memorial will be scheduled in the near future to celebrate Mark's life. Services will be under the direction of the Wilson-Little Fu-

neral Home in Purcell. Mr. Maine passed away Tuesday, Febru-

Mark was born July 4, 1969 in Toppenish, Washington, the seventh of eight children born to Victor and Alice Maine. When Mark was young, the family moved around a bit following work. They eventually settled near

Lexington where Mark finished school, graduating with the Bulldog Class of 1988. Now out of school, Mark joined his father working as a carpenter.

He married Charity Graham and to this union, daughter Ashley and son Trenton were born.

Mark started working in roofing and sheet metal, and this led to a long and successful career. For the last 17 years, he worked as a Foreman for Universal Roofing and Sheet Metal out of Moore.

On September 15, 2010, Mark married Shannon Phillips in Lexington and they welcomed a baby girl, Starla.

Mark was a family man first, and whether it was camping trips to the lake, or lounging around the house, he wanted to spend every moment of every day with his family. He was kind and generous, always willing to help others, and he served others whenever the opportunity presented itself.

He was a faithful member of the Landmark Church in Purcell. Mark was the best husband, father and grandfather you could ask for, and he will be dearly missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Victor and Alice

Mark is survived by his wife Shannon Phillips Maine and daughter Starla of the home; daughter, Ashely Cardenas and husband, John, of Lexington; son, Trenton Maine of Lexington; brothers, Sam Maine and wife, Cindy, of Colorado, Butch Maine and wife, Melissa, of Colorado, Gene Maine and wife, Belinda, of Yukon and Ray Maine and wife, Rhonda, of Lexington; sisters, Pam Latimer of Guinn, Mich., Carol Means and husband, Ronnie, of Wister, Okla., and Melinda Cargill of Pauls Valley; his pride and joy, granddaughter Karrina and grandson Kato; several nieces and nephews and a host of other family and friends...

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Jayne Martine Yoakum

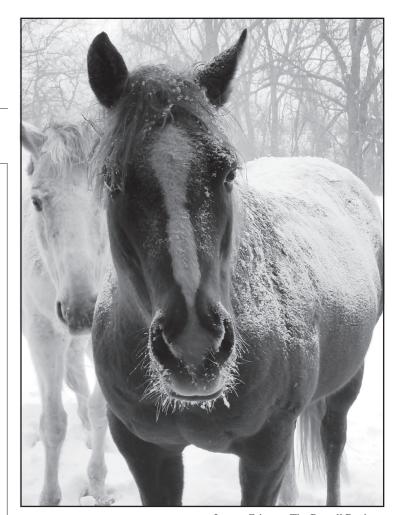
A Celebration of Life Service for Jayne Yoakum, 65, of Purcell will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 19, 2021 at the Wilson-Little Funeral Home Chapel. Services will be under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Ms. Yoakum died Feb. 12, 2021 at St. Anthony Hospital in

She was born April 28, 1955 in Purcell, one of five children of Jerry Milton Yoakum and Mary Nell (Willy) Yoakum. Survivors include her longtime companion, CT Stalling of

Purcell; son, Jerry Yoakum and wife, Noelda, of San Angelo, Texas; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and her siblings. Online condolences may be made at wilsonlittle.com.

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Winter coat

The 10 inches of snow that fell in central Oklahoma in the recent storm gave animals a different kind of coat.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program

Free, contactless tax filing identification, Social Security services are available to quali-Tax Assistance (VITA) profilers earning less than \$57,000 per year.

The 2021 VITA filing period began February 12. The VITA program is assisting clients through contactless appointments only. VITA offices are

following items: two forms of saw.net.

card, photo identification, Sofying individuals and families cial Security card for any and through the Volunteer Income all dependents on the tax return, all W-2s, 1099s, etc. (and any gram. This program is free to documents that pertain to completing a tax return), a voided check for direct deposit of any refund you may receive.

> New clients must also provide a copy of last year's tax return.

To schedule your appointcurrently closed to the public. ment, call (580) 272-5798 or Participants must provide the email VITAProgram@Chicka-

Manslaughter

DA: Drunken driver killed pedestrian

JeanneGrimes

The Purcell Register

The driver who struck and killed a Newcastle jogger on November 11 is facing a first-street is 25 mph. degree manslaughter charge in McClain County District

Bradley E. Hodson, 47, was charged February 9 in the death of William T. Dupler.

According to an affidavit, Hodson was drunk when he struck Dupler.

Blood drawn after the fatal collision showed Hodson had a blood alcohol content of 0.095. Having a BAC of 0.08 or greater means the individual is intoxicated.

Hodson first told Newcastle and was driving about 40 mph accident.

on the residential street when Dupler suddenly appeared before him.

The posted speed limit on that Hodson said he didn't have

time to stop and struck Dupler with his 2017 Jeep Wrangler. He later stated his speed in

the residential neighborhood

was 30 mph, according to the affidavit. Skid marks at the scene put

Hodson's speed at 46 mph when Dupler was hit.

Dupler died at the scene. Video from a nearby security

system shows Dupler and his son when the Jeep crosses the center line and hits him.

Hodson continued driving police that he was headed home in the wrong lane after the



· Photo provided

Road clearing

McClain County District Two crews were out Monday clearing roadways so motorists could safely maneuver the area.

Winter storm as ADVERTISED n D. Montgomery ings as early as Monday afternoweather officials predicting a major Old Man Winter made a grand entrance to usher in the month of February with hail, thunder and lightning, sleet and a blizzard accompanying single digit temperatures. Winds gusted from 22 to 34 m.p.h. caus-At 9:15 p.m. Monday, a hail storm struck Purcell with pea size pellets a ing major drifts and snarling traffic. Schools businesses and most activities were shur

An Interesting Neighbor "Purcell really is my home."

SusieWilliams-Allen
The Purcell Register

woman sitting at that organ has left her mark in Purcell for the

Fredda Perry makes the beauti-ful music on the organ at Freewill Baptist Church, a church her

brother-in-law pastors.
Perry is not a Purcell native, but
the last 40 years of experiences in
Purcell have made this Fox, Okla.

native love her town.

After graduating from Fox High
School in 1966, Perry attended
Murray State College for two years. Her next stop was East Central State College where she graduated in 1970. She began teaching speech and drama at Jay, Okla., after gradu-

In Jay, Perry met her first husband Ron Davis. They married in February 1971 and moved to Purcell in July 1971.

"Ron was one of the origi-nal instructors at Mid-America

• From The Purcell Register archives

A decade later and another winter storm for the record books is upon us.

The thunderstorm was followed All school activities were can- emergencies.

celled and officials warned people to stay at home and off the streets Monday plowing snow and sand- area, Rhoads reported.

and highways

Emergency Management Coordiby sleet that lasted until nearly 4 a.m. nator Kevin Rhoads reported snow
That's when the snow and blowing plows were keeping streets leading deep were reported after up to 14 snow started and lasted throughout to the police department and Purcell inches of snow fell. Municipal Hospital open in case of

ing. City of Purcell Crews worked Drifts as high as five to six feet

There were no road closings in the Heart of Oklahoma but some

City crews were out by 10 p.m. were closed in the Oklahoma City

Here it is again

OSU EXTENSION News

Horse owners need to be watchful for signs of colic

Horse owners need to take may suffer from colic if ration steps to ensure colic does not changes occur too rapidly. become a problem for their animals as temperatures drop, said Oklahoma State University

"Horses need more feed to replace energy loss brought about by harsher wintertime weather conditions," said Kris Hiney, OSU Extension equine specialist with the university's Department of Animal and Food Sciences. "A good first step is to maximize forage intake. Give them as much hay as they will eat during cold weather."

several days, especially if the intake levels on feed bags. horses are already consuming In addition to abrupt changes pawing at the ground.

Many concentrates or grain mixes will have significant levels of soluble carbohydrates, which are efficient providers of energy. However, eating too much of these compounds in one meal is a significant contributor to the frequency of colic and founder in horses.

One general guideline is to limit grain feedings to maximum, single, meal intakes of around 5 pounds per 1,000 pounds of body weight, Hiney said. However, some concen-Concentrate composition and trates are less energy-dense amounts should be increased than others, so horse managers gradually over a period of should follow recommended

large quantities of grain. Horses in diet and overfeeding energy, • Looking at its sides conhe concluded.

nutritional causes of colic include consumption of moldy grain or hay and improper digestion and impaction of nutrients brought on by ineffective deworming programs.

A horse's anatomy makes the animal more susceptible to colic, an acute abdominal pain caused by various abnormal conditions.

A horse has about 100 feet of intestines, most of which floats free in the abdomen. This free flotation makes it easy for the intestines to become tangled or displaced.

Symptoms of colic in a horse may include:

- Depression.
- Lack of interest in eating.
- General restlessness such as

- Lying down more than is typical for the animal or at unusual times.
- Lying down, getting up, circling and then lying down again, repeatedly.
- Curling or lifting of the upper lip.
- Kicking up at the abdomen with its hind legs.
- Violent rolling.

"When it comes to lack of interest in eating, be sure the horses drink plenty of water as decreased fluid intake also can lead to colic," Hiney said.

"Horses tend to consume less water when temperatures drop. Also, make sure water sources are not frozen and that horses have ready access at all times,





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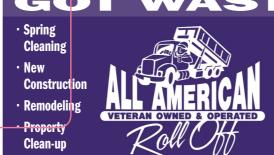
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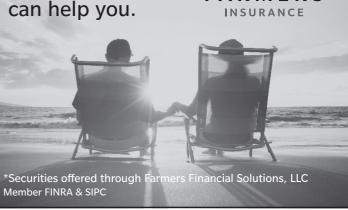
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Reynolds:

storm began across the Southern Plains on the 1st, where it dropped 1 to 2 feet of snow across Texas, Oklahoma and Missouri.'

As the storm then moved into the Northeast on the 3rd, it dumped a foot of new snow. Buildings in Connecticut and

thing I did not see coming. Four

years ago, I had minimal under-

standing of where Washington

was on a map, much less what

In the early spring of 2018,

after deciding to apply for su-

perintendent positions, I began

searching for opportunities.

Washington caught my atten-

the classroom and in extracur-

ricular activities was very ap-

pealing. The culture of a caring

community and the spirit of

competitiveness I found in the

district sealed the deal for me.

istrator for several years. Do

you ever miss the classroom?

Q: You have been an admin-

Its legacy of success both in as superintendent.

tion immediately.

the school system was like.

the weight. Weather scientists faulted the

extensive track on the ongoing La Niña across the equatorial Pacific. That wasn't all.

On February 8 and 9 another powerful winter storm hit the Southern Plains states, leaving Massachusetts collapsed under behind 20 inches or more of

hands-on with children in

the classroom. I am, first and

I began my career as a special

education teacher. Watching a

student overcome adversity is

a real thrill and something I

attempt to hold onto by visiting

classrooms and engaging with

ing hinges on building solid

relationships with children and

investing time in their lives. I

am thankful that at Washing-

ton, I have the opportunity to

Our district's size and cam-

pus layout allow me to visit all

foremost, an educator.

and Kansas.

Oklahoma City received six inches of snow, boosting the month's total to 18.9 inches. It came within 1.8 inches of tying the monthly snowfall when 20.7 inches fell on the city.

A whopping 27 inches of snow fell at Spavinaw in a 24-

snow in Oklahoma, Arkansas, hour period on the 8th and 9th, setting a new state record.

> And it wasn't just the snow. Extreme cold came with the front which pushed through Oklahoma on February 10,

In fact, the coldest temperature ever recorded in Oklahoma was -31 at Nowata.

Looking back

How I survived the blizzard of 2011

JeanneGrimes

The Purcell Register

They called it the "Groundhog Day Blizzard."

When the meteorologists started warning what was coming our way in late January 2011, I tried to prepare.

I moved into my mother's house with my dogs and cats.

I also bought a kerosene heater and a few gallons of fuel in case we lost power.

I was working part-time at a newspaper in Chickasha and Mom, a hospice patient, was homebound. My house is about 500 to 600

feet from the highway. When the big snows hit, there was no way I could reach the highway in my vehicle.

And with a long uphill grade on Mom's driveway, chances of getting out in her car were non-existent.

Unable to get to work, I made calls and wrote my stories on a small notebook computer.

Then I had to trek back to my house and my internet connection to email the copy to the paper.

I bundled up every morning in insulated coveralls, boots, hat and gloves to make the trek.

While at my house, I would carry water and feed to my flock of guineas in their coop.

It was interesting going because I'd had foot surgery in late December and wasn't supposed to be walking on that foot.

Using crutches wasn't an option in the snow so I would walk on my heel and try to keep

weight off the sole of my foot. The snow was deep, reaching my boot tops and sometimes my knee. I tried to avoid drifts,

I struck bottom.

That went on for 8 or 10 days.

from Purcell to be Mom's caregiver and housekeeper during the day while I was at work. I called her the first day and

commute.

groceries.

She and her husband parked

on the shoulder of the highway

back every day. We were blessed in that the

Many other Oklahomans

weren't as fortunate.

Miles of power lines and poles were downed by the storm's wicked winds and some residents went weeks without power.

but couldn't always tell where they were. Once I stepped onto what I

thought was solid ground. It was the drifted-in ditch and I had snow up to mid-thigh before

I would make the walk between our houses four times a day.

We had hired a young woman

explained I would be caring for Mom and to not risk the

She came anyway, bearing

and carried the groceries to the She stayed that day and came

power never went out.

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to his father's first car, a 1965 Mustang. Though the number denoted a linebacker, the coaches put W.T. in at corner. A referee called foul at the first game, ruling he couldn't play corner in that jersey.

So, size notwithstanding, he was moved to linebacker.

"I had the heart for it, just didn't have the size for a linebacker," he recalled the panic he felt the first time he faced an oncoming running back. "I wasn't quite ready. He (the back) ran all over me."

He was benched the remainder of the game and the next day was called in by the Bulldogs defensive coach who assigned two teammates to "toughen me up."

He finished the season as linebacker.

Two months before graduation, then-principal Floyd West summoned W.T. into his office, giving him six large cardboard boxes filled with decades of Lexington football memorabilia.

"He showed me stuff from the '20s and '30s," W.T. said.

W.T. had to call his father to bring the pickup so he could get the treasure trove home.

The contest of the boxes was

a surprise to the elder Farrow, who "didn't know we had football before 1968," W.T. recalled.

W.T. compiled files from the boxes' contents, eventually transferring the files to a laptop computer.

Unfortunately, the originals are lost. What wasn't taken out in a flood some years back were tossed by a former spouse during a divorce.

After high school, W.T. worked various jobs until he enrolled in the Job Corps program at Tahlequah in 1995.

There he followed his practice of attending high school football games, recording playby-play just like he did at the

Bulldog games. Alocal radio station producer observed him and approached him after the game with a proposition – would W.T. submit his tape in a bid to announce a future

Tigers game? The judges ranked his tape in the top 3. Before agreeing to do play-by-play at a future would need all the player and

game, however, W.T. said he team statistics for both teams. His performance led to a \$25 per hour job offer to broadcast Tahlequah games, which W.T.

Lexington was his home and the only team he would do that for was the Lexington Bulldogs. W.T. said he learned to do play-by-play listening to the

turned down, telling the station

late Bob Barry Sr., on channel 4. He would record himself and

play those tapes back. He finished the Job Corps in

February 1997 and went home. He worked briefly for an electrical contractor in Norman and then got a job in the Norman sanitation department.

W.T. upgraded his recording equipment in 2018, hoping to land a few broadcasting jobs. So far that hasn't happened.

In 2014 he took a medical retirement from the City of Norman. He was diagnosed with autism and brain damage stemming from being kicked in the head by a horse when he was 7.

"I haven't let it slow me down," he said, adding that he still keeps some stats "pretty much for every team in the state."

A: Yes, I miss working grade levels. The highlight of away from school? any day for me is visiting build-

> ings, classrooms and students. Q: What drew you to a career in education?

A: I am the grandson of preachers on both sides of my family. Growing up in church, I was provided opportunities to supervise and teach children regularly.

students regularly in my role Even as a child, I found I believe that excellent teachmyself many times taking on the role of teacher. Vacation Bible School and Sunday School are ideal settings to learn classroom management and pedagogy. From these spend time with students daily. experiences grew my love for the classroom.

A: I enjoy the outdoors. I love to hunt and fish. If given the opportunity, you will find me in a pond or up a tree-stand.

Currently, I am working on improving my yelps and cackles. Spring Turkey season is just around the corner.

Q: Has Washington been what you expected?

A: My nearly three years at Washington has exceeded any expectation I had when I accepted the position as superintendent. I enjoy my job and love the community I call home.

My goal is to grow with Washington as it grows and to **Q:** What are your interests finish my career as a Warrior.

There was a slight decline in

flu numbers in 2018-19 with

3,007 hospitalizations and

87 deaths. But a slight spike

followed in 2019-20 - 3,580

hospital admissions and 83

Data from other years in-

talized, 47 deaths; 2010-11,

1,002 hospitalized, 27 deaths;

2012-13, 1,089 hospitalized,

43 deaths; 2013-14, 1,385 hos-

pitalized, 78 deaths; 2016-17,

2,426 hospitalized, 137 deaths.

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Purcell follows with 1,370 no deaths. cases and 18 deaths.

Newcastle, 1,196 cases, 8 deaths; Washington, 377 cases, 3 deaths; Wayne, 240 cases, 2 deaths; Byars, 96 cases, 1 death, Goldsby, 36 cases, no deaths, and Dibble, 23 cases, no deaths.

Other area towns offer some perspective. Lexington accounts for 1,163 COVID cases and 14 deaths. Maysville has had 245 cases and 7 deaths, in at 204 and 131 cases, respectively. The virus took two lives in Paoli. In Slaughterville, on February 12. there have been two cases and

Statewide, there have been COVID numbers for other 410,818 cases as of February McClain County towns include 12. Of those, 22,461 were considered active, according to the OSDH.

And since vaccines against the virus first became available in late 2020, 447,323 Oklahomans have received the first dose and 173,423 have completed the two-dose 17 deaths. regimen for a total of 620,746 doses administered.

Nationally, more than in the thousands. while Paoli and Wanette come 27,392,500 people have contracted the COVID virus. And the death toll stood at 475,444

flu patient in McClain County was admitted to the hospital.

Before the 2020-21 flu season, the smallest number of flu patients requiring hospitalization was 322. That was in the 2011-12 season when the death count stopped at 10.

Another light year for the cludes 2009-10, 1,241 hospiflu was 2015-16 when there were 566 hospitalizations and

In recent years, the flu has hit hard, with hospitalizations

The peak season for the flu was 2017-18 when 4,840 patients were admitted to hospitals. The flu killed 293 As of February 6, only one Oklahomans that season.

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deaths.

Wednesday.

The entire region was plunged into a deep freeze with air temperatures dipping below zero and frigid wind chills anywhere from 15 to 30 degrees below zero keeping an icy grip on this area and the entire region.

To add insult to injury rolling blackouts were reported due to the excessive use of electricity in the Siberian air.

City manager Dale Bunn said the water dripping at homes and businesses hasn't affected the city's water supply.

He did report the price for natural gas has skyrocketed.

"The city was paying \$3 an MMBtu," Bunn said. "We are now paying \$400 per MMBtu.

"People should be looking for some pretty healthy bills in April," he said.

Bunn said there is some consideration to approach the attorney general about possible price gouging.





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